

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
MONROE, MICHIGAN  
May 8, 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, May 8, 2017 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

**PRESENT**

**EXCUSED**

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

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 Stewart moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the May 8, 2017 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment -

Gary Lazette, Dundee Township Trustee, voiced concerns about the safety at the intersection of Dixon and Wells Road. There was an accident in October, 2015 that resulted in a fatality, and another accident in April, 2017 that resulted in a double fatality. The Dundee Township Supervisor contacted the MCRC about turning this intersection into a 4 way stop. The MCRC replied the request didn't warrant that type of signage due to past crash history. He would like the Board to reconsider the Township's request to make this intersection a 4-way stop.

Tim Bordine, Village of Dundee Trustee, concurred with Mr. Lazette's concerns for safety at this intersection. He indicated he walks four miles daily, and encounters this intersection daily. He has noticed very few drivers stop at this intersection and he has been hit by truck mirrors on his walks. He felt making this a 4-way stop would help slow down traffic. The Village and Township residents would appreciate if the Board would reconsider the request for a 4-way stop.

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

1) Approval of Minutes- April 24, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 251 Payroll Checks #63452-63461 & Advice #21203-21291	\$ 234,306.45
Bank Service Charge - April 2017	\$ 90.90
No. 252 Vendor Checks #70137-70194	\$ 287,021.21

3) Township Contracts

Ash Township

2017 Various Local Roads - Mowing

Bedford Township

Substation	Minx to dead end	Single chip seal
Village Meadows Subdivision	Off Temperance	OBC



13) Award the full construction engineering services contract for the Lewis Avenue microsurfacing project to Tyme Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$44,921.00 and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

14) Award bid for the 2017 and 2018 Street Sweeping Services to all responding vendors.

Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the May 8, 2017 Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business – None.

9. New Business – None.

10. Report of Officers –

*Randy Pierce* (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce indicated the bid opening via conference call for the Road Notes will be on May 15<sup>th</sup>; negotiations with both unions are continuing, and there was a microsurface hiccup on Dunbar Road which will be fixed in June.

*Phillip C. Masserant* (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant indicated in addition to the the bid opening for the MTF Road Notes he reviewed all the projects scheduled for 2017 and developed a draft of the budget amendment was distributed to the Board for review. If there are questions, please let him know. The budget amendment would be on the 5/22 consent agenda for approval. He explained the MCRC would be seeing \$39 mil worth of expenditures in 2017 which is a banner year. There may be some carry over projects since the fiscal year begins October 1.

*Keith C. Richard* (Director of Operations) – Mr. Richard updated the Board on the maintenance division operations. Chip seal operations will be next week, last year it didn't start until July. Due to the earlier start the success rate should be much better. There are fifty percent more chip seals scheduled in 2017 than the prior year. The milling contractor has started work and encountered some weather issues which took one project off schedule. David Leach is working with the contractor on coordinating projects. Mr. Richard indicated grading of roads is being performed in both East and West Divisions in preparation for chloriding and mineral brine, but the rain last week created issues.

*Scott Assenmacher* (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher explained the Board was given a draft of the Guidelines for Platted and Unplatted Development. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Assenmacher. The public hearing is scheduled for the first regular meeting in June.

Mr. Assenmacher stated a workshop has been scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Village of Dundee for Limited Wireless Network Access within the Road Right-of-Way (DaS – Distributive Antenna Services). Invitations will be sent to the MCRC Board, County Commissioners, Townships, Cities, Villages and Lansing officials. Bill Henn who is the MCRCSIP Legal Advisor will be the key note speaker. This forum will allow discussion of the efforts and allow time for questions and answers.

Mr. Assenmacher also indicated the first letting for 2017 TIP Federal Aid projects was held last Friday, and all came in under the estimate. There will other bid openings later in the season.

*Philip Costello* (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello updated the Board on the 2 lawsuits filed. One defendant has not be located and served yet. And the Park Place Plat in Frenchtown Township is being amended to move a water main, and the MCRC is always notified but our interests are protected.

11. Public Comment – None.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

*Commissioner Pace* explained the Board would love to prevent all fatalities, but often times the criteria for placing 4-way stops just isn't there. He has been involved with these type of things for over 30 years and it isn't an easy process to get additional stop signs installed. He added that these types of signs do not always slow down the traffic and it doesn't always prevent future accidents if people aren't paying attention.

Mr. Assenmacher added that if the traffic doesn't warrant action, it could create other issues but it could provide options for other type of safety grant funds in the future.

*Commissioner Stewart* agreed that the staff needed to follow the Federal and State criteria when installing signs. He also received several emails that he will forward to the staff for follow up.

*Commissioner Londo* noted that he voted no on item #7(11) in the 4/24 minutes and wanted that change reflected in the minutes.

*Commissioner Minton* acknowledged that the staff uses the traffic manual when determining signs, but he asked Mr. Assenmacher to look into how many fatalities it takes to get a 4-way stop installed.

*Commissioner Iacoangeli* cited the nice presentation by MCRC Staff at the SE Council meeting last week. Mr. Assenmacher and Mr. Richard did a nice job in presenting information on the PR work and trade fairs that we participate in, along with innovative ideas implemented by our MCRC staff. There were four components discussed and the topics were well received.

13. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

*Cheryl A. U'Ran*

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Cheryl A. U'Ran, Deputy Clerk