

At 10:15 a.m. the Board spoke with Joyfield Township resident Zane Grey (also via telephone) to discuss his concerns regarding poor site distance at property he farms on Mick Road which is scheduled to be paved next summer. Grey is concerned that once the road is improved, vehicles traveling Mick Road would drive faster and have less time to react should they encounter his equipment while accessing the driveway. Other than not improving Mick Road, the only other option that addresses his concern is to lower the hill to improve visibility at this location. Skeels had provided an engineering estimate to Joyfield Township to fund lowering the hill. But after preliminary interest was expressed by the Township, no financial commitment was made despite efforts by County Commissioner Sauer and others to gain support for the project. Skeels further stated that committing only Road Commission funds to lower this hill is not advisable, given that there are many other places within the county that share this condition which are too numerous for the Road Commission to address given our limited financial resources.

After analyzing the original \$54,000.00, he suggested the amount attributed to the hill reduction should be revised to exclude the cost of removing several large maple trees which would be required whether or not the hill is lowered. As such, the adjusted cost estimate to lower the hill was reduced to \$20,600.00 which would then be funded half by the Road Commission using the township's local millage funds with the remaining half contributed by Joyfield Township. After further discussion, no objections were offered and Skeels was instructed to contact the township to see if they would support this proposal. Grey then thanked the Board for listening to his concerns.

Items Before the Board:

Renew Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Subdivision Street Maintenance Agreement (3-year renewal period):

Skeels informed the Board the renewal is for a three-year period instead of for one year and no objections were offered by GT Band representative Robert Kalbfleisch for the new length of the agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers supported by Commissioner Mick to approve the renewal of the GT Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Subdivision Street Maintenance agreement as presented that covers the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioners Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. – the motion is hereby adopted.

Declaring truck #6 and truck #25 as excess/available for sale to the public:

No objections were offered to declaring both vehicle excess and available for sale.

Recommendation by MCRCSIP to publish listing which roads would be plowed first/COVID impact

Skeels informed the Board our insurance Pool is suggesting their members should create a winter snowplow priority list for distribution in the event COVID impair a road agency's ability to provide full-service for all county and state roads within their jurisdiction. Such a list could be made available to affected governmental agencies to provide detail which roads would be plowed first and which plowed last. Nedow volunteered to create a version that would be based upon the current Winter Maintenance policy that could be distributed to various government officials and published on social media.

Review/approve revised Local Road Improvement policy to include guardrail:

Motion by Commissioner Rosa supported by Commissioner Bowers to approve the revised version of the Road Commission's Local Road Improvement policy. The revision now includes guardrail as a qualifying improvement provided the request addresses a mutually agreed upon safety issues in compliance with current standards and specifications. As funding is available, the Road Commission may pay up to 50% of the total guardrail installation cost with a maximum contribution of \$5,000.00, with the township or other parties responsible for the remaining cost, unless Local Road Matching funds are to be used.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioners Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. – Motion is hereby adopted.

Haze Road/Black bridge Weldon Township engineering agreement:

No action taken: as Skeels acknowledged there has been confusion as to the amount Weldon Township would be responsible for, and there is little desire to move forward with the project if the township has to pay for the entire project engineering cost.

Motion authorizing Manager to approve accounts payable/payroll in the event November 25th meeting cancelled:

Motion by Commissioner Bowers supported by Commissioner Mick to authorize the Manager to approve accounts payable and payroll on the Board's behalf in the event the rescheduled November 25th regular meeting is canceled.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioners Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. – Motion is hereby adopted.

Correspondence/Information/Discussion: None.

Board Round Table:

Briefly discussed the following subjects:

-Solar-powered traffic devise at the Cedar Run/Reynolds Road intersection has not been charging in recent weeks. Skeels expressed his appreciation to employee Andrew Carter for obtaining six extra rechargeable panels for this devise and has taken the lead in soliciting permission from the adjoining property owner to cut some of the tree canopy back to provide more direct sunlight to keep the devise fully charged.

-Hidden Hollow ditching has become a stalemate as the property owner where the drainage improvements are to be made is not willing to cooperate and will not grant permission to work outside the road right of way.

-The low spot at the end of Point Betsie Road has been fixed to address an erosion problem that we had recently been made aware of.

Public Input: Gary Sauer inquired if it would be feasible to install the same type of solar warning devise similar to what we presently have at Cedar Run/Reynolds Road intersection at the Lindy/Weldon Road intersection.

Request to go into closed session:

Motion by Commissioner Rosa, supported by Commissioner Bowers to go into closed session so that the Board can discuss the possibility of acquiring the Platte River Elementary School property.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioners Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. – Motion is hereby adopted.

The Board then entered into closed session at 11:08 a.m.

At 11:52 a.m. the Board returned to open session.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Robert Rosa, Chairman

Joel Nedow, Clerk