

December 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Roscommon County Board of Road Commissioners was held at 7p.m. December 10, 2020 via Zoom. Present: Jim Porath, Fred Chidester, Brian Vaughn, Justin Wykoff and John Earley. Also, present: Manager Roger Saxton and Board Clerk Stefanie E. Simmons. Employees present: Neil Belanger, Bryan Jeske and Suzanne Hiller. Guests present Krista Tacey Cater – Houghton Lake Resorter and Clint Stauffer.

1. Motion Chidester, second Earley that the Agenda be approved with the addition of item #7 Township Allocation Match and #8 HMA Bid Request, under New Business. Roll Call Vote Earley Aye, Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Wykoff Aye, Porath Aye Nays: None. Motion carried.
2. Motion Earley, second Chidester that minutes from the regular meeting held November 12, 2020 be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote: Earley Aye, Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Wykoff Aye, Porath Aye Nays: None. Motion Carried.
3. Motion Chidester, second Earley that bills in the amount of \$257,119.25, covered by voucher #8911, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote: Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Earley Aye, Wykoff Aye, Porath Aye. Nays: None. Motion carried.
4. Motion Earley, second Chidester that payroll in the amount of \$89,661.20, covered by voucher #8912, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote: Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Earley Aye, Wykoff Aye, Porath Aye Nays: None. Motion carried
5. Motion Chidester, second Earley that payroll in the amount of \$82,084.33, covered by voucher #8913, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote: Earley Aye, Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Wykoff Aye, Porath Aye Nays: None. Motion carried.
6. Motion Earley, second Chidester that bills in the amount of \$217,339.98, covered by voucher #8914, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote: Wykoff Aye, Earley Aye, Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Porath Aye. Nays: None. Motion carried.
7. A Public hearing for the extension of the seasonal road status on Riverside Drive, Higgins Township, was held at 6:30 p.m. December 10, 2020. Manager Saxton explained that the upgrades to the road will be done by the RCRC and paid through the Township. Motion Vaughn, second Chidester that the seasonal road status be removed from that portion of Riverside Drive, Higgins Township. Roll Call Vote: Wykoff Aye, Earley Aye, Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Porath Aye. Nays: None. Motion carried.
8. Commissioner Earley moved for the adoption of the following Resolution, second by Commissioner Vaughn.

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Board of Road Commissioners desires to relinquish jurisdiction of non-certified roads in Backus Township per the **attached list of descriptions**, and

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Board of Road Commissioners has authority, pursuant to MCL S224, to relinquish jurisdiction of all or part of a county road, and

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Road Commissions (RCRC) procedure to relinquish jurisdiction of a road right-of-way pursuant to Act 283 of the

Public Acts of 1909, as amended, MCLA 224.18, has been followed, and WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Board of Road Commissioners has determined that relinquishing jurisdiction of non-certified roads in Backus Township per the attached list of descriptions, is in the best interests of the public, and WHEREAS, A Public Hearing was not held prior to the Board's decision, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roscommon County Road Commission hereby relinquishes jurisdiction of non-certified roads in Backus Township as per the attached list of descriptions, to Backus Township. All Public Utility easements and rights shall be preserved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed with Michigan Department of Transportation, the County of Roscommon and the Township of Backus.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Earley, Wykoff, Chidester, Vaughn, Porath Nays: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

W. Emery Road 170' x 66' wide. W. Emery Road from the west township line of Backus Township, shared by Denton Township easterly to the west right of way line of South Roscommon Road. It is the RCRC's intent that if there is any portion of said W. Emery Road that is under the jurisdiction of the RCRC that it relinquish its rights.

9. Motion Chidester, second Earley to accept all 2021 Brine Bids and purchase in the best interest of the RCRC. Roll Call Vote Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Earley Aye, Wykoff Aye, Porath Aye. Nays None. Motion carried.
10. Motion Earley, second Vaughn to approve the amended 2020 budget as presented at the Budget Hearing held at 6 p.m. prior to this Regular Meeting. Roll Call Vote: Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Wykoff Aye, Earley Aye, Porath Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.
11. Motion Chidester, second Vaughn to approve the proposed 2021 budget as presented at the Budget Hearing held at 6 p.m. prior to this Regular Meeting. Roll Call Vote: Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Wykoff Aye, Earley Aye, Porath Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.
12. Motion Vaughn, second Earley that Office Manager Simmons be authorized to allocate the distributive expense to various accounts as required for the preparation of the annual Act 51 financial report. Roll Call Vote: Wykoff Aye, Earley Aye, Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Porath Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.
13. Motion Earley, second Vaughn to adopt the 2021 meeting Schedule. Meetings will be the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Road Commission office. Roll Call Vote: Wykoff Aye, Earley Aye, Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Porath Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.
14. Discussion was held on the Employee's portion of their health care premiums in relation to PA152. This matter was tabled until the next regular meeting in January 2021.
15. Motion Chidester, second Earley to waive the 20% allocation match required by the

Townships for one year. Roll Call Vote: Wykoff Aye, Earley Aye, Chidester Aye, Vaughn Aye, Porath Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

16. Staff was authorized to put out the HMA bid.

17. Correspondence: 1) CRA call for 2020 CRA members awards and IMPRESS award nominations 2) Roscommon Twp. Quote request for sign improvements at Nestel/Towerhill intersection 3) MCRCSIP – COVID 19 vaccine update and vaccine memo template 4) McReynolds letters and response 5) Safety project award 6) MDOT Capital Equipment advance.

18. Managers' report was presented.

19. Commissioners Reports were given: Vaughn – Thank you to the airport for the material. Joint repair on Old 27 north by Higgins Lake is very good. Earley – Thank you to the staff for your hard work on the amended 2020 budget. Chidester – Enjoyed his 8 years on the Board. Wykoff – upcoming storm. Porath – Thank you to Chidester for his 8 years of service. It was a pleasure working with him. Happy Holidays to all the staff.

Public Comment: Neil Belanger spoke of the MICareer video that was filmed with the RCRC. The video should be out soon and he will make sure it is shared with all.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Porath declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held at 7 p.m. January 14, 2021 at the Road Commission Office.

(Minutes subject to Board approval)

Stefanie E. Simmons, Board Clerk

Jim Porath, Chair