

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
March 9, 2015**

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, March 9, 2015 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

PRESENT

EXCUSED

Pace

Londo

Stammer

Minton

Iacoangeli

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

3. Commissioner Iacoangeli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Commissioner Iacoangeli led in the Opening Prayer.

5. Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the March 9, 2015 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Excused: 0 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment -

Bronco McKart, Vice President Local #543, indicated the union was given a safety plan to review. The safety committee met today with Mr. Smith to review and discuss their concerns. He stated he appreciated Mike Smith working with them to address their issues and they are moving forward.

7. Consent Agenda: *(with immediate effect)*

Commissioner Londo asked to remove item #7[4] for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Stammer. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Excused: 0 Motion carried.

1) Approval of Minutes- February 23, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 101 Payroll Checks #62593-62609 & Advice #16127-16206 \$ 289,735.82

No. 102 Vendor Checks #65946-65976 \$ 56,085.83

No. 116 Vendor Checks #65977-66027 \$ 262,978.95

3) Township Contracts - N/A

4) Removed - moved to Unfinished Business #8[1].

5) Approve the Resolution to immediately post weight limits on the Lenawee Road over Swamp Raisin Creek structure, Dundee Township, Monroe County, Michigan and post signs as follows:

One Unit Gross Weight Limit 42 tons

Two Unit Gross Weight Limit 70 tons

Three Unit Gross Weight Limit 77 tons

- 6) Approve the Resolution to immediately post weight limits on the Bragg Road over Swan Raisin Creek structure, Dundee Township, Monroe County, Michigan and post signs as follows:
 - One Unit Gross Weight Limit 29 tons
 - Two Unit Gross Weight Limit 39 tons
 - Three Unit Gross Weight Limit 53 tons
- 7) Approve the Resolution to open traffic at legal limits for the Wabash Road over North Macon Creek structure, Milan Township, Monroe County, Michigan
- 8) Approve the Resolution to open traffic at legal limits for the Fay Road over Little Swan Creek structure, Exeter Township, Monroe County, Michigan.
- 9) Approve and sign the Dedicated Highway and Utility Easement with Gary Klemz/GTK425 LLO, for the 5.5 foot easement along the existing roadway right-of-way along the northern side of Nadeau Road, Frenchtown Charter Township, Monroe County, Michigan.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the March 9, 2015 Consent Agenda as amended. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Excused: 0 Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business -

1) [Moved from #7(4)]

Approve the Resolution to immediately post weight limits on the Kelly Road over Muddy Creek structure, LaSalle Township, Monroe County, Michigan and post signs as follows:

- One Unit Gross Weight Limit 21 tons
- Two Unit Gross Weight Limit 29 tons
- Three Unit Gross Weight Limit 48 tons

Commissioner Londo inquired about the process of bringing these types of items to the Board for approval. He asked if it was required that the Board approves individual Resolutions or could it be done through a Board policy.

Scott Assenmacher indicated that Michigan compiled law dictates and gives the ability to post a road to the Board of County Road Commissioners.

Commissioner Londo acknowledged the MCLA cited in the Resolution but wondered if they could provide their authorization via a policy to avoid separate Resolutions for each road affected.. He asked what would happen if there was an emergency and a bridge or crossing needed to be posted in between Board meetings.

Mr. Assenmacher indicated the Road Commission would probably barricade or close the road until the next Board meeting for formal approval.

Commissioner Londo asked if legal counsel could look into whether the Board needed to approve these postings by individual resolution or policy.

Mr. Costello indicated he would look into that.

Commissioner Pace felt the staff's job was to make a recommendation to the Board and the Board had the burden to approve the posting for reduced weight or even closing. The Board should not put that responsibility on the staff. Commissioner Pace asked if the staff would provide the prior weights in future memos so the Board is aware of the current posting and the requested posting.

Mr. Assenmacher indicated that wouldn't be a problem. He added these bridges were not previously posted but because they were recently inspected the need to post was identified.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated the Board would review the information once Mr. Costello provides an opinion.

Commissioner Londo moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve the Resolution to immediately post weight limits on the Kelly Road over Muddy Creek structure, LaSalle Township, Monroe County, Michigan and post signs as follows:

One Unit Gross Weight Limit 21 tons
Two Unit Gross Weight Limit 29 tons
Three Unit Gross Weight Limit 48 tons

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Excused: 0 Motion carried.

