



KENT COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

January 7, 2016

8:30 AM

**Earl G. Woodworth Building
Meeting Room Chambers
1500 Scribner Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Vonk, VanderMolen Shroll, Morgan, Groenleer, Bulkowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Darwin Baas, Director; Elissa Soto, Office Manager; Kimberly Williams, Finance Division Director; Chris Robinson, WTE Operations Manager; Dan Rose, Solid Waste Operations Manager; Nic VanderVinne, Resource Recovery and Recycling Manager; Molly Sherwood, Environmental Compliance Manager; Joni Laming, Purchasing Division

I. Call to Order

Director Baas called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Bulkowski arrived at 8:35 a.m.

II. Election of Officers

A. Election of Chairman (Resolution 1-16)

Commissioner VanderMolen moved the adoption of the following resolution which motion was supported by Commissioner Morgan.

BE IT RESOLVED that Commissioner Vonk is elected Chairperson of the Kent County Board of Public Works for the calendar year 2016.

The resolution was adopted with the following vote:

YEAS: Commissioners Vonk, Groenleer, VanderMolen, Morgan, Shroll, Bulkowski, Byl

NAYS: None

Commissioner Vonk chaired the remainder of the meeting and opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

B. Election of Vice Chairman (Resolution 2-16)

Commissioner VanderMolen moved the adoption of the following resolution which motion was supported by Commissioner Morgan.

BE IT RESOLVED that Commissioner Shroll is elected Vice Chairperson of the Kent County Board of Public Works for the calendar year 2016.

The resolution was adopted with the following vote:

YEAS: Commissioners Vonk, Groenleer, VanderMolen, Morgan, Shroll, Bulkowski, Byl

NAYS: None

C. Election of Secretary (Resolution 3-16)

Commissioner VanderMolen moved the adoption of the following resolution which motion was supported by Commissioner Morgan.

BE IT RESOLVED that Commissioner Byl is elected Secretary of the Kent County Board of Public Works for the calendar year 2016.

The resolution was adopted with the following vote:

YEAS: Commissioners Vonk, Groenleer, VanderMolen, Morgan, Shroll, Bulkowski, Byl

NAYS: None

Commissioner VanderMolen moved the adoption of the following resolution which motion was supported by Commissioner Shroll.

BE IT RESOLVED that Darwin J. Baas is elected Deputy Secretary of the Kent County Board of Public Works for the calendar year 2016.

The resolution was adopted with the following vote:

YEAS: Commissioners Vonk, Groenleer, VanderMolen, Morgan, Shroll, Bulkowski, Byl

NAYS: None

III. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner VanderMolen and supported by Commissioner Shroll to approve the December 3, 2015 minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Administration

A. Director's Performance Review – Chair Vonk

Commissioner Vonk reviewed Director Baas' performance review. Commissioner Vonk stated that Mr. Baas has done good work in the Department since he has taken on the role of Director. He believes he is a good leader and has a collaborative spirit. Commissioner Vonk as asked Mr. Baas to put together a strategic plan for the coming years because of upcoming turnover on the Board.

B. Strategic Planning Presentation – Chair Vonk requested the Director prepare a presentation for the February Meeting to outline the next three years for projects and budget for the DPW.

V. Solid Waste Operations

A. Dozer & Loader Replacement – Action Request

Review and approval for the purchase of a new rubber tire loader and bulldozer for the South Kent Landfill and a new rubber tire loader for the Waste to Energy Facility was requested. Pricing for the equipment was obtained through the use of MiDEAL with assistance from the Kent County Purchasing Department. MiDEAL allows local units of government to use State contracts to purchase goods.

The proposed equipment will replace an existing Komatsu 470 loader (2009) at South Kent Landfill, a Komatsu 450 loader (2004) at the Waste to Energy Facility and a Caterpillar D8 (2012) located at South Kent Landfill. The two loaders are reaching the end of their useful life and have been scheduled for replacement in 2016. The Caterpillar D8 dozer is nearing 10,000 hours of service when it will be returned to CAT for the guaranteed buyback.

Staff is recommending the purchase of two John Deere Model 744K II rubber tire loaders and a Model 1050K Bulldozer equipped with the Waste Handler Package. By purchasing the equipment together a 1.5% saving is realized and is reflected in the pricing below. Warranty costs are not reflected but are indicated on the quoted price. Final warranties will be established during the first year of operation. The Department has an approved Capital Improvement budget for the purchase of the proposed equipment.

John Deere 1050K Waste Handler (South Kent Landfill): (\$657,983 - \$25,250) x .985 = \$623,242.01

John Deere 744K II (WTE): (\$436,114 - \$14,633) x .985 = \$415,158.79

John Deere 744K II (South Kent Landfill): $(\$420,950 - \$14,633) \times .985 = \$400,222.25$

Total: \$1,438,623.05

Commissioners inquired why there are different prices for the same loader. Dan Rose, Solid Waste Operations Managers stated that each vehicle has different options to support the environment in which they are used which contribute to the difference in cost.

Commissioner Vonk asked whether drivers were trained prior to using the new equipment. Mr. Rose stated that the manufacturer does send a mechanic on site to train DPW staff.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Groenleer and supported by Commissioner Byl to award the purchase of the a rubber tired loader for the Waste to Energy Facility, a rubber tired loader for the South Kent Landfill and a tracked bulldozer for South Kent Landfill to AIS Construction of Grand Rapids Michigan for the total amount of \$1,438,623.05 and authorize the Director to execute the associated contracts.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Approval of Monetary Outlays

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Byl and supported by Commissioner Groenleer to approve the Monetary Outlays for January 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Director's Report

- A. Ordinance Update – Implementation of the Solid Waste Management Ordinance has been underway. As the board meeting 30 haulers were licensed and staff is continuing to work with remaining haulers to assist them with license application process.
- B. SafeSharps Program – In partnership with the Health Department, DPW staff launched a sharps collection program available to residents who need assistance with proper storage and disposal of sharps (syringes).
- C. Energy Legislation Update – The Director and Commissioner Byl were able to meet with both the House and Senate representatives concerning energy policy and the ramifications on Kent County's WTE.

VIII. Miscellaneous/Public Comment

None

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.