

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Road Commission  
was held on Tuesday February 9, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the  
Tri-Town Fire Hall, Mio, Michigan

Members Present: Vice-Chairman Roger J. Wiegand, Member Dennis Morse, Member Thomas S. Siegler and Member David D. Yoder. Excused: Chairman James R. Houlton. Also present: Jim Cooper, Oscoda County Road Commission Superintendent; Jack Kischnick, County Commission liaison, and Matt Varcak from the Oscoda County Herald.

Vice-Chairman Wiegand called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board reviewed the minutes from their Regular Board Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> and approved them as written. The vouchers for payroll and accounts payable were also approved as presented.

Morse/Siegler           to approve the minutes of January 26, 2016, as presented  
2016-019                   4 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

Morse/Siegler           to approve the Master Vouchers for accounts payable in the amount of  
2016-020                   \$29,088.29 and payroll in the amount of \$33,135.91, subject to audit  
                                  4 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

### **Manager's Report**

- Feb 1 – Manager Defour met with John May of May & Associates, and they have begun work on the Kittle Road project proposal.
- Feb 3 – Manager Defour, Superintendent Cooper, and Shop Foreman Rodd Layman met with Grand Traverse Diesel and talked about the trucks they produce for Road Commissions. They were impressed with the representative and the methods of producing trucks.
- Feb 10 – Melanie Green of CRASIF will be here for SDS training at the Tri-Town Fire Hall.
- Feb 10 – Manager Defour is meeting with L2 services regarding our 457/deferred comp program. We may be bidding out this service.
- Feb 17 – Manager Defour and Driver Welser will be taking a Materials Acceptance Course
- Feb 23 – Manager Defour and Driver Mitchell will be taking annual PASER training
- Feb 25 – The East Central Council meeting will be held in Ogemaw County at Q's Cuisine in West Branch. Let Manager Defour know if anyone besides Chairman Houlton would like to attend.
- FAST Act – Manager Defour received a letter from MDOT – It looks like this will be providing 2% across the board, which means around \$6,000 for us.

No **Public Comment** was received at this time

### **County Commissioner's Report**

County Commissioner Jack Kischnick asked if any Road Commissioners were up for election. The filing deadline is April 19 for anyone running for positions in the next election. He also spoke of the people caught running the puppy mill. They received probation and a \$25,095 in fines, most of which will go to the people and organizations who rescued the animals. There were 26 puppies and 24 adult dogs.

## New Business

1. Approval to advertise RFP for Park Road Bridge Design.

Morse/Yoder                   to advertise RFP for Park Road Bridge Design  
2016-021                           4 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

2. Ballot for three-year term on CRA Board. Manager Defour explained that there was no representation from our East Central Council on the CRA Board, so they are requesting that we write in a candidate from Midland County.

Yoder/Siegler               to approve write-in candidate Terry Palmer on ballot  
2016-022                           4 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

3. Weighmaster contracting – Manager Defour spoke to the Michigan State police about contracting for weighmaster services. His reasons given were for safety, and also for time, as we do not have the staff to cover this service. It would cost \$3,200 for 10 hours per week for a total of 40 hours, during frost law season only.

Siegler                       to approve contracting with the Michigan State police for weighmaster services during this year's frost law season.  
  There was no second to the motion, so it failed for lack of support

## Unfinished Business

1. Forest Service Road Maintenance Contract is for \$15,000 to begin with, and may turn out to be more.

Siegler/Morse               to approve Manager Defour to sign contract with the U.S. Forest Service to maintain some of their roads.  
2016-023                           4 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

2. The Tractor project is progressing, and the tractor is in nice shape
3. We are still looking for a used blade truck to be used for a spare
4. We are still working on bid specs for new trucks to be bid out in the spring.
5. There is a Superintendents meeting on March 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Walkers here in town. There will be a representative from Western Star attending to talk about their trucks and specs for road commissions. Please let Superintendent Cooper know if you want to attend.
6. USFS funding was discussed. There will be issues keeping these funds on track because of the departure of Steve Goldman, and uncertainty with his replacements.

**Public Comment** was received at this time by Jack Kischnick. He asked about Steve Goldman's departure. He is going to Madison, Wisconsin and is going to be a regional fire department director

Vice-Chairman Wiegand adjourned the meeting at 8:59 am.