9. New Business -

1) Resolution of Support for Proposal 1 as presented by CRA of Michigan.

Commissioner Londo moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the Resolution in support of Proposal 1. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Excused: 0 Motion carried.

Commissioner Londo added that he felt it would look silly if the Road Commission didn't support any effort for more funding.

Commissioner Iacoangeli stated the Resolution would give the Board the opportunity to go to the community and townships and seek their support for the proposal. He noted that the Road Commission cannot take an active position in promoting the proposal, but can give their support for the proposal.

Commissioner Pace asked if the Board could send the approved Resolution to the County to ask for their support.

Commissioner Londo asked if copies of the approved Resolution could be available to pass out at the Bedford Trade Fair.

Mr. Costello advised the Board of the fine line between supporting and using Road Commission funds to promote the proposal. Copies of the approved Resolution would be acceptable.

10. Report of Officers -

Randy Pierce (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce shared with the Board that the closing on the Dundee property was March 3rd and the Road Commission no longer owns that property. He also mentioned potential dates for the workshop was sent out and the majority of those polled indicated Thursday, March 26th as a good day. Should the Board wish to schedule a workshop he would recommend March 26th at 1pm-3pm in the MCRC Board Room.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant provided an updated winter maintenance report through February which included a new graph that reflects the tons of salt for their review.

Michael L. Smith (Director of Operations) – Mr. Smith indicated the night shift is ending, and as of 3/23 all maintenance employees will be working the regular day shift. He also explained that township estimate packages were sent out and they were waiting for responses from the townships. He pointed out the information sent was strictly preliminary estimates requesting by the townships. If anyone would like copies of the estimates let him know.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher updated them on the tree removal bid approved by the Board at the last meeting came in under the engineer's estimate. The contractor has started doing the work. He appreciated the Board's working with the unusual circumstances.

Mr. Assenmacher also indicated the Road Commission has been receiving calls on Wabash and Tuttle Hill Roads. These projects were started in 2014 but will be finished starting in the spring through the summer 2015. The Road Commission and the contractors are aware of the problems and there will be a meeting next week to discuss what needs to be done to button up the issues and flaws and a longevity treatment. He asked the Board to refer any calls and/or questions to him. All the parties are working toward a successful project completion.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello indicated he also participated in the closing for the sale of the Dundee property. He was also pleased to report that the haul route agreement in Berlin Township has been signed by all parties and distributed.

10. Extended Public Comment – None.

11. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace apologized for not being at the last meeting. He had a concern about the paver. The last board opted to return the paver but he felt this would be a valuable resource in doing cold paving and scratching of roads for chip seals, especially if the ballot proposal passes and the Road Commission receives extra money. He is not into full depth paving, but felt a paver would be helpful in zone patching and other surface treatments. He would like to see the Board direct the staff to retain that piece of equipment. He felt having the paver would be a valuable resource for the Road Commission.

Commissioner Pace had some ideas for Plank Road but those could be discussed at the workshop. He also indicated he has talked with Mr. Pierce and strongly recommends the Road Commission locate a salt shed in the Northeast quadrant of the county. This would result in tremendous savings to the Road Commission in travel time. He estimates it takes approximately an hour for a truck to return to the garage for salt when they are on I-75 or I-275. He would like the public to see that the MCRC is serious about snow removal and this would be a benefit to the traveling public. He would like to see this completed by November 2015. He encouraged the board members to talk with the staff and the supervisors to get their thoughts and opinions on a NE salt shed. He would hope that MDOT would participate on the cost since it would directly benefit the state highway system. This should be a high priority item.

Commissioner Pace would like to see a breakdown of how the implementation of the night shift saved the Road Commission money. He would also like to see how it made the Road Commission more cost efficient and if there were any safety concerns from the crews.

Commissioner Stammer thanked Scott Assenmacher, Cheryl A. U'Ran, Mark Larrow and Mike Pouter for their help with all the information for the Bedford Trade Fair. He also mentioned that there are still some open spaces on the schedule should others want to help man the booth next weekend.

Commissioner Londo has nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Minton had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Iacoangeli agreed with the recommendation of the Managing Director to schedule a workshop for Thursday, March 26th from 1-3pm at the MCRC offices.

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to schedule a workshop to discuss Plank Road on Thursday, March 26th from 1-3 pm at the Road Commission and invite all the interested parties to attend. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Excused: 0 Motion carried

12. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

Cheryl A. U'Ran, Deputy Clerk