

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
MONROE, MICHIGAN  
February 12, 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, February 12, 2018 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

**PRESENT**

Stephen J. Pace  
Greg W. Stewart  
Charles A. Londo  
Dan Minton  
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 Silent Prayer.

5. Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve the February 12, 2018 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment -

Greg Skiver, Meadowbrook Way, Temperance, Michigan, presented a letter to the board regarding concerns about the SAD work performed on Meadowbrook Way in 2006. The homeowners have three (3) more years to pay on this SAD. He indicated he spoke with MCRC staff members and learned a chip seal was scheduled and stated he was opposed to that treatment. In his opinion, a chip seal is was only a patch for work that he feels was done incorrectly in the first place. He would like either a mill and fill or micro seal performed on this road instead. He is asking the Board to consider one of these options be applied to this road to bring the road back to where it should be. He stated children bike and roller skate on this road and the chip seal isn't the treatment that people want on this road as a maintenance option.

Chairman Iacoangeli indicated the staff would review the information presented and report back to the Board on the findings.

Ernie Sasse, Deputy Supervisor for Whiteford Township, addressed the Board regarding Beck Road. Beck Road, between Head-O-Lake and Memorial Highway, is a primary road and it needs to be resurfaced. The last investment was made in 1993 which included contributions from Whiteford Golf Course, Whiteford Township and the Road Commission. There hasn't been other maintenance performed on this road and it is now failing. Whiteford Township is very proactive is assisting the Road Commission is making sure all roads receive treatments but they are looking at setting aside money for Whiteford Center in 2019 and Jeffs Doty in 2020, and the Township is asking the MCRC to look at putting Road Commission money on Beck Road.

Bob Schnipke, Whiteford Township, explained that Whiteford Township is working on their 5-year road plan. He reminded the MCRC Board that Whiteford Township has no dirt/gravel roads and has been good to work with the Road Commission in the past about working together on primary roads. They already have two bonds they are paying on, and would like to ask the Road Commission to look at resurfacing Beck Road without assistance from Whiteford Township so they can plan for future projects. They will look at performing 8-10 miles of single seals annually. He thanked the Board for their consideration.

Commissioner Stewart thanked Whiteford Township for their forward thinking and for always planning ahead. He stated Whiteford and Bedford are now starting to plan for the future and it helps. Mr. Schnipke stated he has worked with the Road Commission for 43 years and he felt the current Board was remarkable to work with. He didn't receive any phone calls after the recent snow events and wanted to let the staff know they are doing a good job.

7. Closed Session

Chairman Stewart moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to enter into closed session at 2:17 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	YES	
Commissioner, Greg W. Stewart	YES	Motion carried.

Reconvene -

The Board of County Road Commissioners reconvened the February 12, 2018 meeting at 2:40 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

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

Commissioner Minton asked to pull items #4 and #5 for further discussion.

1) Approval of Minutes- January 22, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 44 Payroll Checks #63771-63784 & Advice #22969-23058	\$ 260,400.64
No. 52 Vendor Checks #71695-71750	\$ 230,085.15
No. 62 Vendor Checks #71751	\$ 50,000.00
No. 76 Payroll Checks #63785-63797 & Advice #23059-23149	\$ 286,212.49

3) Township Contracts

Bedford Township

Mohawk Trails	Special Assessment District	Hot mix asphalt crushing, shaping and resurfacing, aggregate shoulders
Indian Acres	Special Assessment District	Hot mix asphalt, crushing, shaping and resurfacing, aggregate shoulders, storm sewer, drainage and slope restoration

4) Pulled for further discussion.

5) Pulled for further discussion.

6) Approve and sign the Resolution for the hot mix asphalt resurfacing work at the at-grade crossing of the tracks at the Norfolk and Western Railway Company with Petersburg Road (National Inventory #477-369-D), Milan Township, Monroe County, Michigan; and authorize the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the MDOT Contract on behalf of the Board.

