

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
March 23, 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 23, 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

Stammer
Londo
Pace
Minton
Iacoangeli

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

3. Commissioner Iacoangeli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Commissioner Iacoangeli led the Silent Prayer.

5. Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the March 23, 2015 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Excused-0
Motion carried.

6. Public Comment -

Gary Williams, Local 543 President, voiced his concern over the need to hire more people. He cited three recent new hires, however, one quit. He also indicated the loss of one in the mechanic's garage due to promotion. He felt there were qualified applicants that worked as temporary employees during the winter snow plowing season with CDL's that are somewhat training. The Road Commission could hire them without additional advertising. He stressed the importance of needing bodies to assist the Road Commission as the current workforce is getting older.

Bronco McKart, Local 543 Vice President, added that the money for these new hires is already in the budget therefore the Road Commission could replace the one that recently quit. He commended Mr. Pierce for meeting and working with the union on these issues but strongly stressed the importance of replacing the one position as soon as possible.

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

Commissioner Iacoangeli asked to remove item #7[6] for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Minton. Vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Excused-0 Motion carried.

1) Approval of Minutes- March 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

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| No. 122 Payroll Checks #62610-62620 & Advice #16207-16288 | \$ 248,868.95 |
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| Bank Service Charge - February 2015 | \$ 88.20 |
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| No. 130 Vendor Checks #66028-66064 | \$ 187,052.09 |
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3) Township Contracts -

LaSalle Township

North Lakeshore Drive
Improvements

SAD

Drainage/Pavement

- 4) Approve the Agreement for Traffic Signal in conjunction with the La-Z-Boy Inc. Headquarters project located at their main driveway and Stewart Road, Frenchtown Charter Township, Monroe County, Michigan, and authorize the Managing Director to sign on behalf of the Board.
- 5) Approve and sign the easement with Joseph O. Fink for South Stony Creek Road, Exeter Township, Monroe County, Michigan.
- 6) *Removed* – moved to #8[1] Unfinished Business.
- 7) Award construction work to low bidder, Anderzack-Pitzen in the amount of \$359,627 for N. Lakeshore Drive SAD improvement project, LaSalle Township, Monroe County, Michigan, and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the March 25, 2015 Consent Agenda as amended. Vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Excused-0 Motion carried

8. Unfinished Business -

- 1) Award bid to low bidder, Great Lakes Western Star, in the amount of \$89,129 each for three (3) single axle trucks, and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Iacoangeli stated the bid letting showed “3 or 4 trucks” and he wanted to know the difference between purchasing 3 or 4 trucks, and why the recommendation was made for only three.

Mr. Masserant explained that \$500,000 was budgeted for three (3) single axle trucks. The bid is for chassis’ only and it would take another \$80,000 to outfit each vehicle which would exhaust the amount budgeted. There may be some areas in the capital budget that could be shifted around and an additional truck could be purchased later. He also explained the Road Commission has applied for a CMAQ grant that will be awarded in July and the Road Commission would need to pay 20% match for that grant which would allow the purchase of 3-4 additional single axle trucks.

Commissioner Iacoangeli asked if the Road Commission budget contained a separate amount for capital equipment or was the amount just budgeted. He hoped the staff looked at all the options available within the capital equipment budget. He explained in his experience with ordering specialized equipment it usually takes additional time and he would like to see trucks ordered as early as possible in order to get them prepped before the snow flies.

Mr. Masserant indicated the budget contains a capital equipment section which included the single axles, some pickups and other items. He explained he would be reviewing the numbers at the end of April to see where the Road Commission was relative to the approved budget and possibly present a budget amendment at that time.

Mr. Pierce added that the staff continues to look at all the options and research possibilities for ways to purchase additional equipment.

Commissioner Iacoangeli asked Maintenance Supervisor Matt Purcell if he had anything to add.

Mr. Purcell indicated all the comments were on target. The single axle trucks are old and the Road Commission needs to update the fleet and equipment.

Commissioner Londo agreed that outfitting the three trucks would eat up the \$500,000 set aside in the budget.

Mr. Masserant stated he was comfortable in purchasing the three trucks at this point and would like to see where the winter maintenance costs come in, be able to review the township contracts and possibly wait on the competitive grant before moving forward to purchase another truck.

Mr. Assenmacher added that the competitive grant is for 2016-2020 and that the capital equipment budget and what the outlay would be and how the budget would be adjusted for the grant provisions.

