

June 2, 2022

Commissioner Weigt called the **regular meeting** of the Branch County Road Commission to order at 9:37 AM, with Commissioner Travelbee, Manager-Clerk Miller and Superintendent Bell present. Guest present was Cathy Weigt.

Absent: Chairman Mayer and Commissioner Liaison Matthew

MOTION by Commissioner Travelbee seconded by Commissioner Weigt to approve the agenda. Motion Carried 2-0.

MOTION by Commissioner Travelbee seconded by Commissioner Weigt; approve the **May 19, 2022** board minutes, as presented. Motion Carried 2-0.

MOTION by Commissioner Travelbee seconded by Commissioner Weigt; monies be received as follows: Kinderhook Twp (Sealcoat) \$29,729.54; Doug Hough (Permit) \$50; Bronson Twp. (Sealcoat) \$6,783.60; Village of Quincy (AR) \$729; Consumers Energy (Permit) \$200; Consumers Energy (Permit) \$200; Kim Carter (Permit) \$50; Kings Equipment (Tractor 281) \$3,000; Tony Ankner (Permit) \$50; Thompson Cont. (Permit) \$50; Matt Dunks (Permit) \$50; Consumers Energy (Permit) \$200; Michigan Gas (Permit) \$125; Frontier (Permit) \$150; Ronnie Bontrager (Permit) \$50; Jeff Longardner (Permit) \$100; Excell Paving (Permit) \$200; **Totaling \$41,717.14.** Motion Carried 2-0.

MOTION by Commissioner Travelbee seconded by Commissioner Weigt, following the audit of bills and payroll, for payments **totaling \$292,575.90** is approved. Motion Carried 3-0.

Public Comment:

- Commissioners and Manager Miller discussed companies that do work without seeking permits. Penalties were discussed.
- Cathy Weigt requested to know where Girard Township falls in the schedule for dust control. Superintendent Bell will look into it and advise.

Manager-Clerk Miller discussed and reviewed the following information with the Board:

- A. Board Room Calendar
- B. Processing Gravel at the Martin Pit (Processed between 40,000 – 50,000 tons. Will move equipment to the Central Pit to process asphalt gravel.)
- C. Update of Buildout of the two Peterbilt Trucks (Both units are at Truck & Trailer for buildout. First unit should be completed for mid-July delivery. Second unit just arrived and should be completed by late August/early September. The Board also discussed how supply chain delays are affecting other deliveries)
- D. Completion of the new Radio Communication System (Installation is complete. Radios are working at all points within the County so far.)
- E. Donation of two Trailers from Burr Machine Management (Burr Machine Management is custom building two trailers for speed limit signs for road work and will donate those trailers to the Branch County Road Commission. Miller advised he will approach The Daily Reporter to run an article acknowledging the donation)
- F. Update on the Paving Projects on River Road & South Ray Quincy Road (South Ray Quincy Road is basically completed and River Road still has some shoulder work and marking to be completed.)

MOTION by Commissioner Weigt, seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to approve the following Township Projects: Kinderhook Township – 4.67 miles of resurfacing of Bronson

Manager Miller and Superintendent Bell discussed with the Board a request to purchase a Compact Excavator. The department currently rents a mini excavator several times a year, spending between \$3000 to \$5000 in rental fees. It was also advised that rental units are not always easy to locate in the area. The versatility of a smaller 12 to 24 inch bucket is needed in many areas.

MOTION by Commissioner Travelbee, seconded by Commissioner Weigt to table the request to Purchase a Compact Excavator until the next meeting. Motion Carried 2-0

Manager Miller announced the creation of our new website – branchcountyroads.org. The website features information on seasonal weight restrictions, permits, forms and Branch County Road Commission financial information, among other features.

MOTION by Commissioner Travelbee seconded by Commissioner Weigt for adjournment with no further business to come before the Board. Motion Carried 2-0.

The meeting closed at 10:40 a.m.

Robert Mayer, Chairman

Steve Weigt, Member

Randy Travelbee, Member

Jay Miller, Manager-Clerk