

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
MONROE, MICHIGAN  
February 26, 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 26, 2018 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

**PRESENT**

Charles A. Londo

Stephen J. Pace

Dan Minton

Paul Iacoangeli

**EXCUSED**

Greg W. Stewart

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 Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve the February 26, 2018 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment -

Gary Lazette, Dundee Township, thanked the Road Commission for the upgrades to the Wells/Dixon Road intersection. The larger stop sign and rumble strips have helped.

Mr. Lazette also mentioned a concern for Radka Road that is falling into the river. He indicated the MCRC has put up barriers, but progress have stopped. He believed there are plans to move the road if and when the DEQ gives their approval. He stated he was tempted to call Senator Zorn and Rep. Sheppard to help.

Mr. Lazette also mentioned Rogers Road west of Covell, there is a drain under the road on the south side that is causing erosion to the road. It may need an extra section of culvert just to give more space to build up the shoulder.

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

1) Approval of Minutes- February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 87 Vendor Checks #71752-71829	\$ 392,956.61
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No. 96 Payroll Checks #63798-63812 & Advice 23150-23238	\$ 319,679.75
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Vacation Payout - Masserant Check#63813	\$ 7,024.16
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No. 97 Vendor Checks #71830-71844	\$ 243,392.05
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Void Check #71795	\$ 36,877.72
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3) Township Contracts

Berlin Charter Township

2018 Various Roads - Excess Gradall

Erie Township

Dixie Ave surface	M125 to Dead end	HMA leveling/HMA
Erie	Strasburg to Mix	Single Chip Seal
Erie	Summit to NB I75 ramp	Overband Crack Fill
Fletcher surface	M125 to Dead end	HMA leveling/HMA
Hickory, Jacobs, Brown	Summit to Dead end	HMA/Zone Patch
Manhattan	Erie to Summit	Mill & Fill
Suder	Temperance to State line	Single Chip Seal
2018 Local Roads – Mowing		
2018 Local Roads – Mineral Well Brine		

Monroe Charter Township

Held	Dunbar to North 310'	Mill & Fill
Waters Edge surface	LaPlaisance to East 390'	Mill/HMA leveling/HMA
2018 Local Roads - Mowing		

Raisinville Township

2018 Local Roads - Mowing  
 2018 Various Local Roads – Mineral well brine

Whiteford Township

Beck	Turk to Head-O-Lake	Single chip seal
Emerson	Whiteford to Dead end	Single chip seal
Lynch	Clark to County line	Single chip seal
Samaria	Bacon to Stone Quarry	Single chip seal
Samaria	Summerfield to E Twp Line	Single chip seal
School	Whiteford to E Twp Line	Single chip seal
Smith	Whiteford to E Twp Line	Single chip seal
Sterns	Clark to County Line	Single chip seal
2018 Local Roads - Mowing		

4) Mowing Contracts

D&D Wyse Berlin Charter, Dundee, and London Twps

5) Approve the Municipal Resolution for Monroe Bank & Trust.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the February 26, 2018 Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business – None.

9. New Business –

1) Approve the MCRC to be the ACT 51 Sponsor for the TAP Grant for the Temperance Road/Lewis Avenue Bike Lane Grant, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan, and authorize the Managing Director to sign on behalf of the Board.

Frank Westenkirchner, Assistant County Highway Engineer, explained that the Managing Director communication included pictures and information of the proposed area. Bedford Township wants to beautify the Temperance/Lewis intersection under the TAP grant process, which includes biking, walking, etc. The TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) grant requires an ACT 51 sponsor so Bedford Township is asking for the MCRC's support to be that sponsor. They are looking to have the TAP funds make the other 3 corners similar to what MB&T has done. They have obtained letters for support from local businesses as well. He added 100% of the cost would be to Bedford Township.

Commissioner Pace asked about if the MCRC had reviewed the final plans; and if there was any liability with the installation of the bike path on Lewis Avenue. Mr. Westenkirchner indicated the MCRC did review the final plans, and this is a designated bike lane to help separate the traffic from the bikers. He explained other communities, like Ann Arbor, has installed bike lanes and their traffic moves at a higher rate of speed.

Commissioner Londo stated he was familiar with TAP grants and there needs to be an ACT 51 sponsor. Places like the City of Luna Pier who recently participated in a TAP grant doesn't need a sponsor because they can get the grant on their own. He added these types of grants are good for the community and he was excited to see other municipalities take advantage of the TAP grant monies.

Milan Township Supervisor, Phil Heath, asked why the Road Commission has to provide a space on the roadways for bikes since they pay no taxes for the use. Roads needs to be fixed and the bike riders aren't paying anything to be on the roads.

Commissioner Iacoangeli explained the MCRC is only sponsoring the grant at a zero cost to the Road Commission.

