

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
April 24, 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, April 24, 2017 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 5:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

PRESENT

Charles A. Londo
Greg W. Stewart
Dan Minton
Stephen J. Pace
Paul Iacoangeli

EXCUSED

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. AUDIT PRESENTATION – Scot Hoskins/Stewart Beauvais & Whipple

Scot Hoskins indicated the Board was given the financial statement to review. There was also a performance audit completed. There were two letters provided to the Board. The opinion was an unmodified opinion, which is the best you can receive. The financial statement provides an overview of the financial statement structure of the Road Commission.

Mr. Hoskins went through the fund balance information and various required reporting statements. He offered to answer any questions.

The Board thanked Mr. Hoskins for the presentation.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Commissioner Iacoangeli opened the Public Hearing on the Jacobs Road Abandonment at 5:47 p.m.

With no comments, the public hearing was closed at 5:48 p.m.

Commissioner Iacoangeli opened the Public Hearing on the Daisy Dell Drive and Cowell Drive Abandonment at 5:48 p.m.

With no comments, the public hearing was closed at 5:49 p.m.

7. Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the April 24, 2017 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Public Comment –

Peggy Taylor-Albaugh, 5444 N. County Line Road, just voicing a continued concern for the work needed on N. County Line Road.

Claudette Cicora was in attendance for the abandonment hearing for Jacobs Drive. The Resolution was needed in order for them to close on their home.

Mr. Blaz from the audience asked about the item on the agenda regarding the mailbox to be removed.

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

Commissioner Minton asked to pull Item #11 was pulled for further discussion.

1) Approval of Minutes- April 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

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| No. 196 Vendor checks #70028-70078 | \$ 602,782.63 |
| No. 220 Payroll Checks #63438-63451 & Advice #21116-21202 | \$ 225,850.67 |
| Void Check #63433 MI State Disbursement Unit | \$ 0.00 |
| Reissue Check #63437 MI State Disbursement Unit | |
| No. 221 Vendor Checks #70079-70136 | \$ 181,614.91 |

3) Township Contracts

Monroe Charter Township

Eastwood Bridge @ Plum Creek

Bridge Replacement

Raisinville Township

2017 Various Local Roads – Mineral Well Brine

4) Mowing Contracts

Precision Irrigation and Lawn Care

Erie, Ida, and Summerfield Townships

5) Award HMA Paving Program bid to low bidder, Cadillac Asphalt, LLC, in the amount of \$5,148,704.50 and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

6) Award bid for the purchase of three (3) new tandem axle trucks and one (1) single axle truck from Selking International in the amount of \$401,647; and Truck and Trailer Specialties for equipment for the four (4) trucks in the amount of \$396,883.00, and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

7) Award bid for 2017 Pavement Marking Program to low bidder, Michigan Pavement Markings LLC in the amount of \$133,745.00 and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

8) Approve the 2017 As-Needed Inspection and Testing Services agreement with Hennessey Engineers, Inc. and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

9) Approve the 2017 As-Needed Inspection and Testing Services agreement with The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

10) Approve the 2017 As-Needed Inspection and Testing Services agreement with Northwest Consultants, Inc. and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

11) Removed for further discussion.

- 12) Approve the Resolution and MDOT contract for the hot mix asphalt resurfacing projects on Ida East Road [0.5 mile E of Lewis to Geiger]; Geiger Road [Ida East to Dunbar]; Lewis Avenue [Lulu to Westwood]; Newport Road [US24 to I275 and 1000' W of Swan Creek to Swan Creek]; Swan Creek Road [I75 to North Dixie Hwy]; and Dunbar Road [US24 to M125]; and authorize the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.
- 13) Approve the Resolution and MDOT contract for the microsurfacing project on Lewis Avenue [Michigan state line to Pickard Road], Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan; and authorize the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.
- 14) Approve the Resolutions for the 2020 Michigan Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program Funding for the following bridges:
 - Dennison Road, crossing North Macon Creek
 - Lenawee County Line Road, crossing Milan Macon Drain
 - Knab Road, crossing Otter Creek
 - Deerfield Road, crossing the River Raisin
 - Mentel Road, crossing Stony Creek
- 15) Approve the Resolution and MDOT contract for bridges on Dennison Road [Middle Branch of Macon Creek, Dundee Township], Eastwood Drive [over Plum Creek, Monroe Charter Township]; and Ostrander Road [over Macon Drain, Milan Township]; and authorize the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the April 24, 2017 Consent Agenda as presented/amended. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- 11) Approve removal of unlawful mail structure located at 2525 W. Labo Road, Carleton, Michigan.

