

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Kalamazoo County was held at the Road Commission office at 3801 East Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 18, 2008. Chairperson Maddox called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Present: Jeffrie M. Maddox, Kent L. McCauley, Daniel J. Moyle, Kenneth R. Oscarson  
Absent: Dennis J. Berkebile

Also attending: Managing Director Joanna I. Johnson, Safety Director David Barnes, Traffic Services Director John Byrnes, Interim Business Manager Diane DeWaters, Chief Engineer Tom Hohm, Secretary Dolores Morton, and KATS Director Jonathan Start

On motion by Commissioner Oscarson, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, the board accepted the agenda as presented.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, McCauley, Moyle, Oscarson

On motion by Commissioner Maddox, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, the board approved the minutes of the March 3, 2008, 35th Street informational meeting; the March 4, 2008, Board meeting; the March 4-6, 2008 CRAM Conference; and the March 10, 2008, Climax Township meeting.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, McCauley, Moyle, Oscarson

On motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Oscarson, the board approved and signed the March 17, 2008, payroll and March 18, 2008, vendor accounts, as follows:

Payroll Account	\$ 118,146.60
Vendor Account	<u>400,324.82</u>
	\$ 518,471.42

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, McCauley, Moyle, Oscarson

Two letters were received from Richland Township Supervisor Alan Bussema requesting local road contracts for the following projects:

AB Avenue – 30th Street to 31st Street, Regravel, pulverize, grade, shape, and compact

BC Avenue – M-43 to West Gull Lake Drive, Single Chip Seal

DE Avenue – 3,900' east of 35th Street to 35th Street, Single Chip Seal

DE Avenue – 375' west of 35th Street to 35th Street, Hot Mix Asphalt

DE Avenue – East of village limits to 2,600 feet east, Hot Mix Asphalt

EF Avenue – 3,200' east of 32nd Street to 35th Street, 2X dust control treatments

EF Avenue – 32nd Street to 3,200' east of 32nd Street, Double Chip Seal

On motion by Commissioner Moyle, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, the board accepted the letters from Richland Township Supervisor Bussema and referred them to staff for follow-up.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, McCauley, Moyle, Oscarson

A letter was received from Texas Township Clerk Linda Kerr requesting local road contracts for the following projects:

O Avenue – .5 mile west of 1st Street to west county line, Hot Mix Asphalt

Vankal Street – R Avenue to Q Avenue, Hot Mix Asphalt, Hot Mix Asphalt, Curb and Gutter

West Crooked Lake Drive – Q Avenue to PQ Avenue, HMA, Drainage Correction, Curb and Gutter

On motion by Commissioner Moyle, seconded by Commissioner McCauley, the board accepted the letter from Texas Township Clerk Kerr and referred it to staff for follow-up.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, McCauley, Moyle, Oscarson

On motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Oscarson, the Board accepted a copy of the Act 51 Road Mileage Certification for the past several years through December

31, 2007, which notes that there are 1,259.83 miles of public roads certified under the Board's jurisdiction.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, McCauley, Moyle, Oscarson

On motion by Commissioner Moyle, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, the Board rescinded the motion to deny the amended agreement with the City of Galesburg for water main work as part of the 35th Street-Kalamazoo River Bridge to M-96 project.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, McCauley, Moyle

Abstain: Oscarson

On motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Moyle, the board reconsidered and approved an agreement with the City of Galesburg for water main work as part of the 35th Street-Kalamazoo River Bridge to M-96 road project.

Carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Maddox, McCauley, Moyle

Abstain: Oscarson

Managing Director Johnson advised that work on the 9th Street project is scheduled to begin March 3 and the 35th Street project is scheduled to begin March 10. Also, a further informational meeting on the 9th Street project is planned for 7 p.m., on April 1, at the Oshtemo Township Hall.

Ms. Johnson reported that, as of March 13, 65% of the winter maintenance budget has been spent.

Managing Director Johnson advised that letters were mailed advising property owners about the Road Commission's tree replacement sharing program. Ten responses were received – 1 from the Kalamazoo Nature Center and nine from homeowners, for a total of 79 trees. The Nature Center requested 65 trees and the homeowners requested 14 trees for a total shared cost of \$5,712.50 for the tree replacement program.

Ms. Johnson noted that staff is working to compile the 2008 Primary Road preventative maintenance project listing.

Commissioner McCauley expressed appreciation that staff has been attending Chip Seal classes offered by Bit-Mat. Mr. McCauley also noted that he appreciated receiving the project update report from Chief Engineer Tom Hohm.

Commissioner Oscarson suggested staff consider sharing traffic engineer responsibilities with a nearby municipality. Ms. Johnson and Traffic Engineer Byrnes will meet to consider such a cooperative effort.

Chairman Maddox noted that when utility modifications are requested by a municipality in which a project is located, municipality work should be separate from the Road Commission's bid.

Chairman Maddox asked staff to contact other road commissions for input about the Traffic Engineer position.

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.