

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
Monday, January 9, 2017**

1. At a Regular Meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners at their offices located at 840 S. Telegraph Road, Monroe, Michigan on Monday, January 9, 2017 the meeting was called to order by Deputy Clerk Cheryl A. U’Ran at 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

PRESENT

Greg W. Stewart
Charles A. Londo
Dan Minton
Paul Iacoangeli

EXCUSED

Stephen J. Pace

A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to transact business.

3. Deputy Clerk Cheryl A. U’Ran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Deputy Clerk Cheryl A. U’Ran led the Opening Silent Prayer.

5. Nominations and Election of Officers

Deputy Clerk U’Ran opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Stewart nominated Paul Iacoangeli for Chairman. With no other nominations, Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Londo to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Paul Iacoangeli. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

Chairman Iacoangeli opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Iacoangeli nominated Dan Minton for Vice Chairman. With no other nominations, Commissioner Londo moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Dan Minton. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

6. 2017 Appointments

i. Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the designation of the MCRC Depository as Monroe Bank & Trust. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

ii. Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve the appointment of the Human Resource Director as the Equal Opportunity Officer. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

iii. Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Londo to approve the appointment of the Human Resource Director as the Freedom of Information Act Officer (FOIA). Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

iv. Commissioner Londo nominated Dan Minton. Commissioner Iacoangeli moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart to appoint Dan Minton as the board member to the VEBA Trust Board for the 2017 year by unanimous vote. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

Commissioner Iacoangeli moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve Charles A. Londo as alternate to the VEBA Trust Board for the 2017 year. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the January 9, 2017 regular meeting agenda as amended. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

8. Public Comment - None.

9. The following items were listed on the Consent Agenda: *(with immediate effect)*

Commissioner Minton asked to have Item #5 pulled for further discussion.

1) Approval of Minutes- December 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 811 Vendor Checks #69477-69522 \$ 57,705.28

No. 823 Payroll Checks #6330-63332 & Advice #20423-20504 \$ 279,095.20

4th Qtr 2016 Cafeteria Payments Checks #63304-63319 \$ 15,501.60

3) Township Contracts - N/A

4) Approve the Resolution to request reimbursement of \$10,000 from the Michigan Department of Transportation for the sum paid for a Licensed Professional Engineer employed by the Monroe County Road Commission.

5) Pulled for further discussion.

6) Award bid for the LaPlaisance Road drainage improvements to low bidder, Lasershot, Inc., in the amount of \$37,139.62 and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve the January 9, 2017 Consent Agenda as amended - item #5 pulled for further discussion. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

Item pulled for further discussion

5) Award bid for the purchase of three (3) tandem axle trucks to Selking International in the amount of \$314,280.00.

Commissioner Minton indicated while reviewing the bid information he noticed the staff did not recommend awarding bid to low bidder (Fremont), and asked why the bid showed two figures. Mr. Masserant indicated the difference was a manual transmission vs. automatic transmission.

Commissioner Minton asked why not purchase from local vendor. Mr. Pierce explained that Selking is a local company located on Cooper Street here in Monroe.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Londo to award bid for the purchase of three (3) tandem axle trucks to Selking International in the amount of \$314,280. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business -

1. Continued discussion on the Abandonment request for the alley in the Joel E. Labo Lakeside Subdivision, Frenchtown Charter Township, Monroe County, Michigan.

This item was adjourned from a previous meeting. The staff is recommending another postponement as this item will be on the Frenchtown Township regular meeting on January 10th. Commissioner Londo asked why the township waited 40 years to voice a concern.

Mr. McIntyre explained that the Frenchtown Supervisor was contacted and learned the Township would like to retain an easement on the property for some type of drainage. The Township doesn't have a problem abandoning the alley or even moving the alley after a brief conversation with the township attorney. He would appreciate another postponement to allow them to continue to work with the township on a solution.

Commissioner Minton asked if Mr. McIntyre's first choice would be to abandon the alley. Mr. McIntyre indicated yes, but if that isn't an option moving the alley to the other side of the property would reduce the nuisance and problems they have encountered.

Commissioner Stewart indicated he attended the previous meeting where this was discussed and he understood that it was postponed to allow continued discussion with the township on why they didn't want the alley abandoned, and it would appear it needs to be postponed again to wait until the township and homeowners have time to discuss options and a solution.