Commissioner Pace stated the Road Commission needed to be careful what we purchase with people wanting work done on their roads. He felt the Road Commission needed to make sure there was a fine balance between what is spent on equipment and what can be spent on roads. He cited the workshop on Thursday to discuss Plank Road, and people might attend to voice their complaints that work needs to be done to improve that road. He would like to error on the side of caution when spending money on equipment.

Commissioner Iacoangeli moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to award bid to low bidder, Great Lakes Western Star, in the amount of \$89,129 each for three (3) single axle truck. Vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Excused-0 Motion carried

9. New Business -

1) Approve the updated Special Designated, Designated and Normal Loading Roads Policy #2012-31.

Mr. Assenmacher explained this policy was being updated to include All-Season, All-Weather routes including the Samaria Road improvements. It also takes into consideration the Whiteford Township approved truck ordinance. He explained the Board may see this document adjusted and updated in the future as more townships approve truck ordinances. He also included a listing of the normal loading roads that aren't part of the policy for their reference. He added this information would be updated on the Road Commission website as well.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the updated Special Designated, Designated and Normal Loading Roads Policy #2012-31 as presented. Vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Excused-0 Motion carried

10. Report of Officers -

Randy Pierce (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) - Mr. Pierce indicated per the Board's request, the staff prepared a recommendation with regard to the paver.

Mr. Pierce also indicated he recently attended the County's regular meeting to make a general informational presentation to the County on Proposal 15-1 and presented the same information to the Republican Party monthly meeting. Overall the attitude has not been positive for the proposal. He has also been talking with Lansing on funding concerns.

Commissioner Londo inquired why the AFSCME contract that was ratified December 2014 still hasn't been signed.

Mr. Pierce stated that the union has concerns about specific language in the written contract, and the staff and labor attorney will be meeting with the union and their Business Agent on Tuesday, 3/31 to finalize the contract language.

Commissioner Londo stated since a contract hasn't been formally signed, nothing should be implemented from that contract. He also indicated there were other options available to implement the agreement.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated he would like the opportunity to talk with the Managing Director on specific details before the 3/31 meeting.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant had nothing additional to report.

Michael L. Smith (Director of Operations) – Mr. Smith stated all maintenance employees returned to the day shift effective today. The maintenance department is focusing on pothole patching and gravel road maintenance. A few gravel roads will be graded this week but they will need to wait for the roads to tighten up. They are working with the townships on identifying projects for this year, and he is working to finalize the HMA paving and overband crack fill bid packages. Bids will be due 4/21. He reminded the Board of the preventative maintenance workshop Thursday morning at 8am-11am at the Road Commission. This workshop is geared toward local elected officials on how to maintain their roads, and all the Road Commissioners are invited.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher has nothing additional to report.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello indicated he provided information to each member on the bridge postings as requested by the Board. The draft purchasing policy was included in the Managing Director communication and unless there are changes it would be on the 4/13 agenda for Board approval. He explained the existing policy was lengthy and cumbersome, and some of the details contained within the policy would be better served in an SOP. He also continues to work the Mr. Assenmacher and the townships on the truck route ordinances.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated he did a nice job in streamlining the purchasing policy.

11. Public Comment – None.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace thanked Todd Allen and Bronco McKart for working with him at the Bedford Trade Fair. He also acknowledged the recommendation from the staff on the paver. As he previously indicated he would support the staff's recommendation which is not to retain the paver.

Commissioner Stammer also thanked everyone for participating in the Bedford Trade Fair. He stated this year saw the most participation by the entire Board and employees. He also indicated there were more compliments than complaints. He was looking forward to the Monroe County fair booth.

Commissioner Londo had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Minton had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Iacoangeli also thanked everyone who helped with the Bedford Trade Fair booth. He indicated there were a lot of compliments and only a few complaints on snow removal, stoning and potholes. He stated it was overall a positive experience and felt it was nicely attended. He explained that the majority of people did not seem very positive about the proposal issue. He felt the Legislators in Lansing aren't going to be able to accomplish a great deal so the voters need to do something. He also thanked Commissioner Stammer and the staff for all their work on putting information together for the booth.

Commissioner Iacoangeli asked for a moment of silence to remember Doug "Captain" Trouten, a Road Commission retiree who recently passed away.

13. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

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