

June 24, 2008

2008-062

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, June 24, 2008. Chairperson Maddox called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

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

Also attending: Managing Director Joanna I. Johnson, Safety Director David Barnes, General Superintendent Travis Bartholomew, Interim Business Manager Diane DeWaters, Chief Engineer Tom Hohm, Secretary Dolores Morton, Texas Township Ron Commissaris and one citizen.

Commissioner Berkebile moved and it was seconded that the board approve the agenda with the addition of consideration of one preliminary and one final plat for approval.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, Berkebile, Moyle, Oscarson

Commissioner Moyle moved and it was seconded that the board approve the minutes of the June 9, 2008, Pavilion Township joint meeting; the June 10, 2008, regular meeting; the June 10, 2008, Schoolcraft Township joint meeting; and the June 18, 2008, special meeting.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, Berkebile, Moyle, Oscarson

Commissioner Moyle moved and it was seconded that the board approve and sign the June 23, 2008, payroll and June 24, 2008, vendor accounts, as follows:

Payroll Account	\$ 111,255.05
Vendor Account	<u>436,949.42</u>
	\$ 548,204.47

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, Berkebile, Moyle, Oscarson

Commissioner Maddox moved and it was seconded to approve an expense report for Dennis J. Berkebile.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, Berkebile, Moyle, Oscarson

Letters were received from City of Portage City Manager Maurice Evans and Pavilion Township Supervisor Patrick White regarding the possible abandonment of 24th Street from Sprinkle Road to the south end. Commissioner Oscarson moved and it was seconded that the board accept letters from the City of Portage and Pavilion Township noting approval to a possible abandonment/vacation of 24th Street from Sprinkle Road to the south end.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, Berkebile, Moyle, Oscarson

Commissioner Berkebile moved and it was seconded that the board approve the Finance Director Grade 8; Step A hire rate, with Greg Vlietstra selected to fill the position beginning July 7, 2008.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, Berkebile, Moyle, Oscarson

Managing Director Johnson expressed appreciation to Diane DeWaters for serving as Interim Business Manager.

Commissioner Moyle moved and it was seconded to approve Chestnut Farms in Comstock Township for preliminary plat approval.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, Berkebile, Moyle, Oscarson

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Commissioner Moyle moved and it was seconded to approve Rambling Trails #2 in Charleston Township for preliminary plat approval.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, Berkebile, Moyle, Oscarson

Commissioner Moyle moved and it was seconded to approve Autumn Woods #3 in Texas Township for preliminary plat approval.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, Berkebile, Moyle, Oscarson

Texas Township Supervisor Ron Commissaris addressed the board requesting support of a concept of the realignment of Texas Drive and 8th Street at a future date. The board agreed that such a project would be possible but cautioned Mr. Commissaris that any such support would depend on the Kalamazoo County Road Commission's economic conditions at the time the township moves forward with the project. Chairman Maddox encouraged Mr. Commissaris to seek other funding sources.

Commissioner Berkebile moved and it was seconded to authorize the chairman's signature on the following local road contracts with Richland Township:

B Avenue – 31st Street to M-43, HMA Overlay

DE Avenue – 375' west of 35th Street to 35th Street, HMA Overlay

DE Avenue – Richland Village limits to 2,600' east, HMA Overlay

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, Berkebile, Moyle, Oscarson

Commissioner Oscarson moved and it was seconded to approve and authorize signatures on the cover sheet for the Kalamazoo River Trailway – Segment 1 project.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, Berkebile, Moyle, Oscarson

Commissioner Berkebile moved and it was seconded to approve and authorize signatures on the cover sheet for the Sprinkle Road – Kilgore Road to I-94 Bridge project.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, Berkebile, Moyle, Oscarson

Commissioner Berkebile moved and it was seconded to accept the following from Bentwood Shores on Crooked Lake Condominium for final plat approval:

Warranty Deed – Bentwood Shores, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, whose address is 1213 East Crooked Lake Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009, for right-of-way for public roads shown in the Master Deed of the Condominium known as Bentwood Shores on Crooked Lake Condominium, and recorded as Document 2008-021856 at the Kalamazoo County Register of Deeds Office; and

Drainage Easement – Bentwood Shores, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, whose address is 1213 East Crooked Lake Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009, to designate a storm drainage facility in which all the Condominium's storm water will collect, and to grant access to the Kalamazoo County Road Commission to place storm water from the roadway system into the drainage basin, such storm drainage facilities to be General Common Elements and maintained, repaired, and replaced by the Bentwood Shores on Crooked Lake Condominium Association, except for any storm water facilities located within the road right-of-way, which shall be maintained, repaired, and replaced by the Road Commission, recorded as Document 2008-021856 at the Kalamazoo County Register of Deeds Office.

Carried by the following vote:

Aye: Maddox, Berkebile, Moyle, Oscarson

Managing Director Johnson reported that the 9th Street and 35th Street projects are progressing with paving scheduled to begin June 27; and chip seal work is scheduled to begin June 30.

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Commissioner Berkebile inquired about the 5th Street Bridge closing news release, noting that the local station is reporting the bridge is closed for repair. Staff will contact the station and advise them that the bridge will be closed until funding becomes available to replace it.

Commissioner Oscarson advised that Managing Director Johnson shared a Niles Daily Star newspaper article about the issue of road commission funding and the regulation of truck traffic that recently occurred in Niles Township. Mr. Oscarson stated he found the article interesting, in view of the events occurring in Oshtemo Township regarding truck traffic regulations.

Commissioner Berkebile reported that an item to be discussed at the June 25 Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Policy Meeting would be the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), including an amendment of the TIP to use \$480,000 of 43rd Street project funding to pay down a loan on the 38th Street project. Mr. Berkebile also noted that a newly created transit authority would begin management of the Kalamazoo County Caravan and public transportation system in 2009.

Chairman Maddox expressed appreciation to Diane DeWaters for serving as Interim Business Manager, noting that he appreciated the good job she did.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Attest: Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Clerk