

## GLADWIN COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

### PUBLIC HEARING

JANUARY 20, 2014

A special meeting of the Gladwin County Board of Road Commissioners was held on Monday, January 20, 2014 at 6:30 PM to review the proposed road construction program involving Federal Funds from the Rural Surface Transportation Program (STP) and State funds from the Transportation Economic Development Fund – Category D. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Doyle Donn. Present were Commissioners Donn and Miller, also Pamela Weaver, Consultant, James Wyniemko, County Highway Engineer, Lauren Essenmacher, Gladwin City-County Director and Josh Reid, Gladwin City-County Transit. Commissioner Edick was absent. A list of others attending the meeting is attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Donn welcomed everyone to the public hearing and introduced James Wyniemko, County Highway Engineer.

James Wyniemko, County Highway Engineer for the Gladwin County Road Commission presented the proposed program and costs to said projects for the years 2014 through 2018. Mr. Wyniemko explained the Rural Task Force #7C funding allocations, and project eligibility.

There were questions from Mr. Ron Grabowski and Mr. Thomas Winarski, why we are spending so much on the Bard/Kerswill intersection when Bard Road is in need of resurfacing in other areas. Mr. Wyniemko explained the safety concerns for several years at the intersection. Walt Hart asked about a 4-Way stop and Mr. Wyniemko explained why that would not work.

Lauren Essenmacher, Gladwin City-County Transit Director introduced Josh Reid as her new Gladwin City-County Transit Director. (Mrs. Essenmacher has held both the Gladwin City Housing Commission Director position and the Director for the Gladwin City-County Transit. Josh Reid will work for her and take over the position of Gladwin City-County Transit Director. Lauren Essenmacher spoke to the group and explained what her funding uses would be at the City-County Transit with respect to the proposed program. Mrs. Essenmacher noted that she has an allocation left from 2012 and is requesting that to be used toward a small cut-away bus. She stated that they have a real need for buses and will be requesting that she receive the balance from 2012's allocation for this need.

Larry Grell mentioned how hard it is for Townships to come up with dollars for road repair. He also mentioned that the chip seal that was put down is holding up.

Walt Hart, Sherman Township, asked if the Round Lake Road (F-97) project will be done in 2014 as proposed and Mr. Wyniemko assured him that it would be done in 2014.

Dan Provost, Sage Township, asked about the middle mile of Howard Road in Buckeye Township and if there was funding for the wooden bridge. Mr. Wyniemko explained that it would be a very expensive job and may have to be split up. The road commission may have to do the bridge with millage funds, also discussed the problem with the cemetery having graves in the right of way.

Walt Hart asked if Sherman Township could receive a copy of the latest PASER rating for his township. Mr. Wyniemko will provide him with a copy.

Dan Provost asked if Sage Township could also receive a copy of his township's latest PASER rating. Mr. Wyniemko will provide a copy.

Commissioner Donn suggested that Mr. Wyniemko mail the PASER ratings to all the townships. Jim Wyniemko will mail to all.