

January 26, 2023

Vice-Chairman Weigt called the **regular meeting** of the Branch County Road Commission to order at 9:00 AM, with Commissioner Travelbee, Commissioner Liaison McClellan, Manager-Clerk Miller and Foreman Omo present. Guest present was Cathy Weigt.

Absent – Commissioner Mayer

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

**MOTION** by Commissioner Travelbee seconded by Commissioner Weigt; approve the **January 12, 2022** board minutes, as presented. Motion Carried 2-0.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Travelbee seconded by Commissioner Weigt; monies be received as follows: MEC (Permit) \$2,100; Charter Comm. (Permit) \$200; MDOT (Nov Maint.) \$89,138.24; Ovid Twp. (Const.) \$5,891.58; Bethel Twp. (Constr.) \$4,575.56; Yesh Metals (Scrap & Chip Spreader) \$2,756.60; Parks Dept. (AR) \$7,124.66; Michael Quinn (Permit) \$50; MGU (AR) \$308.78; Nagel Exc. (Permit) \$100; Oxcart Permits (Permits) \$2,050; Andy Bailey (Land Rent) \$750; 44 North (overpayment to provider) \$47.81; Village of Athens (AR) \$1,057.69; Village of Athens (AR) \$2,115.37; Hastings Mutual (AR) \$230.79; BISD (AR) \$1,721.06; Coldwater Schools (AR) \$189.47; Consumers Energy (Permit) \$200; Consumers Energy (Permit) \$200; Consumers Energy (Permit) \$200; Frontier (Permits) \$400; MDOT (Dec. Maint.) \$167,803.48; **Totaling \$289,191.09.** Motion Carried 2-0.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Travelbee seconded by Commissioner Weigt, following the audit of bills and payroll, for payments **totaling \$174,810.72** is approved. Motion Carried 2-0.

Public Comment: None

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

A. Board Room Calendar

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to cancel the February 9, 2023 Meeting. Motion Carried 2-0

B. Winter Maintenance Activities (Foreman Omo discussed recent activities with the Board)

C. Branch County Buggy Plate Fees (Miller provided an article on Amish Buggy plate fees charged in local Indiana Counties)

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to send letters to Senator Jonathan Lindsey and Representative Andrew Fink outlining the need for Amish buggy plate fees in the State of Michigan and to invite them to attend a Road Commission meeting to discuss the issue. Motion Carried 2-0

D. Status of the Fisher Road Pit Property & Vacant Building (Looking at possible uses for the vacant Animal Control Building)

E. Chain Saw/Lift Certification Training on February 2 & 3, 2023 (2 day Annual Training allows for hands on training in the field)

F. Michigan Air Emissions Reporting Systems (MAERS) 2023 Submission (The MAERS report has been submitted and accepted)

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weigt, seconded by Commissioner Travelbee, to cast the CRA Ballot in favor of John Hunt, Huron. Motion Carried 2-0

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee, to authorize M&M Pavement Marking for Pavement Markings. Motion Carried 2-0

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee, to authorize and K-Tech Specialty Coatings Inc. for Asphalt Cement and Asphalt Materials for Asphalt Emulsions. Motion Carried 2-0.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to authorize API Construction Corp for BMP High Performance Cold Patch Material. Motion Carried 2-0

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to authorize St. Regis Culvert Inc for Culvert Pipe, Bands, Other Bridge and Culvert Materials. Motion Carried 2-0

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to authorize Aggregate Resources Inc for Natural Course Aggregate, 31A material. Motion Carried 2-0

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to adopt the 2023 Branch County Road Commission Local Road Cost Share Policies. Motion Carried 2-0

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to adopt the 2023 Dust Control Local Road Policy. Motion Carried 2-0

**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 9:45 a.m.

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Robert Mayer, Chairman

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Steve Weigt, Member

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Randy Travelbee, Member

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Jay Miller, Manager-Clerk