

November 12, 2020

A regular meeting of the Roscommon County Board of Road Commissioners was held at 7p.m. November 12, 2020 at the Road Commission office. Present: Jim Porath, Fred Chidester, Brian Vaughn and John Earley. Also, present: Interim Manager Roger Saxton and Board Clerk Stefanie E. Simmons. Employees present: Neil Belanger. Guests present Krista Tacey Cater – Houghton Lake Resorter.

1. Motion Chidester, second Earley that the Agenda be approved as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.
2. Motion Chidester, second Earley that minutes from the regular meeting held October 22, 2020 be approved as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
3. Motion Earley, second Chidester that minutes from the special meeting held October 28, 2020 be approved as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
4. Motion Earley, second Chidester that payroll in the amount of \$83,554.91, covered by voucher #8908, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote: Earley Aye, Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Porath Aye Nays: None. Wykoff Absent. Motion carried
5. Motion Chidester, second Earley that payroll in the amount of \$89,714.09, covered by voucher #8909, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote: Earley Aye, Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Porath Aye Nays: None. Wykoff Absent. Motion carried.
6. Motion Earley, second Chidester that bills in the amount of \$304,173.45, covered by voucher #8910, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote: Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Earley Aye, Porath Aye. Nays: None. Wykoff Absent. Motion carried.
7. Motion Chidester, second Earley to increase the Engineers wage by .85/hour retro to November 1, 2020. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
8. A special hearing date for the extension of the seasonal road status on Riverside Drive, Higgins Township, was set for December 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
9. Motion Vaughn, second Earley to accept the extension of the 2020 Highway Maintenance Chip and Fog seal prices for 2021. All Ayes. Motion carried.
10. Resignation letter from Tracy Turner was received. Board accepts the letter with great regret and wishes Tracy well in her future endeavors.
11. Motion Earley, second Vaughn to sign the Title sheet for the 2021 Safety Project. All Ayes. Motion carried.
12. Backus non-certified roads were presented. Staff will advertise for 3 weeks.
13. Correspondence: 1) MDOT Suspension of Weight restrictions 2) Roscommon Twp – Westmoreland Subdivision 3) MCRCSIP Covid 19 updates 4) CRASIF – onsite training 5) MOHSP - Drive slow on ice and snow campaign.
14. Managers' report was presented.

15. Commissioners Reports were given: Chidester – asked that staff take a look at the oak tree in front of Dollar General on M-55.
16. At 7:30 p.m., Chair Porath called for a 5 minute recess. At 7:35 p.m. Motion Chidester, second Vaughn that Board enter into closed session for discussion on Attorney/Client Memorandum. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
17. Meeting reconvened at 8 p.m. Motion Earley, second Vaughn to amend the Manager's contract to replace paragraph 3b with Attorney Kluck's recommendation, to omit paragraph 3c, and to leave paragraph 6 as written. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
18. Motion Earley, second Chidester to allow Chair Porath to sign the Managers contract after the above revisions are made. All Ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Porath declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held at 7 p.m. December 10, 2020 at the Road Commission Office.

(Minutes subject to Board approval)

Stefanie E. Simmons, Board Clerk

Jim Porath, Chair