Commissioner Minton felt the member of the audience wanted to address this concern. The MCRC brochure outlines the types of acceptable mailboxes that can be placed in the right-of-way. Mr. Pierce indicated letters are being sent to homeowners who are not in compliance with the procedures when mailbox structures are identified.

Mr. Blaz indicated there are other structures that safety issues besides his and felt he was being singled out. He felt the mailbox was built as a break away structure.

Commissioner Pace indicated he could move the structure out of the right-of-way but any type of mailbox that presents a safety issue needs to be addressed and removed. He apologized for the inconvenience but felt the staff was correct in their assessment and he was being asked to remove it.

Commissioner Stewart asked if the MCRC was in compliance with Federal Regulations. Mr. Assenmacher indicated yes. Commissioner Stewart felt the MCRC should be more strict in enforcing mailbox non-compliance.

Commissioner Pace moved, support by Commissioner Minton to remove the unlawful mail structure located at 2525 W. Labo Road, Carleton, Michigan. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 Motion carried.

10. Unfinished Business – None.

11. New Business -

- 1) Approve the Resolution Amending the List of Road Improvements for the 2017 Road Notes.

Mr. Pierce indicated new roads needed to be added to the list that was previously approved by the Board for the \$5million road note. Mr. Masserant indicated the estimates were updated based on actual pricing which allowed more designated projects to be added to the note list.

Commissioner Minton moved, supported by Commissioner Stewart to approve the Resolution Amending the List of Road Improvements for the 2017 Road Notes. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

12. Report of Officers -

Randy Pierce (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) - Mr. Pierce updated the Board on the progress of the NE Salt Facility.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) - Mr. Masserant indicated he should have budget amendment prepared for next regular meeting.

Keith Richard (Director of Operations) - Mr. Richard updated the Board on maintenance activities. He indicated the 4-10 schedule would commence on May 22nd. Preparations will start for chloride treatments so spray patch will slow down. Cadillac Paving will start milling processes in early May.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) - Mr. Assenmacher provided an update on the truck route ordinances. He has talked with Bedford Township to answer some of their questions and address concerns. He also updated the Board on the distributive antenna issues and a workshop may be scheduled to allow the Board and townships to learn more about this issue and answer questions.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) - Mr. Costello explained the Court doesn't hear appeals from the MCRC when reasonable discretion has been exercised. He also updated the Board on the accident and the MCRC has taken the next step to file a suit against the driver that took out the signal at Lewis and Smith.

13. Public Comment - None.

14. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace thanked the staff for all the work they do to provide information to the Board on outstanding issues. He said the guys out back are doing a great job.

Commissioner Stewart explained he visited Senator Zorn's office and he continues to push about the stability and assurance that the second half of the funding will be locked in. He was told it was there, but it could be changed with the future changeover in Lansing.

Commissioner Londo had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Minton stated with the road note this summer is going to be very busy. Cadillac Asphalt is scheduled to do 65-70 days of paving this summer. The staff has done a great job in preparing this work and responding to questions.

Commissioner Iacoangeli said it was regrettable that the Board had to take an opposing view and action from that of a citizen, but as long as we are following the standards and guidelines that is what needs to be done. The Board has an obligation to the rest of the community to follow the policies.

13. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

Cheryl A. U'Ran, Deputy Clerk