Mr. Costello explained the Board may not be able to take action at the next meeting due to the timeline for proper notices were completed. The staff will continue to keep the Board posted.

Commissioner Londo moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to postpone any action on the abandonment request for the alley in the Joel E. Labo Lakeside Subdivision, Frenchtown Charter Township, Monroe County, Michigan to the MCRC January 23rd regular meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

11. New Business -

1. Discussion on the Bedford Trade Fair and Monroe County Fair.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated information was provided on the Bedford Trade Fair but information on the Monroe County Fair isn't available yet.

Commissioner Stewart advocated for the Bedford Trade Fair citing the event is a great tool to get information to the public. He would appreciate the opportunity to be the leader and come up with ideas and work with personnel to staff the booth. He indicated he had a prior commitment in August so he would not be available for the County Fair.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated the Board could wait to act on the Monroe County Fair participation when information became available.

Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to authorize the participation in the Bedford Trade Fair, approve the expenditure of \$495 for the booth rental, and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.
Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

12. Report of Officers –

Randy Pierce (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce reminded the Board of the discussion at the November 14th meeting on the Timbers Road bridge in Exeter Township. By law, the Board has the flexibility to contribute up to 75% of the cost of a structure on a local road. This would require Exeter Township to come up with 25% of the estimated \$90,000 cost to perform maintenance to open this bridge. Mr. Assenmacher added that because this is considered a bridge the Board can elect to participate up to 75% of the cost even this is not in line with the current MCRC policy.

Commissioner Londo asked the staff to put a recommendation together with cost estimates for the next meeting and inquired where this structure was on the priority list. Mr. Assenmacher indicated this structure wasn't high on the list as it was on a local road with a low volume of traffic. The bridge currently has a 3 ton limit on it. Information will be put together for the Board's review for the next regular meeting.

Mr. Pierce explained he received a request from a company, Centerline, about renting space for a tower at the West District facility. The rates offered is low and there is a concern for security, it would not be his recommendation to proceed. The Board agreed with Mr. Pierce's recommendation.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant had nothing additional to report.

Keith C. Richard (Director of Operations) – Mr. Richard had nothing additional to report.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed new Road Commissioner, Greg Stewart. He explained that a public hearing has been scheduled for the 1/23 regular meeting for the revised MCRC Fee Schedule. The Engineering Department is working on Subdivision Guidelines that should come before the Board for review in March or April.

Mr. Assenmacher explained the MCRC has received seven applications for wireless communication towers asking to be put in the MCRC right-of-way. MCRCSIP is involved due to pending litigation from a Road Commission that denied a permit. There will be a meeting on Friday with the MCRC and MCRCSIP to discuss this issue and hopefully a communication will follow outlining parameters, limitations, restrictions, etc. that will need to coincide with permitting of these structures. A policy should be forthcoming that MCRCSIP would like Road Boards to pass, but it isn't ready yet.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello indicated that the Road Commission routinely sends out letter to homeowners that have mail structures in the road right-of-way that pose a hazard to the traveling public. All structures need to be considered break away, but many are not and homeowners are notified that they need to be removed when these are identified. One homeowner has retained an attorney and we are working to identify a possible solution and compromise. If a solution is unattainable, he may need to bring it to the Board for action and to set precedent.

13. Public Comment – None.

14. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace was excused.

Commissioner Stewart had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Londo had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Minton hoped everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the staff for a good job in 2016, and he looked forward to good things in 2017. He also wanted to thank the night shift for a job well done.

Commissioner Iacoangeli welcomed new board member Greg Stewart to the MCRC. He hoped everyone had a prosperous start to the New Year.

15. Closed Session

Chairman Iacoangeli moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to enter into closed session at 6:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations relative to collective bargaining.

Chairman, Paul Iacoangeli	YES	
Commissioner, Dan Minton	YES	
Commissioner, Charles Londo	YES	
Commissioner, Stephen J. Pace	Excused	
Commissioner, Greg W. Stewart	YES	Motion carried.

Reconvene -

The Board of County Road Commissioners reconvened the January 9, 2017 meeting at 7:05 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman, Paul Iacoangeli	YES
Commissioner, Dan Minton	YES
Commissioner, Charles Londo	Excused 6:55 p.m.
Commissioner, Stephen J. Pace	Excused
Commissioner, Greg W. Stewart	YES

16. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

Cheryl A. U'Ran, Deputy Clerk