

**BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
GOGEBIC COUNTY ~ BESSEMER MICHIGAN**

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held in its offices in the Courthouse Annex, City of Bessemer, on the above date.

Present: Marti Wegner, Vice-Chair
Dan Siirila, Commissioner
Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary

Rob Drier, Commissioner
Roy D'Antonio, Commissioner

Via Phone: Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager

Also Present: 5 Public Attendees

- I. **Call to Order** ~ Vice-Chair Wegner called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of Agenda** ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by D'Antonio, with all in favor to approve the agenda with the following additions: NB. c. Gravel/Sand Trade with Tiziani Sand & Gravel.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Drier, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Drier, Siirila & Wegner; Abstain ~ D'Antonio; to approve the following minutes:
 - Special Meeting of Friday, September 23, 106
 - Township Meeting of Monday, September 26, 2016
 - Finance Meeting of Monday, September 26, 2016
 - Regular Meeting of Monday, September 26, 2016
- V. **Public Comment ~ On Agenda Items Only ~ 5 minute limit** ~ Sharon Hallberg asked if the ravine near her residence is going to be repaired this year. She stated that she has spent well over \$5,000 in repairs to her property due to damage from the water run-off. She added that Darren stated that something needs to be done at this location to divert the flow of the water through this ravine. Mrs. Hallberg stated that this location has not been addressed in the current project and she is wondering what is going to be done as she doesn't want to have to deal with the water damage to her property every year. Darren stated that this culvert location is not part of this year's project and is part of the 2017 project. Darren stated that the design work has not been started for this location. Mrs. Hallberg stated that this ravine washes out year after year and doesn't want to have to repair her property every year. Darren stated that the project for this year is for the 10 major washouts that need to be repaired to open Lake Road up permanently. He stated that there are 7-8 additional locations that culverts need to be replaced in 2017 and these locations have been shored up for the time period. He added that it has been discussed and understood that all of the locations damaged by the July 11, 2016 storm would not be permanently repaired this year. A determination needed to be made on which locations were a priority to be repaired this year and which locations could wait until 2017. This was also a consideration with MDOT to speed up the process for the repairs for 2016. Darren advised Mrs. Hallberg that he will look at this location. Siirila stated that he thought all of the repairs were being done this year. Darren stated that there is 1 project for the repairs at 10 locations this year and 1 project for next year for repairs at 8 locations. Siirila asked if next year's repairs will be bid out. Darren stated that the next years repairs will be bid

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through MDOT. D'Antonio stated that he also thought all of the repairs were going to be done this year. Drier stated that he understood that there were 8 locations left from the current 10 locations. Darren stated that there are 18-20 locations along Lake Road that need to be repaired from the July 11, 2016 storm. He added that with the time available to complete some of the construction this year priority was given to the 10 locations that are being repaired this year through an accelerated construction and design program to be able to open Lake Road. The other 8 locations are scheduled for 2017 and the funding has been allocated through the Emergency Relief Program but there was no time to implement the design and construction of the remaining 8 locations. D'Antonio asked that when it comes time that the Road Commission resolve this issue from ever happening again and if it could be diverted so this location doesn't flood Mrs. Hallberg's property. Darren stated he will be looking at this location with this issue in mind. Wegner asked when the bid letting will be for next year's repairs. Darren has already submitted the preliminary permits with DEQ for the 8 locations. He stated that the bid will be let out in February of 2017. Siirila asked if anything is going to be done about the guardrails this year. Darren stated the guardrails will not be installed. Wegner asked if speed signs will be posted. Darren stated that barrels will be placed at the locations and will look into placing reduced speed signs along the repair route.

VI. Old Business

- a. Lake Road Culvert Replacements Update ~ Darren stated that MJO has completed culverts #17 and #35 up to gravel grade. At culvert #13 where the conspan structure will be placed the ramp has been completed, the large culvert has been removed and MJO is preparing for the foundation work. Gravel has been placed on Powers Road for the detour route. Darren asked Mike Foley to give a further update. Mr. Foley stated that his conversation with MJO they have stated that culvert #18 will be delivered on Monday, October 17, 2016. MJO is working on rip rap and stabilizing the sloping at culverts #17 & #35. There is an issue at culvert #13 stating that where the old pipe was the rock dips down and he will be in contact with the designing and materials supplier to encourage them to move things along because additional reinforcement bars will need to be ordered for the structure. He stated that the public informational meeting held last Thursday, October 6, 2016 at the Ironwood Township Hall went fairly well. The history of the project was presented. MJO's schedule identifies that they will work from the west to the east starting at #17 & #35, moving to #18 and then from there they will work to the east towards the Oman's Creek area. The estimated delivery for the conspan structure is scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2016. Culvert #12 on the Wisconsin side will be repaired last unless MJO makes progress on the other repairs then #12 may be repaired with access from the Wisconsin side. MJO may choose to repair Oman's in halves between now and the end of the project. The big fill location will be last to be repaired due to the time of the delivery of the retaining wall. Carl Maki asked when the culverts for location #21 will be delivered. Mr. Foley stated approximately 2-weeks from today (Monday, October 24, 2016). He warned the public attendees and the Board, that the delivery schedules for delivery is constantly changing and are estimated delivery dates. He has been told that culvert #27 is scheduled to arrive on Friday, October 28, 2016. D'Antonio asked Darren and Mike how they felt the project was going so far. Darren stated for the first week with two locations repaired, gravel placed on Powers Road and the prep work for location #13 that the project is going fairly well. The lull now is waiting for the fabrication and delivery of the remaining structures. Wegner asked the public attendees how they felt about it. Mr. Maki state that it seems like the contractor could be working more than what they are. He added that he doesn't have all the information on the possible obstacles that they may have come across. Wegner stated that it is frustrating to her that repairs are being made by jumping from one culvert to the next. Mrs. Hallberg does not feel that way; she feels that what was explained at the public meeting is the repairs are done at the locations upon

