

## **Comstock Township Joint Meeting April 5, 2010**

A joint meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Kalamazoo County and the Comstock Township Board of Trustees was held at the Comstock Township Hall, 6138 King Highway, Kalamazoo Michigan, on Monday April 5, 2010. The joint meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

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

Also attending: Managing Director Joanna I. Johnson; General Superintendent Travis Bartholomew, Area Superintendent Bill DeYoung, Comstock Township Clerk Anna Goodsell, Treasurer Chad Meints, Trustee Jeffrey Bogema, Trustee Sandra Bloomfield, Trustee David Burgess, Trustee Randy Thompson, Engineer Tom Wheat, Attorney Ken Sparks and 15 citizens.

Following introductions, Managing Director Johnson reviewed agenda items including a review of 2005-2009 local road projects and 2010 local road projects. She added staff was working to complete the local road asset management data collection for Comstock Township in 2010. There was a review of the L Avenue from River Street to 158' east of Stalwart Street project estimated at \$178,468 and with bid information came in at \$157,610, an 11.69% reduction. The 2010-2014 Primary Road Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed including the 35<sup>th</sup> Street/Miller Drive project in 2010. She also commented the 35th Street Bridge received a 2010 award by the American Council of Engineering Companies.

The River Street bridge project for 2012 was also discussed. Township Clerk Goodsell noted the River Street Bridge is heavily used by pedestrian traffic and hoped that would be considered in the design.

A citizen inquired if L Avenue would remain open during construction for greenhouse traffic. Area Superintendent DeYoung replied the crews will work with the growers and there would be a short window where the road would be closed later in the season for paving.

Township Trustee Burgess inquired on funding and how the asset management data collection could assist. Managing Director Johnson noted funding is an issue with fuel efficiency and higher gas prices that lead to fewer gallons sold and further reductions in Michigan Transportation Funding (MTF). She noted the asset management data would assist identifying a mix of fixes and to preserve roads in good condition, as well as building a 5 year plan.

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