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A joint meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Kalamazoo County and the Texas Township Board of trustees was held at the Texas Township Hall, 7110 West Q Avenue, Kalamazoo Michigan, on Monday February 8, 2010. The joint meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also attending: Managing Director Joanna I. Johnson; General Superintendent Travis Bartholomew, Area Superintendent Jim Beaudoin, Texas Township Supervisor David Healy, Treasurer/Trustee Paul Cutting, Trustee Donald Boven, Trustee Joyce Neubauer, Trustee Erin Hoogendyke, and three citizens.

Following introductions, Managing Director Joanna Johnson reviewed agenda items as follows; review of 2005-2009 local road projects, 2010 local road projects which included the Kalamazoo County Road Commission (KCRC) participation in Community meetings and the KCRC/WMU Asset Management project. The agenda items continued with the Special Assessment update from the Township, and the 2010-2014 Primary Road Capital Improvement Plan, which included Texas Drive at 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Milham/Texas/12<sup>th</sup> Street project.

Discussion ensued regarding the Public Utility Easement for the Texas Drive at 8<sup>th</sup> Street project. Dave Healy, Township Supervisor indicated the Township will seek further clarification based on sewer and water within the right of way. Managing Director Johnson noted the KCRC would like to have closure on this item for the next Board meeting.

Township Supervisor Healy questioned how the KCRC keeps up with new technologies in road improvement as the Township received various literatures at the Michigan Township Association (MTA) conference. Managing Director Johnson noted that Staff attends conferences, meetings, and educational sessions where various vendors also provide information. She added there is a great resource through other road commissions and visiting sites throughout the state. Ms. Johnson added the road commission also experiments and continues to monitor opportunities for new technology that will enhance road improvement with decreasing revenue.

There was a discussion on the request from Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC) to maintain a portion of a non-motorized path on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Managing Director Johnson indicated that John Byrnes, Traffic Services Director discussed the issue with the KCRC liability carrier and they could not indemnify KVCC. Commissioner Oscarson inquired if the Township has a sidewalk ordinance. The township responded they did not. Commissioner Oscarson noted an ordinance may assist with this issue as the KCRC does not have the resources to maintain this area. Ms. Johnson advised the KCRC staff would continue to explore options.

Managing Director Johnson expressed appreciation to the Texas Township Board of Trustees for scheduling the joint meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.