

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
January 22, 2018**

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 22, 2018 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

PRESENT

Greg W. Stewart
Dan Minton
Stephen J. Pace
Charles A. Londo
Paul Iacoangeli

EXCUSED

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

3. Commissioner Iacoangeli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Commissioner Iacoangeli led the Opening Prayer.

5. Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the January 22, 2018 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment –

David Hoffman, County Commissioner, indicated he has attended prior meetings to talk about the use of k-crete and he wanted to confirm that when the Road Commission works in the road right-of-way they would be using k-crete.

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

1) Approval of Minutes- January 8, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 18 Payroll Checks #63759-63770 & Advice #22880-22968 \$ 292,677.65

Bank Service Charge – December 2017 \$ 89.40

No. 19 Vendor Checks #71578-71653 \$ 490,014.37

No. 30 Vendor Checks #71654-71691 \$ 243,917.50

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) Authorize the Assistant County Highway Engineer, in consensus with Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance and Director of Operations, to impose the Seasonal Weight Restrictions (“frost laws”) for Monroe County roads for 2018 when deemed appropriate, in accordance with Act 300 of 1949 (Michigan Vehicle Code).

6) Approve the Resolution to open traffic at legal limits for the Timbers Road structure over Stony Creek, Exeter Township, Monroe County, Michigan.

7) Award 2018-2020 Roadside Mowing Contract to low bidder, D.K. Services of Milan, Michigan in the amount of \$224,598.90, and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

- 8) Approve the one-year extension of the mineral well brine bid with Michigan Chloride Sales, LLC for the 2018 season, and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the board.

Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the January 22, 2018 Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business – N/A

9. New Business -

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the participation in the 2018 BBA Trade Fair (March 10-11) and authorize the expenditure of \$495 for the booth rental. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10. Report of Officers –

Randy Pierce (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce updated the Board that negotiations would be continuing with Local #543 tomorrow (January 23rd). And Mike Pouter would be in attendance to provide additional information on the electronic devices for the Board.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant presented an updated salt report and three month financial statement. Currently through January 16th, we have exceeded salt usage for the last 2 years are taking delivery of additional salt.

There are three open projects as of 12/31/2017 and two projects to bid out in relation to the road note. MDOT has not released the December MTF amounts yet, so he estimated to generate the reports.

Keith C. Richard (Director of Operations) – Mr. Richard indicated the crews were out cold patching, doing gravel road maintenance and applying stone due to the weather changes.

Frank Westenkirchner (Assistant County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Westenkirchner had nothing additional to report.

Michael Pouter (IT Consultant) – Mr. Pouter was present to follow up on the prior conversation relative to tablets or PC's for the Board. He had compared prices of tablets to laptops.

Commissioner Iacoangeli was concerned about how the Board members would utilize these devices. He wasn't aware of the versatility of the 2-in-1 devices and their usefulness where they function both as a computer and a tablet. Since they are Windows based, it might be a more efficient way to go.

Mr. Pouter checked pricing on HP, Dell and MiDeal. He liked the HP with the 13.3" screen and there was a 14" screen for about \$860. You would have to add office products for about \$350, unless you wanted to use pdf documents. Microsoft has a deal on Surface Pros but it might run a little slower, but a keyboard would be an additional cost as would the case.

Commissioner Stewart indicated the original idea was to use older laptops verses purchasing newer devices. Mr. Pouter indicated the plan was to replace older laptops but there are no devices currently available. There would be a time frame involved.

Commissioner Londo inquired if the Surface Pro operated as a tablet and a laptop. Mr. Pouter indicated it is a PC and would run Windows 10.

Commissioner Stewart indicated he uses Open Office, and it is free and he has encountered no problems.

Commissioner Iacoangeli would hate to see the agency purchase something that won't be used. However, if something is purchased to meet the needs right now, what about purchasing something that will allow for future expansion without additional cost. The new laptops are nothing like the old style laptops. Mr. Pouter explained that the tablets are cheaper and could possibly be used by some employees, but the laptops could definitely be used here at the MCRC.

Mr. Pierce asked if Mr. Pouter was able to obtain demos for the Board to try before actually purchasing a device. Mr. Pouter indicated he has left messages and is waiting to hear back.

Commissioner Stewart jumped back to the original idea of the Engineering Department getting upgraded laptops and the Board would receive their old laptops. He would rather see the staff get the newer devices. Mr. Pouter indicated the older laptops are about six years old and would need batteries replaced at \$120 each. Commissioner Stewart stated there is going to be a sizeable cost regardless of the way we go.

Commissioner Londo indicated he was willing to purchase his own device.

Commissioner Iacoangeli reminded the Board that anything on the device would still be FOIAable if used for Road Commission business. He felt the FIRE tablet from Amazon was a good selection for \$150. He also felt getting demos in was a good idea.

Commissioner Pace explained that original idea was to eliminate paper waste. If the staff needs new computers they should have them and not expect something passed down. He would like the 10" screen, if possible. Each packet contains anywhere from 30 to 100 pages of paper which would save a lot of time, paper and costs.

Commissioner Stewart agreed with Commissioner Pace. He felt a tablet was functional and didn't need Microsoft office.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello had nothing additional to report.

11. Public Comment –

David Hoffman, County Commissioner, indicated the county also had electronic devices as well.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace stated Mr. Masserant would be missed.

Commissioner Stewart attended his first Parks and Recreation meeting.

Commissioner Londo had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Minton had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Iacoangeli had nothing additional to report.

13. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

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