

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
June 13, 2016**

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, June 13, 2016 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 5:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

PRESENT	EXCUSED
Charles A. Londo	Dan Minton
Bruce R. Stammer, Jr.	
Stephen J. Pace	
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 Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the June 13, 2016 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment -

Darrick Whitaker, 4990 Southpointe Pkwy, secretary for the Southpointe HOA, presented a letter to the Board asking that stop signs be installed for speed control in their subdivision.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated the letter would be forwarded to the staff for their review and recommendation.

James Alexander, 1337 Longfellow, indicated he has been working with Greg Stewart (Bedford Supervisor), Mr. Pierce and Scott Assenmacher. He has also discussed this issue with Barry Buschmann about heaving in his subdivision. The residents did improvements through an SAD and there are cracks in the road and he wanted to know the corrective action that needed to be taken. He understands that neither the Road Commission or Bedford Township has the money to do crack sealing, and he asked about doing the sealing these cracks himself.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated Mr. Alexander was welcome to stay after the meeting to discuss this issue with the staff.

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

1) Approval of Minutes- May 23, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 322 Vendor Checks #68351-68402	\$ 350,840.34
No. 346 Payroll Checks #63083-63095 & Advice #19037-19134	\$ 243,219.85
Bank Service Charge - May 2016	\$ 93.90
IEA Signing Check #63096	\$ 500.00
No. 354 Vendor Checks #68403-68469	\$ 255,157.46
Void Checks #66603, 66764, 66997	\$ 2,983.73
Bank Fees - May 2016	\$ 20.00

3) Township Contracts

Ash Township

Berlin	Btwn Ready & Carleton Rockwood	1200ft of Ditching
Newburg	At US 24	HMA/Gravel shoulders
2016 Local Roads – Calcium Chloride		

Dundee Township

Dennison	Macon Drain 2 to Mid Macon Drain	HMA/Shoulders/Pvmt
Mrkg		
Stewart	Plank to E Twp Line	Single seal

Erie Township

Cemetery	Rauch to Erie	Spray Patch/Single Seal
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Exeter Township

Colf	Sumpter to Cappernall	Zone Patch/Single Seal
2016 Local Road – Mineral Well Brine		

LaSalle Township

2016 Local Roads – Mineral Well Brine

Milan Township

2016 Local Roads – Mowing
2016 Local Roads – Mineral Well Brine

4) Approve the Preliminary Plat for Brookwood Plat Two, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan.

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the June 13, 2016 Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business -

9. New Business -

Phil Heath, Milan Township Supervisor, indicated his township has some road millage money they would like to spend on turning County Line Road, from Day to Cone, back to gravel using the crushed concrete discussed at previous meeting. He indicated the township had about \$80,000 and it would be a great opportunity to save money and get the work done.

Mr. Pierce indicated he would recommend partnering with Milan Township to turn this section of road back to gravel. The estimate was approximately \$110,344 for the section between Cone and Day Road to crush and shape with no trenching, using virgin stone. The road could be prepared at 22 foot width for future paving if the Board so directed.

Commissioner Iacoangeli asked if that was acceptable to Milan Township. Mr. Heath indicated that would be acceptable but they may need to reduce the width to stay within their budget.

Commissioner Pace asked if the \$110,000 was for the entire 2+ miles. Mr. Pierce indicated yes using 3 inches of 21A stone. The cost could be reduced using the crushed concrete material.

Mr. Heath said that would be acceptable to him. He also indicated that homeowners weren't happy when the section from Cone to Hickory was turned to gravel at first, but once it got packed down it became a nice road to drive on. He said he would be willing to look to the future for possibly paving, but for now this saves money and provides a good surface.

Commissioner Pace indicated there were still 2+ miles of N. County Line Road in Dundee Township that should be addressed. He indicated staff has talked with the contractor that will be working on Brewer Road and they are able to perform a full-depth reclamation on the southern portion of N. County Line Road. So for about \$350,000 the southern portion could have a double seal put on it and the northern portion could be turned to gravel and prepared for a single seal or future paving. Commissioner Pace felt the citizens have waited long enough and it was their turn.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated the discussion is a good one and he applauded Mr. Heath for wanting to go forward to do work on this road in his township. Everyone can agree this road needs work but he felt the Board should wait until the staff presents additional information on the southern portion of N. County Line Road.