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the availability of the pipes. She added that the frustrating part is that the culverts and structures could not be ordered ahead of time and she understands that could not be done because of the funding obligation. She said that it has been 3 months waiting for the temporary bridge and now the conspan structure will not be delivered until November 7, 2016. She stated it will be around November 15, 2016 when there will be access to Wisconsin. She added that she thinks that the contractor has been working hard and pushing to get the repairs done. Mr. Maki is getting frustrated because of the 35 mile trip to come to town. Darren stated that the contractor is working on getting the repairs done as quickly as possible as the materials are being made for the repairs and added that it would have been nice to order the materials prior but that was not able to happen. He stated that he was on the phone 3 times today with the pipe supplier regarding the fabrication of culvert #21 & #27. He feels that everyone involved in these repairs have their minds on getting the repairs done. Carl Maki added that overall MJO has done a good job. Mr. Maki asked about culverts #34 & #35. Darren stated that both locations will be repaired and that #35 has been repaired first because the pipe was available.

- b. Lake Shore Road Gravel Bid ~ The bid tabulations from 2 contractors were presented to the Board. Snow County Contracting bid \$46,810.30 and Smily's Excavating bid \$92,406.50. Darren stated his estimate for this work was approximately \$50,000 and he has completed a purchase order for Snow County Contracting to complete this work as soon as possible. A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Siirila, Drier & Wegner to accept the bids and the purchase order for Snow County Contracting. Siirila asked if a certain type of gravel is needed for this project. Darren stated that MDOT 22A gravel is required.
- c. Duck Lake Road Culvert ~ This item was discussed and the regular meeting on September 26, 2016 regarding the lake level issue between the Duck Lake residents. Darren has sent correspondence to Jim Loeper, Drain Commissioner, regarding the Board's response to this issue. The letter was presented to the Board for their information. Darren stated that he has received numerous calls regarding the lake level and has been informed that the residents on the lake don't want to do anything at this time. D'Antonio asked if the drain commissioner could assess something to resolve this issue. Darren stated that the first step is for the property owners to petition the drain commissioner to set a legal lake level. After that a survey would need to be done to determine what the historic elevation of the lake is to make a determination on the legal lake level and then a structure could be installed to control the level of the lake. The elevation determination has to be set by the circuit court judge. Darren added that conversations with both the DNR and DEQ has determined that a legal lake level needs to be established.

VII. New Business

- a. 2017 Lake Road Emergency Repair Design Proposal ~ A work order from Coleman Engineering was presented to the Board. Darren advised the Board that this work order is for Phase 2 for the emergency repairs along Lake Road. There are 8 locations approved by the FHWA and MDOT for the flood damage. This project will require full design, permitting, ROW acquisition; estimating and bid preparation completion. This project will be bid out through MDOT. A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Siirila, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Siirila, D'Antonio, Drier & Wegner to accept the proposal in the amount of \$64,000 and have Darren sign the proposal. Siirila asked if this service will be reimbursed from MDOT. Darren stated that for this year's project he is working with MDOT to get the engineering services reimbursed at 80% because it was such a quick expedited project that left little time for planning. The engineering services for 2017 will not be reimbursed by MDOT. Darren added that Tom Leaf, Engineering Technician, will most likely be performing a lot of the inspection of the culverts for Phase 2. D'Antonio asked if the estimated \$675,000 for construction is part of the SIB loan. Darren stated that this amount is included in the SIB loan.

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- b. 2016 Budget Amendment #2 ~ A draft amendment was discussed. Darren would like the Board to look over the supporting documentation and would like to adopt the amendment at the next regular meeting. A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Siirila, with all in favor to table this item.
- c. Gravel/Sand Trade with Tiziani Sand & Gravel ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by D'Antonio, with all in favor to have Darren work on this agreement with Tiziani Sand & Gravel.

VIII. Public Comment ~ Vern Blomberg a resident of Hedberg Road thanked the crew for the ditching work that has been done near his driveway. He requested that addition ditching be done in this area to help with the drainage issues. Scott Maki will add this to the schedule however he doesn't know when it will be done as a Miss Dig will need to be requested and the crews are working on other priority maintenance issues. Siirila asked about the Elm Lane Road bridge repairs that were discussed at the June 13, 2016 meeting. Scott Maki stated that repairs have begun on this structure and should be completed by the end of the week.

IX. Adjourn ~ A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Drier, with all in favor to adjourn at 5:53 pm.

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Secretary

Chairman