ROADWAYS SUBCOMMITTEE
August 20, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Sebolt, Maiville, Naeyaert, and Stivers.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Bill Conklin, Alan Fox, Rick Terrill, Beth Foster, and others.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sebolt at 5:31 p.m. in Personnel Conference Room “D & E” of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Approval of the July 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

WITHOUT OBJECTION, CHAIRPERSON SEBOLT STATED THE JULY 16, 2019 MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Additions to the Agenda

1. Road Department
   f. Road Construction Projects Disrupted by the Rieth-Riley Work Stoppage - Discussion

Limited Public Comment

None.

MOVED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NAeyaert, TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CONSENT AGENDA AT THE COUNTY SERVICES MEETING:

1. Road Department
   a. Resolution to Approve Stop Sign Traffic Control Orders in Central Park Estates Subdivision
   b. Resolution to Authorize an Oil and Gas Lease Agreement for the Property Located on Kipp Road
   c. Resolution to Approve a Second Party Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and a Third Party Agreement with Delhi Charter Township in Relation to a Federally Funded Safe Routes to School Project for the Holt Public School District
   d. Resolution to Approve the Special and Routine Permits for the Ingham County Road Department
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. Road Department
   e. Additional Information Regarding Road Millage - Discussion

Bill Conklin, Road Department Director, gave a summary of the Memorandum Regarding a Potential County Road Millage. He referred to the rating distribution pages on the Roadsoft generated reports that were prepared for the Subcommittee.

Chairperson Sebolt asked how much one mill would raise overall.

Alan Fox, Chief Deputy Treasurer, stated that would be about 7.5 million countywide.

Chairperson Sebolt stated that if his memory was correct it would be between 6 and 6.5 million until they hit the millage cap. He further stated that, to give perspective on how much wiggle room the County would have in the future, if they chose one mill, they would be left with five mills for anything else that may arise.

Commissioner Maiville stated that from his experience at the local level he would rather see the money go to local roads than primary roads because primary roads were in better shape.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that she agreed with Commissioner Maiville. She further stated that she was concerned that there was not enough work being completed with the money the County has now.

Mr. Conklin stated that that should not be based it on this year or last year. He further stated that last year there was an industry-wide shutout.

Mr. Conklin stated that Rieth-Riley issued a press release stating that they were mostly back to full operating capacity and that he believed the road projects they were involved with, both in progress and not yet started, would be finished.

Commissioner Naeyaert asked if the Road Department would be able to finish the planned roads for the season.

Mr. Conklin stated that in a normal year that would be possible. He further stated that industry needed to ramp up for the influx in funding.

Discussion.

Chairperson Sebolt stated that, from a labor perspective, the manpower exists to start building roads.
Commissioner Naeyaert stated that the model for the $8.75 million level there was no dent in poor roads and the fair roads increased by 20%. She further stated that it felt like throwing all this money at the problem still would not eliminate it.

Mr. Conklin stated that the software program was fairly conservative and that the bar graphs may not do justice to how good of condition the roads would be.

Commissioner Naeyaert asked if his ultimate opinion was that the Road Department would be able to utilize more money if they got it.

Mr. Conklin stated that it sounded like Chairperson Sebollt knew more about the volume of labor in the construction industry. He further stated that the contracting community would need to ramp up and the Road Department would need more engineering staff or to hire consultants.

Mr. Conklin stated that he thought the Road Department would be able to deliver on 2 mills.

Commissioner Stivers asked if some of the millage money could be used internally.

Mr. Conklin stated that some of the money could be used internally. He further stated that the current models were conservative to account for engineering and more work needed to be done on the models.

Chairperson Sebolt stated that he wanted to make sure that the County did not have a repeat of what the State Legislature did in 2015. He further stated that he would still like to get some maps to be able to show the public what they would be getting.

1. Road Department
   f. Road Construction Projects Disrupted by the Rieth-Riley Work Stoppage - Discussion

Chairperson Sebolt stated that he understood that Reith riley was pulling in additional workforce to meet their contractual obligations. He further stated that from his perspective, regardless of where the workforce was coming from, that they still had an obligation to meet the standards and specifications.

Chairperson Sebolt stated that he was working on bringing a broader policy through the Committee process, to start asking these businesses if they have any negative actions taken against them in the past ten years by the National Labor Relations Board and/or by the Environmental Protection Agency. He further stated that he wanted to assign that more weight than local preference.

Announcements

None.
Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Barb Byrum, Clerk of the Board