- 7) Approve and sign the Resolution for the rehabilitation work for the following structures:
  - #7228 which carries Summit Street over Halfway Creek,
  - #7255 which carries Ann Arbor Road over Macon Drain;
  - #7256 which carries Ann Arbor Road over North Macon Creek;
  - #7257 which carries Ann Arbor Road over Bear Swamp Creek ;
  - #7267 which carries Ida Maybee Road over the Raisin River;
  - #7268 which carries Ida Maybee Road over Mill Race Drain;
  - #7275 which carries North Dixie Highway over Sandy Creek;
  - #7276 which carries North Dixie Highway over Stoney Creek;
  - #7279 which carries US Turnpike over Mouillee Creek;
  - #7283 which carries Oakville Waltz Road over Stony Creek;
  - #7284 which carries Oakville Waltz Road over Stony Creek overflow;
  - #7341 which carries Suder Road over Halfway Creek; and
  - #13391 which carries Suder Road over Hooper Run Drain,Monroe County, Michigan; and authorize the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the contracts on behalf of the Board.
- 8) Approve the December 31, 2017 County Wide Certification Maps and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.
- 9) Approve the December 31, 2017 Urban Area Certification Maps and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.
- 10) Award bid for four (4) GMC Sierra 2500HD Double Cab 4x2 Trucks in the amount of \$104,324.00 through MiDeal.
- 11) Award bid for two (2) GMC Sierra 3500HD Crew Cab 4x4 9' Stake Trucks w/railgates in the amount of \$87,227.30 through MiDeal.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the February 12, 2018 Consent Agenda as presented, except for items #4 and #5. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

#8(4) Award the contract for the Mohawk Trails Special Assessment District project to the low Bidder, Geddis Paving & Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$432,040.75 and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Minton indicated items #4 and #5 are prime examples of the discussion the Board had before about trying to award bids to local contractors to keep work local. The Board talks about looking at a policy, but it continues to kick the can down the road.

Mr. Pierce explained that this issue came up during the tree program and the Board mentioned discussing this at a workshop. If the Board desires, the staff can put something together for the Board's review next month.

Commissioner Iacoangeli explained that the State of Michigan gives the Detroit Salt Mines a eight percent (8%) leadway in their bidding procedures, so creating a policy similar would not be inappropriate. Mr. Pierce explained it is common practice.

Mr. Costello gave an example for the City of Kalamazoo where their policy states if the local bidder is within two percent (2%) of the successful bidder, the local bidder has the opportunity to meet the lowest price in order to be awarded the bid. They also go to great lengths to define what exactly a "local" bidder is in their policy. Other ways are percentages up to a certain maximum. He will work with the staff to present options for the Board's review.

Commissioner Pace asked how that would work. Mr. Costello indicated that language would need to be clearly stated in the bid package.

Mr. Pierce explained that both items #4 and #5 are SAD's where the homeowner's are paying for and should the MCRC elect to award the bid to the local contractor and not the low bidder, the MCRC would be responsible to come up with the difference between the bids.

Commissioner Pace asked if there are warranties associated with these bids. Mr. Westenkirchner explained that he would need to check but these are SAD's prepared by the township. Commissioner Pace stated we should have guarantee that work will last minimum of 10 years. Mr. Westenkirchner explained that this SAD is through the Township and they can dictate the specifications, and the work is expected to last as long as the assessment.

Commissioner Stewart agreed with Commissioner Minton that the Board needed to move the process forward. There needs to be something more comprehensive than just price when reviewing local contractors. Local contractors should be given the opportunity, but not necessarily guarantee they be awarded on price alone. He would like to see some options outlined.

