

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
March 27, 2017**

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 27, 2017 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

PRESENT

Greg W. Stewart

Dan Minton

Stephen J. Pace

Paul Iacoangeli

EXCUSED

Charles A. Londo

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 Stewart to approve the March 27, 2017 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment - None.

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

1) Approval of Minutes- March 13, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 127 Vendor Check #69884

\$ 103,132.92

Void check #69729

\$ 51,566.46

No. 132 Vendor Checks #69884-69926

\$ 170,402.67

No. 144 Payroll Checks #63394-63407 & Advice #20942-21028

\$ 262,549.37

1st Qtr Cafeteria Plan Pmts Checks #63408-63424

\$ 15,178.65

3) Township Contracts

Ash Township

2017 Various Local Road - Calcium Chloride

Berlin Charter Township

Post

Berlin Twp Line to N. Dixie Hwy

Mill&Fill

2017 Various Local Roads - Mineral Well Brine

Dundee Township

2017 Local Road - Mowing

2017 Various Local Roads - Dust Control

2017 Excess Gradall

Erie Township

Bay Creek	Grodi to Summit	Single chip seal
Rauch	US24 to M125	HMA Leveling/Surface
Streeter	Off Erie	Grade/Mineral Well Brine
Victory	Luna Pier to Cousino	Crush&Shape/HMA
2017 Various Local Roads - Mowing		
2017 Various Local Roads - Mineral Well Brine		

Ida Township

2017 Local Roads - Mowing
2017 Local Roads - Dust Control (Chloride/Mineral Well Brine)

Monroe Charter Township

2017 Various Local Roads - Mowing
2017 Various Local Roads - Mineral Well Brine

Raisinville Township

Albain	Strasburg to 1830' W of Goutz	Single chip seal
Baldwin	N Custer to Village limits	Spray Patch/scs
Frary Lane	Off Strasburg	Grade/Stone/Mineral Well
Heiss	E of Finzel to Doederline	Wedge/HMA/Shoulders
Nieman	M-50 to Dunbar	Stone
2017 Local Roads - Mowing		
Excess Gradall		

Summerfield Township

2017 Local Roads - Mowing

- 4) Award bid for Skid Steer Loader and 3 year extended warranty to low bidder Buck & Knobby in the amount of \$40,489.00.
- 5) Approve Contract Modification No. 1 for the 2016 Microsurfacing Program contract in the amount of \$64,595.30 and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.
- 6) Mowing Contractors
Precision Irrigation & Lawn Care, Inc. Bedford, Frenchtown Charter, LaSalle, Monroe Charter, Raisinville, and Whiteford Townships

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the March 27, 2017 Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business - None.

9. New Business -

1) Review Resolution of Support for Michigan's First Road.

A presentation was made at the 3/10 regular meeting by Mr. Davis and Mr. Saul who asked the Road Commission for a Resolution of support.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the Resolution to Support the efforts of the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundations efforts to recognize Hull's Road as Michigan's First Road under the Michigan DOT Pure Michigan Byways Program. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

2) Discussion on project funding.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated the Road Commission is looking to secure a Road Note in the amount of \$5 million for 8 years.

Commissioner Minton stated the staff did a great job with the materials presented during the earlier workshop. He stated early money is good money when dealing and maintaining road assets. He indicated the longer the roads are let go without maintenance, the more it will cost to repair. He liked the projects that were identified for improvement using this road note money.

Commissioner Pace agreed indicating he attempted to get the Road Commission to take this course of action in the 90's. He was concerned about the interest rate coming in too high. He understands it probably won't go that direction, but wanted to his concerns noted.

Commissioner Stewart stated there was a lot of good information presented at the workshop. He questioned if the money being paid for interest is worth what we have the opportunity to do. He understands the possibility of getting good prices on materials. At the conference he recently attended this topic was discussed and it is a good idea, but we don't want to rely on the general fund money in the future. The idea of getting roads up to speed and develop a maintenance plan is going to reduce costs and all add up to a compelling reason to move forward with the road note.

Commissioner Iacoangeli complimented staff for the impressive and progressive program put together for the road note. He appreciated the effort the staff put forth into the presentation. He felt it was a perfect time to move forward with the road note because it we should get good prices on materials, and hopefully a good interest rate.

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve the Resolution Requesting Authorization to Issue Road Notes in the amount of \$5 million for eight (8) years. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

10. Report of Officers -

Randy Pierce (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) - Mr. Pierce has nothing additional to report.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) - Mr. Masserant explained the audit will be wrapped up this week, and the presentation should be at the 4/24 regular meeting. He submitted the February financials to the Board under separate cover.

Mr. Masserant also indicated he received information on the DEQ Grant where the Road Commission has the opportunity to purchase new equipment, replacing winter maintenance vehicles. The split is 75/25 - buy three get one free. The deadlines have been extended and he will be following up with the staff.

Commissioner Iacoangeli inquired about the CMAQ grant that we ended up losing out on. Mr. Masserant indicated that money was reappropriated to interconnect five signals in Bedford Township. The new DEQ grant

Keith C. Richard (Director of Operations) Mr. Richard commended the efforts of David Leach for his extensive knowledge of road treatments in helping to get the information prepared for the workshop. Mr. Leach worked with the assistance of Ross Brown, as well as working with Scott F. Assenmacher. It was a collaborative effort and he applauded all those involved. He added he felt blessed to be part of this team.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) - Mr. Assenmacher indicated Monroe Charter Township signed their truck ordinance, which means half of the townships are onboard. He will start to go back and contact those townships who haven't signed truck ordinances for follow. The goal is to have one contiguous truck system and map.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) - Mr. Costello had nothing additional to report.

11. Public Comment -

Bob Queen, Exeter Township Supervisor, explained that he is still learning who to talk to about certain issues. He would like to know when the Road Commission crews will be working in the township. He felt a quick email to let him know when the crews would be in the township would help him as he is the go between for the citizens. He has talked with Ed Shinevarre about berm removal.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace stated he was pleased that the Road Commission will be moving forward with the \$5 million road note. He only wished more could be spent but it is important to be fiscally conservative. This will help but won't solve all the needs that are out there. He inquired if all the safety issues voiced at a prior meeting had been addressed.

Mr. Pierce indicated all those concerns were discussed at the safety meeting and have been addressed.

Commissioner Pace indicated he talked with his contact from Cadillac Asphalt and Monroe County is taking the lead when it comes to moving on the road note. Instead of waiting, the MCRC is taking the lead and making good choices to start working on projects due to the anticipated increase in funding that will be coming in soon.

Commissioner Stewart indicated he learned a lot at the New Road Commissioner seminar. He also shared information on the Road Commission 2.0 seminar.

Commissioner Stewart thanked Mr. Masserant for the monthly financial update. He shared that the Board gets monthly updates at the seminar and other Road Commissions were in awe that the Board was given monthly budget updates.

Commissioner Londo was excused.

Commissioner Minton stated the staff did a great job in presenting the information to the Board for the road notes. Having the details available made the decision to proceed with the road notes much easier. He said he was proud to be part of the decision.

Commissioner Minton stated the crews did a great job with snow control during the last event.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated he was reminded that we are not out of the snow season just yet. He also thanked the staff for the hard work and time that went into the road note presentation information. He hoped everything moved smoothly at the County level. Monroe County is moving forward.

13. Adjournment -

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

Cheryl A. U'Ran

Cheryl A. U'Ran, Deputy Clerk