

Rural Task Force #3 Meeting
August 15, 2019
Calhoun County Road Department – Marshall, MI

Members in Attendance:

Jay Miller	Branch County Road Commission
Ryan Minkus	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Garrett Myland	St. Joseph County Road Commission
Kristine Parsons	Vice-Chair - Calhoun County Road Department
Jake Welch	Chair - Barry County Road Commission

Others in Attendance:

Susan Vosmik	St. Joseph County Transit Authority
Chris Yorks	St. Joseph County Transit Authority
Brian Kernstock	Calhoun County Road Department
Kara Derrickson	Branch County Transit Authority
Brian Sanada	MDOT SW Region Planning
Don Mayle	Michigan Department of Transportation Planning
Fred Nagler	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study/SMPC

Call to Order

Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. at the Calhoun County Road Department

Approval of February 21, 2019 Rural Task Force #3 Meeting Minutes

No Changes were suggested.

MOTION by Minkus, SUPPORT by Parsons, **“to approve the February 21, 2019 Rural Task Force #3 Meeting Minutes as presented.”** Motion passed.

Review of 2020 - 2023 Projects

Parsons informed the Task Force that the T Drive S terminus of the 2020 Union City Road project was incorrect as approved and should be M 60. This is a change in length of almost a mile, which triggers a federal amendment. In addition, the Road Department proposes to add a project on Bellvue Road from 13 Mile Road to the County Line

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MOTION by Parsons, SUPPORT by Minkus, **“to approve changing the limit of Calhoun County Road Department’s 2020 Union City Road project from T Drive S to M 60 and to add a project to resurface Bellvue Road from 13 Mile to the County Line in 2020.”** Motion passed.

Welch and Parsons informed the Task Force that Calhoun County Road Department has agreed to purchase all of Barry County Road Commission’s STL funding for 2020 to be used on the just-approved Bellvue Road project. Discussion ensued as to how best to memorialize the exchange for future reference. It was decided that it would be best for the Task Force to approve the transaction in addition to approving the resulting changes to the TIP. Mayle suggested that the motion for approval should take into account the likelihood of upcoming changes to STL allocations.

MOTION by Welch, SUPPPORT by Parsons, **“to approve the deletion of Barry County Road Commission’s 2020 Countywide Preventive Maintenance project and the reallocation of all Barry County Road Commissions 2020 STL allocation to the Calhoun County Road Department’s 2020 Bellvue Road project, including any future adjustments to Barry County’s allocation.”** Motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Other Business

Transfer Agreements for trades between agencies not in the same county, amended per instructions given at the February 21 meeting, were presented for review. No changes were suggested. Final drafts of the 2019 agreements between Branch County Road Commission and Barry County Road Commission and between Branch County Road Commission and Kalamazoo Metro were distributed for signatures.

Welch informed that group that once Barry County’s negative balance is eliminated they may be interested in trading their EDD funding allocation in future years.

Discussion was held on the best date for the next meeting. Mayle suggested that in order to make the January submission to the Federal Highway Administration, and federal amendments would need to be submitted to MDOT by the 3rd week in December. It was decided the next meeting will be scheduled for 2:00 p.m., November 7, 2019 at the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Minutes approved: November 7, 2019

Questions or comments on these minutes can be directed to:

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