March 23, 2017
Baldwin, Michigan 49304

Regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Lake was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Haslock.

Present – Rick Haslock, *LCRC Commissioner*
Bill Atkinson, *LCRC Commissioner*
Gary Truxton, *LCRC Commissioner*
Steve Leonard, *LCRC Manager*
Heather Braginton, *LCRC Finance & HR Manager*
Dave Leusby, LCRC Shop Foreman
Leroy Williams, *LCRC Road Foreman*
Brian Kessel, *LCRC Road Foreman*
Seth Wenger, *Wenger Insurance Agency*

The following bills were presented and allowed for payment:

Payroll Voucher No. 4702	Material Voucher No. 4703	HRA Voucher No. 4704
$66,758.86	$49,845.93	$4,049.06

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Truxton to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2017 meeting as read. Supported by Atkinson. Yeas- Haslock, Atkinson and Truxton. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Atkinson to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2017 meeting as read. Supported by Truxton. Yeas- Haslock, Atkinson and Truxton. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

Heather:
Smith and Klaczkiewicz will be here the week of April 10th to conduct our annual audit. When the audited financial statements are complete they will return to present them to the board.

Steve:
Switching to summer hours on April 10th. Would like to bring back 2 summer help employees that we had last year for our summer help crew this year. MDOT is looking for 3 state employees also.

Dave:
Met with a representative from Merle Boes regarding pricing concerns. They have dropped the price back down now, but we would still like to look into

purchasing our own tanks so that we will have the ability to bid for a fuel contract annually. Need to purchase another tool box and set of tools for our new second shift mechanic. We found a pup and lead for sale and are planning to look at it this week. If it is in good shape, we will purchase it out of our equipment reserve budget. Also, would like to purchase a water/sand blaster for reconditioning trucks. This would be very beneficial now that we are purchasing used equipment through auction regularly.

Leroy:
Started on 72nd and Foreman with Tree Cutting, etc.

Brian:
Trees have been cut on 5 Mile Rd. from Kings – Queens. Will be starting the crush and shape project the beginning of April.

OLD BUSINESS:
10:00 bid opening for sale of crusher plant. One bid was received from Haslock and Sons Excavating for $8,000.00. Bid is less than the advertised minimum bid of $10,000.00, however, due to the fact that we did not receive any other bids, the board feels that it would be in the best interest of LCRC to sell the unit for $8,000. Motion made by Truxton to accept bid from Haslock and Sons Excavating for sale of Crusher Plant. Supported by Atkinson. Yeas- Atkinson and Truxton. Nays – 0. Haslock abstained. Motion carried.

It was discussed with CRA whether Commissioners who are also retirees should be entitled to the in-lieu-of pay benefit in addition to being on our health insurance. CRA concurs that the commissioners are entitled to both benefits, there Gary Truxton should receive the in-lieu-of pay benefit. Motion made by Atkinson to approve the payment of this benefit. Supported by Haslock. Yeas- Haslock and Atkinson. Nays – 0. Truxton abstained. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
It was learned at the Annual Highway Conference that many counties have switched to conducting one meeting per month, rather than every other week as we currently do. We would like to explore the idea of trying that. Managers will look into the administrative consequences of such a change and we will discuss again at the next meeting. Tabled.

Would like to lease another grader for our summer needs and sell it at the end of the summer. This would be a substantial cost savings from renting and would not add any additional cost to the budget. Motion made by Truxton to approve the lease purchase of a CAT Grader. Supported by Atkinson. Yeas- Haslock, Atkinson and Truxton. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:
None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Truxton. Supported by Atkinson. Yeas- Haslock, Atkinson and Truxton. Nays – 0. Motion carried. 11:33 am.

Next Meeting Date: April 6, 2017 *Time: 9:00 am*

Respectfully submitted by:

Heather R. Braginton - Secretary

Approved by:

Richard J. Haslock - Chairman

William H. Atkinson - Vice Chairman

Gary Truxton - Member

March 22, 2017

Bid to:

Lake County Road Commission

For:

Cedar Rapids Crusher Plant
Model 443 Comander
with 1991 Cummins Motor
and Cat Generator Model # 3304
and equipment.

The amount of $ 9200.00

Rick Haslock
Haslock & Sons Excavating

March 6, 2017

CRUSHER PLANT FOR SALE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Road Commission of the County of Lake at their offices, 1180 Michigan Avenue, PO Box 790, Baldwin, Michigan, 49304 until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 23, 2017 at which time bids will be opened publicly and read aloud for the following:

1931 CEDAR RAPIDS CRUSHER - MODEL 443 COMANDER with
1991 CUMMINS MOTOR and 1983 CAT GENERATOR MODEL #3304.
Minimum Bid: $10,000.00

Further information and specifications may be obtained at the Road Commission offices in Baldwin, Michigan.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or any part of the same, to waive any irregularities, and/or informalities and to make the award in part or entirety as may appear to the best interest of the County of Lake.

LAKE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
BALDWIN, MCHIGAN 49304

Richard Haslock, Chairman
William Atkinson, Vice Chairman
Gary Truxton, Member

Steve Leonard

From: Denise Donohue [ddonohue@micountyroads.org]
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 3:55 PM
To: sleonard@lcrc-roads.com
Cc: Ed Noyola
Subject: County road commissioner and health benefits

Good Afternoon, Steve –

Rick Haslock of your commission asked me yesterday for CRA's thoughts on a newly-elected road commissioner, who also happens to be a fully retired staff member of the Lake County Road Commission, as it pertains to benefits for the position. I consulted with Ed Noyola, our deputy director and expert on road commission and transportation law, on this question. Neither he nor I can think of a reason why this road commissioner should not be covered by the same policy as all other road commissioners. In other words, if all of you are entitled to benefits (or cash out) plus the salary for service as a road commissioner, then this compensation policy should also apply to this newly-elected road commissioner, regardless of where his prior employment (and pension and health benefits) come from. Lake County Road Commission may wish to get a binding legal opinion from your attorney, but there is nothing in our past experience nor the law that we're aware of that would preclude the commissioner from getting this benefit, the same as the other commissioners.

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