

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

Members Present: Chairman James Houlton, Vice-Chairman Roger J. Wiegand, Member Dennis Morse, Member Thomas S. Siegler and Member David D. Yoder. Also present: Jack Kischnick, County Commission liaison, Tom McCauley, Greenwood Township board liaison, and Matt Varcak from the Oscoda County Herald.

Chairman Houlton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board reviewed the minutes from their Regular Board Meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and approved them as written. The vouchers for payroll and accounts payable were also approved as presented.

Wiegand/Morse           to approve the minutes of February 23, 2016, as presented  
2016-028                   5 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

Morse/Yoder           to approve the Master Vouchers for accounts payable in the amount of  
2016-029                   \$37,558.04 and payroll in the amount of \$34,484.96, subject to audit  
                                  5 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

### **Manager's Report**

- Huron Pines will provide funding for materials on Perry Creek Road over Joslin Creek, and Helmer Lake Road over Perry Creek. The Road Commission will apply for DEQ permits (this summer).
- Superintendent meeting today at 10:00am at Walker's Restaurant
- 3/9 – Pipeline Safety lunch in Grayling this Wednesday at the Ramada. Jim Cooper and Craig Mitchell to attend.
- RFPs (Request for Proposals) for the Park Road Bridge design were due Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Northwest Design, R.S. Scott, and Huron Engineering have submitted. Manager and Superintendent to review.
- Popp's Road and Abbe/Weaver Road 2017 safety projects were not selected for funding. Will re-submit.
- Manager Defour will be having surgery today for his broken leg. Will not be able to attend CRA (County Road Association) annual conference in Lansing next week. Would like to know if anyone from the Road Commission would like to attend in his place. No takers, so we will cancel the reservations.
- Dust control contracts will be going out soon.
- Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool (MCRCSIP) is accepting resumes or letters of candidacy to the pool office prior to April 15, 2016 for one at-large position for a three year term (2016-2019). (Commissioner Siegler had mentioned interest in the past)

**Public Comment** was received at this time. Tom McCauley asked if the dust control prices were going to be the same as last year. Superintendent Cooper said they probably would not change, but check with manager Defour for the final word on that. Also, some residents of Greenwood Township claim that there used to be a speed limit sign on Tee Lake Road, near the resort. Neither Superintendent Cooper nor Chairman Houlton remembers anything ever being there. If they want one, that state police must come in and conduct a traffic study. In the meantime, Superintendent Cooper will go out there and check to see if we could possibly add suggested limits on the curve signs.

## County Commissioner's Report

County Commissioner Jack Kischnick reported on the MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) in Lansing. He says the general consensus there was that the upcoming ballot in November will not contain a proposal for recreational marijuana, because they don't have the required signatures. He also mentioned that the MTA (Michigan Township Association) book says that the state mileage rate was reduced from 56¢ to 54¢. (A google search by Clerk Matthews confirms that the rate decreased from 57.5¢ to 54¢ as of January 1, 2016). Mr. Kischnick asked if we have checked the drainage issue on the corner of Mapes and Park to see if it is still working. Superintendent Cooper said that he will do that soon. He said that he had a few of his constituents call him to complain that their roads were not plowed soon enough after the most recent storm, but he thinks the Road Commission is doing an excellent job.

### New Business

1. Camp Ten Road Bridge under water inspection

Morse/Wiegand           to approve the inspection by Ayers Company  
2016-030                   5 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

2. Kittle Road HMA Overlay application/proposal

Morse/Yoder           to approve signing of the Kittle Road HMA overlay application/proposal for local agency  
2016-031                   programming  
5 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

3. 2015 Act 51 Certification

Wiegand/Morse       to approve Chairman Houlton to sign 2015 Act 51 Road Certification. Clerk Matthews to  
2016-032                   send via certified mail to the Michigan Department of Transportation  
5 ayes : 0 nays ; Motion carried

4. Jim Houlton reported on the speaker from the East Central Council meeting. She was Sarah Herman of Consumer's Energy. She spoke about first responders for downed power lines. They may pay for crews to watch them to keep the public safe until they can arrive. Further education to be given on this public safety outreach.

### Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business at this time

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

Chairman Houlton adjourned the meeting at 8:32 am.