

March 9, 2023

Chairman Mayer called the **regular meeting** of the Branch County Road Commission to order at 9:30 AM, with Commissioner Travelbee, Commissioner Weigt, Manager-Clerk Miller and Foreman Trott present. Guest present was Cathy Weigt.

Absent – Commissioner Liaison McClellan

MOTION by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Chairman Travelbee to approve the agenda. Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to approve the **January 26, 2023** board minutes, as presented. Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee; monies be received as follows: Williams Trucking (Permit) \$100; 3A District Court (Sign Damage) \$13; Barton Mallow (Permits) \$2,600; Janson Equipment (Permit) \$100; Charter Comm. (Permit) \$200; Consumers Energy (Permit) \$200; MCRSIP (Truck 118) \$53,538.38; Barton Mallow (Permit) \$200; Amos Steury (Permit) \$150; CRASIF (Comp Refund) \$17,685; Waste Management (AR) \$266.70; MDOT (Jan. Maint.) \$138,500.02; Algansee Twp. (2022 Const) \$5,642.17; Yesh Metals (Scrap) \$843.70; BC Parks (AR) \$5,579.42; Everstream Holding (Permit) \$300; County of Branch (AR) \$378.95; Oxcart Permits (Permits) \$2,200; Coldwater Schools (AR) \$663.14; 3A Dist Court (Sign Damage) \$13; Bay Geophysical (Permit) \$40; Carefree Docks (Permits) \$200; **Totaling \$229,413.48.** Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION by Commissioner Travelbee seconded by Commissioner Weigt, following the audit of bills and payroll, for payments **totaling \$287,830.71 for week of 02/09/23, \$231,064.68 for week of 2/23/23 and \$257,652.27 for week of 3/9/23** is approved. Motion Carried 3-0.

Public Comment: None

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

- A. Board Room Calendar (Commissioner Weigt advised he and his wife will attend the Road Show on March 22nd and encouraged Foreman Trott to attend with staff, if possible.)
- B. DTE Sauk Solar Project Plan (Manager Miller advised that construction vehicles are causing some damage on Burlington Road. He is in contact with DTE to cover the cost of repairs)
- C. Branch County Buggy Plate Fees (Letters have been sent to State Officials and they have also been invited to attend a Road Commission meeting to discuss the matter.)
- D. Winter Maintenance Activities & Salt Usage (Done well this season)
- E. Maintenance Activities at the Central Pit Asphalt Plant (Will start producing asphalt in April)
- F. Pre-Con Mtgs for Clay Rd. Bridge/N. Marshall Rd. Bridge & Bridge Bundling Program (Right of way tree clearance has been started on Clay Rd. and the project should take tentatively 3 months to complete after started. Marshall Rd Bridge scheduled to start in June)

MOTION by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to approve the purchase of the Tiger TMR Side rotary mower from the New Holland T6.145 Replacement Tractor. Motion Carried 3-0

MOTION by Commissioner Weigt, seconded by Commissioner Travelbee, to set the Branch County Cost for 13-A Hot Mix Asphalt at \$62.00 per ton. Motion Carried 3-0

MOTION by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee, to approve the 2023 County Act 51 Mileage Certification Report. Motion Carried 3-0

MOTION by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee, to approve the Branch County Road Commission 2023 Maintenance Plan. Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to submit the following Priority List for the Local Bridge Program Call for Applications Funding Year 2026:

1. Log Road Bridge (SN 1149) over South Branch Swan Creek
2. Union City Road Bridge (SV 1131) over Cold Creek
3. Warren Road Bridge (SN 1106) over East Long Lake Channel
4. WillowBrook Road Bridge (SN 12808) over Sauk River

Motion Carried 3-0

MOTION by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to authorize the purchase of the new Mechanics maintenance box/equipment for the new F450 Ford, eliminating the crane attachment. Motion Carried 3-0

MOTION by Commissioner Travelbee seconded by Commissioner Weigt for adjournment with no further business to come before the Board. Motion Carried 3-0.

The meeting closed at 10:20 a.m.

Robert Mayer, Chairman

Steve Weigt, Member

Randy Travelbee, Member

Jay Miller, Manager-Clerk