Commissioner Iacoangeli stated his impression was when the Road Commission went out for bid, there was some type of criteria in place to review the use of local contractors. When using other funds from townships, governments and municipalities, the Road Commission should not take on any additional responsibility, such as SAD's, etc.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to award the contract for the Mohawk Trails Special Assessment District project to the low bidder, Geddis Paving and Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$532, 040.75, and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

#8(5) Award the contract for the Indian Acres Special Assessment District project to the low bidder, E.R. Zeiler Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$807,981.50, and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart to award the contract for the Indian Acres Trails Special Assessment District project to the low bidder, E.R. Zeiler Excavating, Inc in the amount of \$807,981.50, and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business – None.

10. New Business –

1) Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve participation in the 2018 Monroe County Fair (July 29-August 4) and approve the expenditure of \$475 for booth rental. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

2) Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the Settlement Agreement proposed by the MCRC and UWUA Negotiation Team on January 23, 2017; and ratified by UWUA Local #543 on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to return the meetings to 5:30 p.m. effective February 26, 2018. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Report of Officers –

*Randy Pierce* (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce thanked Local #543 employees for the good job over the weekend with the snow removal. He was able to watch the drivers and was pleased that they know how to do their jobs.

*Keith C. Richard* (Director of Operations) – Mr. Richard also extended his appreciation to the crews. They worked continuous 12 hour shifts to get the roads cleared and was able to take Sunday night off. The equipment held together, however it has a challenge with the salt supply.

Commissioner Minton stated the crews did a great job for this huge snow event, and asked how many did not come in. Mr. Richard indicated a few were excused but the number was minimal.

Commissioner Minton asked if Mr. Richard was in over the weekend to supervise. Mr. Richard indicated he did not come in over the weekend to supervise the flow of trucks.

Commissioner Minton stated he figured the Director of Operations would be here to supervise his crews and trucks to set an example. After every snow event, the Board asks questions on how things went with the event. As the Director of Operations, you should be held to the same standard, or even more so, than the crews that are expected to come in to do the work. He stated if the crews are to be here, so should Mr. Richard. Mr. Richard stated he would speak to Mr. Pierce about that.

*Frank Westenkirchner* (Assistant County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Westenkirchner indicated after talking with Mr. Pierce, the frost laws would be put on next week due to the anticipated warmer temperatures.

*Philip Costello* (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello stated he would work with the staff on the local preferences information.

12. Public Comment -

Jim Morgan, Negotiating team for Local #543, stated negotiations can be a grueling process but he was glad they were able to come to a positive outcome and the Board gave a unanimous vote. In the end it is part of doing business and he looks forward to another banner year. Thank you.

Bronco McKart, Vice President Local #543, thanked the Board. He stated the attitude was different at the table this year and the mood made it better for negotiating. He thanked the Board, Mr. Pierce and the management negotiating team.

13. Commissioners' Comments -

*Commissioner Pace* indicated he heard that employee Gary Williams had been involved in a automobile accident and asked the members to tell him to get better. He also stated he had a friend come down to Monroe County Friday night, and was told the roads were worse in Livingston and Washtenaw County and much better in Monroe County. He thanked the crews for doing a good job with the number of trucks we have available.

Commissioner Pace also wanted to make sure the MCRC takes a look at the State Trunkline contract and consider opting out as soon as possible. If the State isn't willing to provide the proper funding to maintain the roads, it may be time to part ways.

Commissioner Pace also liked using pickups in the subdivisions sooner to clear snow.

Jim Morgan added that using the pickups in the subdivisions helped the truck drivers out tremendously by opening up intersections.

*Commissioner Stewart* stated he received four compliments for work on snow removal and every one of them actually belong to the crews who did all the work. He added the comments have been tremendously positive and thanked all the crews.

*Commissioner Londo* also stated he appreciated all the hard work the workers do.

*Commissioner Minton* had nothing additional to report.

*Commissioner Iacoangeli* also appreciated all the work the crews do for snow removal. He received an email, read it about how great the roads in Monroe County were during the snow event, and forwarded it to the staff to pass along to the drivers. It is always nice when the workers are recognized for the good they do.

14. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

*Cheryl A. U'Ran*

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Cheryl A. U'Ran, Deputy Clerk