

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
MONROE, MICHIGAN  
March 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, March 12, 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 Prayer.

5. Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the March 12, 2018 regular meeting agenda as amended. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment -

Janice Doederlein, 4780 Scofield-Carleton, indicated she lived between Finzel and Sumpter Roads. She stated she called last week for cold patch and crews were out patching and she was grateful. She also explained that there are three (3) sections of Scofield-Carleton, and all three sections are in very bad shape and are in need of attention. The roads are over crowned and chunks are falling off the sides of the roads. She stated she has talked with Mr. Pierce and also called Senator Zorn's office about a solution for Stony Creek so other monies could be used for county roads. She indicated her request fell on deaf ears in Lansing. She would like to know the plan for these sections of Scofield-Carleton. There is no amount of cold patch that can solve this problem, it needs more. She added that she is aware that drainage in the area is a challenge as a result of the water line being put in years ago. There is a culvert between Sumpter and Finzel that was put in a few years back that now has a dip in the road. She is beyond mad, she is extremely frustrated trying to find a road that she can use to get to a main road. It affects the quality of life and they are frustrated. She felt turning the road back to gravel would be better than the current condition. She would like to talk with someone about the future plans for these roads.

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

1) Approval of Minutes- February 26, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 112 Vendor Checks #71845-71881	\$ 187,887.23
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No. 125 Payroll Checks #63814-63827 & Advice #23239-23326	\$ 266,372.97
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Bank Service Charge - February 2018	\$ 90.90
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3) Township Contracts

Ash Township

Briarhill	Will Carleton to Newburg	2" stone lift
Calkins	Sigler to Labo	2" stone
Corkins	Exeter to S. Stony Crk	2" stone
Fessner	Carleton Rockwood to Ready	2" stone lift
Maple Crest	Maxwell to dead end	Single chip seal
Maxwell	Sigler to Labo	2" stone lift

Ash Township (continued)

Maxwell	Newburg to Will Carleton	2" stone
Newburg	Port Creek to US 24	Single chip seal
Newburg	Exeter to Burns	Base stabilize/double seal
Newport	N. Stony Crk to Grafton	3" stone
Otter	Sigler to Labo	2" stone
Port Creek	Will Carleton to Newburg	2" stone
Rose, Ralph, Eldora	Maxwell to Dead end	Single chip seal
Swan Creek	Sigler to Labo	2" stone lift
Wilson	Ready to N dead end	2" stone
2018 Local Roads – Mowing		
2018 Local Roads – Calcium Chloride		

Bedford Township

Crabb	Erie to Samaria	Trench/Stabilize/HMA
Dean	Crabb to Minx	Single chip seal
Douglas	Samaria to Erie	Stabilize/HMA
Monroe	Sterns to Summerfield	Mill & Fill
Piehl	Summerfield to W twp line	Single chip seal
Rauch	Secor to Lewis	Single chip seal

Berlin Charter Township

Armstrong	S. Huron River to 6865' S	Single chip seal
Armstrong	Ready to Sigler	Single chip seal
Buhl	War to dead end	3" stone
Chinavare	Masserant to Labo	Single chip seal
Haggerman	Sigler to Ready	Single chip seal
Labo	N. Dixie Hwy to Brandon	Single chip seal
Masserant	Trombley to Port Sunlight	Single chip seal
Newport	Brandon to Armstrong	Single chip seal
Newport	I275 to I75	Mill & Fill
Post	N. Dixie Hwy to E Twp line	Single chip seal
Ready	Berlin to E Twp Limit	Single chip seal

Frenchtown Charter Township

Newport	N. Stoney Crk to Grafton	3" Stone
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Ida Township

Albain	Wells to Secor	Single chip seal
Douglas	Ida Center to Todd	Single chip seal
Lulu	Secor to Douglas	Single chip seal
Rauch	Secor to Lewis	Single chip seal
Secor	Albain to Lulu	Single chip seal
Todd	Douglas to Lewis	Single chip seal
2018 Local Roads – Mowing		
2018 Local Roads – Dust Control (Calcium Chloride/Mineral well brine)		

Summerfield Township

Covert	Rauch to North dead end	2" Gravel
Payne	Morocco to Todd	2" Gravel
Summerfield	Ida West to Dundee twp line	HMA
Wells Road	Dunbar to Ida West	Single chip seal
2018 Local Roads – Mowing		
2018 Local Roads – Calcium Chloride		

4) Authorize the Managing Director Randy Pierce to enter into an agreement with The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. in the amount of \$44,000.00 for construction engineering and inspection services on the Mohawk Trails Special Assessment District project in Bedford Township.

