

December 1, 2022

Chairman Mayer called the **regular meeting** of the Branch County Road Commission to order at 9:06 AM, with Commissioner Travelbee, Commissioner Weigt, Commissioner Liaison Matthew, Manager-Clerk Miller and Superintendent Bell present. Guests present were Cathy Weigt and Don Reid, The Daily Reporter.

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 November 17, 2022** board minutes, as presented. Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee; monies be received as follows: Bronson Twp (Sealcoat) \$6,783.60; City of Bronson (AR) \$73,706.81; MCRSIP (Insurance #294) \$85,116.23; BC Parks (AR) \$23,235.58; City of Coldwater (AR) \$53,452.36; Michigan Gas (Permits) \$400; Oxcart Permits (Permits) \$2,575; Consumers Energy (AR) \$200; Franz Nursery (Permit) \$100; Midwest V (Permit) \$200; METC (Permit) \$250; Consumers Energy (Permit) \$200; **Totaling \$246,219.58**. Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee, following the audit of bills and payroll, for payments **totaling \$373,102.79** is approved. Motion Carried 3-0.

Public Comment:

Don Reid, The Daily Reporter, wanted to know when the new gravel pit would be ready for use. He was advised that landscaping needed to be completed including creating a berm on the perimeter before use begins. Trespassing can be an issue in the gravel pits. Testing shows that the quality of product within this pit is an excellent mix of gravel and clay. Mr. Reid has also been tracking the number of accidents reported at the intersections which have LED lights installed on the Stop signs. He reports that in the year since installation, only one or two accidents have happened and those accidents involved other factors not related to the Stop signs. The LED lights have been a success in helping to reduce accidents within those intersections.

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

- A. Board Room Calendar (The Board meeting scheduled for December 29, 2022 has been cancelled)
- B. 2022 PA 325 Compliance Plan (The plan has been submitted and is under review)
- C. Safety Day Training on Friday December 9, 2022 (CRASIF and MDOT provide training with a focus on Employee and equipment safety)
- D. Processing Gravel at the Central Pit & Landscaping at the New Pit (Gravel production continues at Central Pit and the new pit is being readied for processing)
- E. Proposed Branch County Road Commission 2023 Maintenance Plan

MOTION by Commissioner Travelbee seconded by Commissioner Weigt to approve additional MERS Defined Benefit Funding in the amount of \$100,000. Motion Carried 3-0

MOTION by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to set the Budget Hearing date for December 15, 2022. Motion Carried 3-0

MOTION by Commissioner Weigt seconded by Commissioner Travelbee to table discussions on the Purchase of New Roadside Mowing Tractor until the next meeting. Motion Carried 3-0.

Ryan Omo has successfully completed his probation period as of December 7, 2022

Superintendent Bell advised the Board that we are ready for winter. Salt and Sand has been delivered and route schedules have been assigned.

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 9:50 a.m.

The Board went into a Closed Session.

Robert Mayer, Chairman

Steve Weigt, Member

Randy Travelbee, Member

Jay Miller, Manager-Clerk