

November 3, 2022

Chairman Mayer called the **regular meeting** of the Branch County Road Commission to order at 9:12 AM, with Commissioner Travelbee, Commissioner Weigt, Manager-Clerk Miller and Superintendent Bell present. Guest present was Cathy Weigt.

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

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee; approve the **October 6, 2022** board minutes, as presented. Motion Carried 3-0.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee; monies be received as follows: Jon Robey (Scrap) \$150; Janna Sebald (Permit) \$50; Algansee Twp. (Sealcoat) \$4,426.30; Orbit Bid (Paver/Truck) \$27,930; Consumers Energy (Permit) \$125; Girard Twp. (Sealcoat) \$8,479.50; BC Parks Dept. (AR) \$24,241.66; 3A District Court (Sign Damage) \$13; Yesh Metals (Scrap) \$297.60; Matteson Twp. (Sealcoat) \$6,139.15; Ovid Twp. (Sealcoat) \$9,734.46; Noble Twp. (Sealcoat) \$8,649.09; Bethel Twp. (Sealcoat) \$7,241.49; Charter Comm (Permit) \$200; Oxcart Permit (Sept. Permits) \$1,300; Bracy Farms (Signs) \$424.90; MDOT (Sept. Maint) \$125,315.58; Consumers Energy (Permit) \$200; Charter Comm. (Permit) \$200; Excell Paving(Permit) \$300; Parrish Excavating (Permit) \$50; Laura Bartling (FOIA) \$265.20; Buescher Homes (Permit) \$50; Buescher Homes (Permit) \$50; Village of Quincy (AR) \$96.27; Frontier (Permit) \$400; Consumers Energy (Permit) \$200; Frugal Five (Meal Reimb.) \$224; Max Delagrang (Permit) \$250; Hampton LLC (Driveway) \$805; Charter Comm. (Permit) \$200; Village of Colon (AR) \$70,876.93; Barry County (Frugal 5) \$32; City of Coldwater (AR) \$94.15; **Totaling \$399,260.43**. Motion Carried 3-0.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee, following the audit of bills and payroll, for payments **totaling \$711,616.21** 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
- B. Update on Paving and Processing Gravel (Manager Miller discussed concerns for the heavy vehicle loads traveling on the newly paved Old Hickory Drive in Ovid Township.)

**MOTION** by Chairman Mayer seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to approve the Proposed terms to extend crushing rental equipment into 2023. Motion Carried 3-0

- C. Preparations for the Upcoming Winter season (Set with salt and sand. Extra sand supplies, if needed, can be stored at Central Pit.)
- D. N. Marshall Road Bridge (SN 1136) over S. Branch Hog Creek (Load rating adjusted and new sign installed, two message boards installed. Bids for bridge replacement have been compiled and permits are in place)

Zach Enyart has successfully completed his probation period as of November 2, 2022

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to purchase a 2023Ford F450 Super Cab per the supplied quote. Motion Carried 3-0

**MOTION** by Chairman Mayer seconded by Commissioner Weigt to approve the Variance Request for 249 E. Rose Road. Motion Carried 3-0.

Superintendent Brad Bell advised the Board of Commissioners of his upcoming retirement in December 2022. Superintendent Bell spoke of his time at the Branch County Road Commission and advised the Board he would be available to consult, if needed, in the future. Chairman Mayer requested Superintendent Bell provide a list of his responsibilities. The Board thanked Superintendent Bell for his many years of dedication and service and wished him all the best for his future.

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

The meeting closed at 10:07 a.m.

The Board went into a Closed Session.

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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