ROADWAYS SUBCOMMITTEE
October 1, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Sebolt, Maiville, Naeyaert, and Stivers.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Commissioner Grebner, Bill Conklin, Liz Noel, and others.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sebolt at 5:30 p.m. in Personnel Conference Room “D & E” of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Approval of the September 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

WITHOUT OBJECTION, CHAIRPERSON SEBOLT STATED THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Additions to the Agenda

2. Road Department — Resolution to Approve Stop Sign Traffic Control Order for Olmsted Court at Belvedere Avenue in Central Park Estates Subdivision Section 22, Meridian Township

Limited Public Comment

None.

MOVED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, SUPPORTED BY COMM. STIVERS, TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CONSENT AGENDA AT THE COUNTY SERVICES MEETING:

1. Road Department — Resolution to Approve the Special and Routine Permits for the Ingham County Road Department
2. Road Department — Resolution to Approve Stop Sign Traffic Control Order for Olmsted Court at Belvedere Avenue in Central Park Estates Subdivision Section 22, Meridian Township

THE MOTION CARRIED UN ANIMOUSLY.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Announcements

Commissioner Stivers asked why the Subcommittee was not discussing the next steps to take for a road millage.

Chairperson Sebolt stated he did not know if Bill Conklin, Road Department Director, had time to put together the information, as it was the Road Department’s busy season. He further stated that per the recent discussion in the Health Millage Subcommittee, the health millage may be expanded in scope and cost and he was a little concerned about having a number of millage increases on the ballot.

Chairperson Sebolt stated that the road millage would likely go on the August 2020 ballot, so there was more time to prepare for it and to see how the health millage would play out in March 2020. He further stated that he was also hopeful that the Governor would be able to get a funding increase for roads at the State level.

Discussion.

Mr. Conklin stated that in general, counties received 39% of the remaining 75-80% of road funds. He further stated that Governor Whitmer proposed that more road funding should go toward higher volume roads, and he recalled that with that proposal, the County would receive around $5 million.

Discussion.

Commissioner Maiville stated that he like would to see the State resolve road funding issues, but he also would like to see something at the local level figured out. He further stated that the local roads were the ones that were beating up a lot of cars.

Chairperson Sebolt stated that the Michigan Department of Transportation received 39% of the available road funds, counties also received 39%, and cities received the rest of the available funds.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that the majority party in the State Legislature was talking about putting more money directly into counties and road-building municipalities by going around the Public Act 51 of 1951 requirements.

Discussion.

Chairperson Sebolt stated he would send a primer created by the House Fiscal Agency about Public Act 51 of 1951 to the Subcommittee members.

Discussion.

Commissioner Maiville asked what required the County to ask for a 50% match from the local level.
Mr. Conklin stated that Public Act 51 of 1951 required a 50% match by the local level if "construction" as defined in the act was involved. He further stated that for many years, townships had interpreted "construction" to mean most work on roads, including resurfacing, and had provided the matched funds.

Discussion.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD