

May 25, 2010-Joint Meeting Oshtemo Township

A joint meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Kalamazoo County and the Oshtemo Township Board of Trustees was held at the Oshtemo Township Hall, 7275 West Main, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 25, 2010. The joint meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

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

Also present: Managing Director Joanna I. Johnson, General Superintendent Travis Bartholomew, Area Superintendent Jim Beaudoin, Oshtemo Township Supervisor Elizabeth A. Heiny-Cogswell, Clerk Deborah Everett, Treasurer Nancy Culp, Trustee Grace Borgfjord, Trustee David Bushouse, Trustee James Grace, Trustee Scott McCormick, Township Engineer Marc Elliott, Township Attorney Jim Porter and two citizens.

Following introductions, Managing Director Johnson reviewed agenda items as follows; review of 2005-2009 Oshtemo Township local road projects, the Oshtemo Township PASER rating. Township Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell asked for an explanation of the asset management process. Managing Director Johnson reviewed the process of asset management data collection on the non-federal aid eligible roads and which townships have already been completed in the county. It was noted this information would be very helpful for the township and the Kalamazoo County Road Commission (KCRC) in creating five year plans. Township Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell questioned how quickly that information is available after data collection. Managing Director Johnson responded it is collected on site, returned to the office, uploaded and the information is immediately available for reports. The 2010 Primary Road Capital Improvement Projects and the 2010-2014 Primary Road Capital Improvement Plan were then reviewed.

Trustee Bushouse asked about the Driftwood road sign and Trustee Grace advised he had received an update from the KCRC and would review at the next Roads Committee meeting. The Township Supervisor noted the Oshtemo Township planning department would be requesting a study either by Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) or KCRC for the Downtown Development Area (DDA) district in the 9th Street area. Oshtemo Township hopes to meet with KATS and KCRC to review the scope of the project and which entity is best to complete the study. Township Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell inquired when the KCRC would know which bridges would be funded by the local bridge program. Managing Director Johnson responded the applications are not due until June 4, 2010 and it may be a few months later, as it is a competitive process statewide for funding.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.