Commissioner Londo asked what would be the Road Commission's portion and inquired if the Board needed to make a motion. Mr. Costello indicated the board would need to make a motion to give the Managing Director the authority to move forward with the concept to partner with Milan Township on N. County Line Road.

The Board asked what the Road Commission's portion would be. Mr. Pierce indicated based on the estimate using the virgin 21A stone, the Road Commission's portion would be approximately \$30-\$40K, but it could be less if they used the crushed concrete material. Commissioner Londo liked that type of deal.

Commissioner Londo moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the Managing Director to proceed with partnering with Milan Township for turning the section of N. County Line Road (from Day to Cone) back to gravel. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

10. Report of Officers –

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

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant started the 2014 Trunkline audit and is in the process of gathering the information. He is also working on a budget amendment, and has started the 2017 budget process.

Keith Richard (Director of Operations) – Mr. Richard had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Londo inquired about the repairs done on N. County Line Road. Mr. Richard explained that he visited the site, provided guidance and spoke with the Supervisor and Crew Leader on a regular basis. He added the shoulder work is still underway.

Commissioner Londo asked if he assessed the quality of work that was done. Mr. Richard felt the work done was admirable. The dilemma is the amount of potholes. The crews used the durapatcher on 200' south of M-50 to help bind the cold patch better, and it did a good job. He explained there were soft spots due to berm issues. He stated the crews did a good job trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. Mr. Pierce added the cost for using the durapatcher on the first 200' south of M-50 was about \$700 for material. He also visited the site and watched some of the work being done and was pleased with the quality.

Commissioner Londo asked if the staff was still looking for other possibilities and resolutions rather than turn this section of road to stone.

Mr. Pierce explained his recommendation would still be to turn this section to stone, crush and shape, let it set for a year or so, then if funding becomes available start addressing one (1) mile at a time to turn it back to a hard surface. If the Board elects to chip seal this road he would recommend base stabilizing first which adds to the cost. He agreed a plan needed to be outlined and explained to the township and citizens on how the MCRC would move forward on this road.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher updated the Board on the Ida West Road project bid opening. The bids came in much higher than anticipated and the engineering staff is working with MDOT and SEMCOG. Based on the contract language, the MCRC is targeting keeping our contribution to 8 percent, but there is more checking that needs to be done. A justification letter was sent to MDOT explaining the reasoning for the increased costs and we are waiting for a response. He will keep the Board posted.

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

11. Public Comment -

Peggy Taylor-Haugh, N County Line Road – Ridgeway Township, stated the residents will continue to attend meetings and do not want their road turned to stone. The work being done on the shoulders has created a dusty mess. She praised the crews saying the work done has been good. She commended the Road Commission for trying and stated the patching has made a difference. She indicated that Ridgeway Township is doing full-depth reclamation work this year and it is a lot of money upfront, but it would last a long time.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace stated that Brewer Road in Dundee Township is being worked on this year and the contractor indicated the Road Commission could get a good price to do the same type of work on the 2 mile section of N. County Line Road. He estimated the cost would be about \$250,000 for a double seal on the 2.2 miles south of M-50 should the Board be willing to approve that type of plan. This road has been neglected for years due to lack of money available and he felt putting money into a full-depth reclamation would be very smart. At the very least, the Road Commission should turn the road back to gravel and start work to return it to a hard top starting next year.

Commissioner Stammer stated he understood the residents of N. County Line Road don't want a gravel road, but the Road Commission needs to look at the costs of maintenance on this road. He stated we can't always spent money on the worst roads and neglect road preservation to keep good roads in good shape.

Commissioner Londo had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Minton was excused.

Commissioner Iacoangeli had nothing additional to report.

13. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

Cheryl A. U'Ran, Deputy Clerk

