

April 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Leelanau County was called to order by Chairman Robert Joyce at 9:00 am on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 10550 E. Eckerle Road, Suttons Bay, Michigan. Present: Chair Robert Joyce, Vice Chair Jim Calhoun, Members Garth Greenan, Greg Mikowski and John Popa. Also present: Manager Brendan Mullane, Engineer Craig Brown, Fleet/Facilities Manager Tim Trudell and Finance Manager/Secretary to the Board Susan Boyd. Public invited to attend via GoToMeetings link.

Agenda: Approved as presented.

Minutes from the March 19, 2024 regular meeting – approved as presented.

Public Comments: None.

Communication Items:

1. Receipt of email from David Skjaerlund was acknowledged.

Appointments: None.

Discussions: None.

Staff Reports:

Mullane: Started on summer schedule of 4 ten-hour days this week. Two more township presentations scheduled for next week. At last week's meeting with Elmwood Township and MDOT, it was decided to move the Cherry Bend/M-22 intersection further north to accommodate the trail design. Plans for 2024 construction and engineering projects will be finalized this week and presented at the next meeting. Required late winter salt order has been received. Bylaws were adopted at this week's TTCI meeting. Congratulations and huge thanks to John Schaub for 34 years of outstanding service and his retirement. Joyce asked if the Cherry Bend intersection was going to be rerouted north towards the school and if so, isn't there a retention pond there. Mullane confirmed that was the planned direction but there was adequate room for the proposed design.

Brown: Traffic signals have been set up for the Cedar Bridge/CR 651 project and work has started today.

Trudell: Two new plow trucks will be delivered to Shults Equipment next week for completion of upfitting. All sanders to be installed on the new units have been rebuilt. Damaged truss in salt building has been repaired. The two new pickups are scheduled to be built in May. Spring safety training was completed last week. Three crew members will be attending training for the distributor and chip spreader at Etnyre next week. Trudell will be attending CRASIF's annual safety conference in Gaylord this week. Discussed possibility that all four new plow trucks may be sent to Shults Equipment for upfitting due to ongoing issues with Truck & Trailer committing to delivery timeline and upfitting requirements. Shults can guarantee completion of all four by October. Popa cautioned about burning any bridges. Trudell is still attempting to work with Truck & Trailer due to long standing relationship but we are now the sixth road commission to move to Shults. Greenan mentioned that he talked to Shults representatives at the CRA Road Show and they appreciated our business and seemed confident about the commitment. Trudell will have another update at the next meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for April 16, 2024 at 9:00 am.

Staff Comments: None.

Commissioner Comments:

Popa will be gone for the next three weeks but Trudell can call him with an update on the truck upfitting issue. Calhoun wished staff good luck with the snow forecast for tomorrow. Greenan said that he would be attending the public hearing for the Cherry Bend/M-22 intersection that MDOT has scheduled for this Thursday. He will be discussing road decertification vs. abandonment as it was presented at the CRA Road Show with Mullane. He also suggested Brown come up with alternate routes in the case of bridge damage. Joyce thanked Trudell for the update on truck upfitting issues and said good luck for tomorrow.

With no more business to conduct, Joyce adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

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By _____
Robert Joyce, Chairman

Attest: _____
Susan Boyd, Secretary to the Board