5) Authorize the Managing Director Randy Pierce to enter into an agreement with The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. in the amount of \$68,000.00 for construction engineering and inspection services on the Indian Acres Special Assessment District project in Bedford Township.

6) Approve a one-year extension of the guardrail spraying contract with Daltons, Inc. for the 2018 Season, and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

7) Mowing Contracts

Precision Irrigation and Lawn Care                      Ash, Bedford, Erie, Frenchtown, Ida, Monroe,  
Raisinville, Summerfield, Whiteford Townships

8) Approve the invoice increases for construction engineering services with the Mannik and Smith Group for the Federal Aid contract for the bridges on Dennison Road at Middle Branch Macon Creek, and Ostrander Road at Macon Drain in the amount of \$21,030 funded by the Road Commission and \$12,000 for the Eastwood Bridge at Plum Creek funded by Monroe Charter Township, which the Township is in agreement to pay, and authorize the Managing Director to sign on behalf of the Board.

9) Approve the sign the Resolution to impose Gross Weight load limits on the Barnes Road bridge over Saline River and signs erected as follows:

One Unit Vehicle	42 Tons
Two Unit Vehicle	73 Tons
Three Unit Vehicle	77 Tons

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the March 12, 2018 Consent Agenda as amended. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business – None.

9. New Business – None.

10. Report of Officers –

*Randy Pierce* (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce stated if there were any questions on the Managing Director communication, please let him know.

Mr. Pierce also explained that the Road Commission has looked at options to fix Scofield-Carleton Road. It is a real challenge because it has macadam beneath it, which makes it a very expensive fix. It cannot be turned back to gravel due to the 14 foot macadam that was placed down for roads in 1916. The MCRC will continue to look at options and look for funding The Road Commission will be targeting S. Stony Creek this year and moving west with improvements.

The staff is working on a written 3-5 plan. The challenge is trying to fit the dollars to meet all the needs in the county. The MCRC will be putting down about 60 miles of asphalt and 120 miles of chip seal in 2018. With the constantly changing freeze/thaw weather, potholes are erupting, and crews are out cold patching. When the weather breaks, we can get the durapatcher out for a more permanent repair.

Mr. Pierce also presented an idea to not replace the Director of Finance at this time, but possibly promote an existing employee to step up and take on more finance responsibilities, and continue to keep Mr. Masserant on retainer for the larger finance items, such as the budget and audits. Mr. Masserant is currently on retainer until June 2018. Mr. Masserant is willing to continue the current arrangement. The MCRC has received several resumes, but if the Board is willing to try this option it would save the Road Commission a substantial amount of money. He is open to discussion with the Board.

Two interviews have been scheduled this week for the County Highway Engineer position.

Commissioner Pace asked if the Road Commission could skip path Scofield Carleton to buy some time. Mr. Pierce explained in the 1920's the State allowed 14 foot roads, and the macadam (large boulders) was used to create roads. It would cost upwards of \$3 million to perform work on Scofield Carleton.

Mr. Westenkirchner added that these were big rocks and that many roads were originally 14 foot wide, and the roads are severely crowned and the edges have broken off. He added these types of roads are not federal aid eligible. You cannot base stabilize the roads because of the rocks in the middle. Yensch is a road with similar problems. These sections total about 4.5 miles.

Commissioner Pace explained he has talked with Rep. Bellino who is trying to secure \$3.5 million for Stony Creek and we should know in about two weeks.

Director of Finance – *position vacant*

Director of Operations – *position vacant*

*Frank Westenkirchner* (Assistant County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Westenkirchner explained the seasonal weight restriction/frost laws are still on throughout the State of Michigan. There has been no discussion with Lenawee, Wayne, or Washtenaw on when to remove them. The cold nights are not allowing the frost thaw and drain.

*Philip Costello* (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello indicated he has been working with the staff on the Local Preference Policy and a draft should be available for the Board's review soon.

Also, the MCRC worked with the townships to develop a truck route ordinance plan. About half of the townships have adopted this plan, but there appears to be some inconsistencies regarding penalties for violations. He will continue to work with the staff on this issue. The original intent was to have the Michigan State Police enforce the ordinances to protect our roads. The penalties and signage issues need to be revisited.

11. Public Comment – None.

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* thanked those who came out to work the MCRC Booth at the Bedford Trade Fair. He received more compliments than complaints. A lot of complaints were about I75 and the exit ramps.

13. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

*Cheryl A. U'Ran*

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Cheryl A. U'Ran, Deputy Clerk