Al Prieur, Deputy Supervisor for Bedford Township, stated these bike lanes are important in the Bedford area. There are a great many bike riders in the Bedford area, himself included, and there is gap between Temperance and the Toledo area. There is no liability as bikers are allowed to use the roads, but this will help because there are no current markings on the road and this will help distinguish lines to protect the biking public. Cars are supposed to respect the bike rider but most drivers aren't paying attention. There is a true need in the downtown Temperance area. Bedford Township is hoping to get a designated trail through Bedford Township marked as safe areas for the bicycling community.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Londo to approve the MCRC as the ACT 51 Sponsor for the TAP Grant for the Temperance Road/Lewis Avenue Bike Lane Grant, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan, and authorize the Managing Director to sign on behalf of the Board. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried

2) Approve the expenditure of funds for maintenance work on prior SAD commitments as requested by the Managing Director.

Mr. Pierce asked for the Board's approval to move ahead with the chip seal program to stay in compliance with the SAD's maintenance work. He also indicated the staff reviewed the concerns voiced by Mr. Greg Skiver at the last board meeting, and found the road could use a chip seal and that the road has a tree canopy which doesn't allow for sunlight to keep the road dry so it is experiencing from fracturing.

Commissioner Londo moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the expenditure of funds for maintenance work on SAD's to fulfill the prior commitments for maintenance work. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

3) Approve the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$2.7 million for additional 2018 MCRC projects.

Mr. Pierce explained the MCRC has been conservative with the funds and now is in the position to put some additional fund balance monies on roads identified in his communication to the board dated 2/23/2018. This is over and above the 2018 township allocations and if the Board approves, these roads need to be added to the 2018 county-wide paving bid for better pricing.

Commissioner Pace inquired about Stony Creek. Mr. Pierce explained there is no indication the MCRC will get additional funds for S. Stony Creek so the Road Commission will start at Telegraph and move to Toben through Frenchtown Township this year. Should funds come in from the state, they would be applied to the project.

Commissioner Pace asked if the Road Commission was planning to double seal County Line Road in Milan Township. Mr. Pierce said a portion of County Line was already on the project list.

Phil Heath asked if it was the portion 5 miles north of Cone. Mr. Pierce thought that section needed an overband crack fill, then a chip seal the following year.

Commissioner Minton said this is exciting to be able to doing all this extra work this year. He commended Mr. Pierce and the staff for looking ahead and taking care of these roads.

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve the expenditure of \$2.7 million for additional 2018 projects as outlined in the Managing Director communication dated 2/23/2018. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

10. Report of Officers –

*Randy Pierce* (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce indicated there was a draft version of the MCRC organization flow chart for the Board's review.

Mr. Pierce explained that the M-50 bridge in Dundee was closed due to high water. It was closed for less than 24 hours later. Also, the gravel roads are experiencing some issues with the rain and quick thaw. Graders are out today performing some work and the Supervisors are keeping an eye on them daily.

Commissioner Pace asked if the frost was out of the ground yet. Mr. Westenkirchner stated not all the way out yet. Mr. Pierce indicated the Road Commission was using our 'winter' mix of stone which was a combination of #6 and #21A on the gravel roads.

(Director of Finance) – Position vacant

(Director of Operations) – Position vacant

*Frank Westenkirchner* (Assistant County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Westenkirchner informed the Board that the frost laws were implemented last Monday. MDOT and surrounding counties have also implemented their frost laws as well.

*Philip Costello* (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello indicated an agreement was reached with the Director of Operations and it was good agreement for both parties.

11. Public Comment -

Thomas Roehmer, LaSalle, wanted to thank the ladies who answer the phone and take the complaint information. He stated they are always very cordial and helpful. The northbound exit at S. Otter Creek has some serious cracks that need to be filled. With warmer temperatures coming, the traffic will begin to ramp up soon with boats and trailers.

Phil Heath, Milan Township Supervisor, stated Milan Township is very happy with the work that was done in the township to cut the berms. This has allowed the gravel roads to stay drier with all the rain...good job. He said he usually complains, but wanted to give credit where credit is due.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

*Commissioner Pace* had nothing additional to report.

*Commissioner Stewart* was excused.

*Commissioner Londo* had nothing additional to report.

*Commissioner Minton* had nothing additional to report.

*Commissioner Iacoangeli* had nothing additional to report.

13. Closed Session -

Chairman Iacoangeli moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to enter into closed session at 6:08 p.m. for the purpose of the Managing Director evaluation per his written request.

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

Reconvene -

The Board of County Road Commissioners reconvened the February 26, 2018 meeting at 7:08 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	EXCUSED	

Commissioner Londo moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to increase the Managing Director salary to \$100,000, effective immediately, based on his evaluation pending the outcome of the Municipal Consulting wage study.

Vote:	Pace	No	
	Londo	Yes	
	Minton	Yes	
	Iacoangeli	No	Motion failed for lack of support.

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Iacoangeli to increase the Managing Director salary to \$95,000 effective immediately, based on his evaluation, pending the outcome of the Municipal Consulting wage study.

Vote:	Londo	No	
	Pace	yes	
	Minton	Yes	
	Iacoangeli	Yes	Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays:1 Excused: 1 Motion carried

14. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

*Cheryl A. U'Ran*

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Cheryl A. U'Ran, Deputy Clerk