

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
June 26, 2017 -- Corrected**

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 26, 2017 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 5:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

PRESENT

Dan Minton
Stephen J. Pace
Charles A. Londo
Paul Iacoangeli

EXCUSED

Greg W. Stewart

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 Pace to approve the June 26, 2017 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment -

Peggy Taylor Albaugh, 5444 N. County Line Road, Britton, thanked the Board for the work done on North County Line Road. She stated cars are flying down this road, but overall with the exception of a few things that are going to be addressed and corrected, residents are happy and impressed with the work done. Thank you.

David Hoffman, County Commissioner, thanked the Board for doing their job.

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

1) Approval of Minutes- June 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

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| No. 345 Payroll Checks#63488-63505 & Advice #21488-21687 | \$ 246,253.66 |
| Bank Service Charge - May 2017 | \$ 171.60 |
| No. 346 Vendor Checks #70428-70469 | \$ 320,657.99 |
| Void Check #70330 | \$ 299.00 |
| No. 355 Vendor Checks #70470-70517 | \$4,260,305.75 |

3) Township Contracts

Milan Township
2017 Local Roads Chloride

4) Approve the Resolution to post gross weight load limits on Sweitzer Road bridge at Swan Creek and suitable signs erected, Ash Township, Monroe County, Michigan as follows:

One Unit Vehicle 27 Tons
Two Unit Vehicle 37 Tons
Three Unit Vehicle 50 Tons

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the June 26, 2017 Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business –

1) Continued discussion on Indian Acres/Sterns Road drainage improvements.

Mr. Pierce indicated additional information was provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Londo asked if the work had been deemed routine maintenance or whose responsibility is it for drainage on this project. He asked if the staff would be providing a recommendation for the Board to review.

Mr. Pierce explained whose responsibility this falls under is the big debate. The drainage problems are located on the local road portion of this project and the Board has a cost sharing policy in place that address contributions to local road projects. The Board has taken a position to focus on maintaining primary roads with Act 51 monies. This request is out of the norm and is strictly a Board decision.

Steve Bouws, Mannik & Smith, explained that there has been an ongoing problem with drainage and the MCRC was out with the jet crews last week trying to clean and was unable to get through because the outlet pipe is gone and there is nothing left to clean. The line runs between two homes and the back of the subdivision. There is no record of where the pipe goes and it is believed that about 600 feet runs through private property as there are no easements on record. There is no way to access this outside the right-of-way on Sterns Road. This all runs through private property and no way to replace. This main outlet drains about three-quarters of the subdivision to Sterns Road.

Commissioner Pace felt this was the only reasonable solution, but wanted to make sure any action taken by the Board did not set a precedent. He felt the MCRC should contribute the portion of the project that affects the primary road, and Bedford Township should be able to throw in the local share since they are getting taxes from over 100 homeowners that will benefit from this improvement. The other option would be to advance funds from the township's 2018 local road monies for this project.

Commissioner Londo asked if the amount being requested is the same as last week -- \$92,000. Mr. Pierce indicated yes.

Commissioner Londo indicated Bedford Board Member Paul Francis attended the last meeting and he was asked how much Bedford Township could contribute. Mr. Francis stated he would take the suggestion back to his board. Commissioner Londo asked if anyone has heard what Bedford would be willing to contribute to this project, outside of the SAD. Mr. Pierce indicated he has not heard anything from Bedford Township.

Trudy Hershberger, Bedford Township Clerk, asked if this additional drainage project doesn't pass, would the drainage ever get fixed. The homeowners aren't going to want to invest \$900,000 and still have drainage issues and flooding. She added there are times when it rains that the roads are impassable due to excessive flooding.

Mr. Pierce explained this is a local road issue and there are limits on how much the Road Commission can invest in a local road project. The MCRC can spend the \$40,000 on the primary road portion of this project if Bedford is willing to cover the local road portion.

Mr. Pierce also indicated that the Bedford Township Supervisor requested an advance on their local road allocation from 2018 in the amount of \$57,000 for trenching on School Road. A contract was sent to the Supervisor and the MCRC requested their board sign since it was their 2018 allocation. Ms. Hershberger indicated she wasn't aware of that request.

Mr. Masserant explained Bedford would have approximately \$29,000 left in their 2018 road allotment that could be used on the Indian Acres project if they wanted.

Commissioner Pace stated Bedford Township needed to account for \$52,000 for the local portion and the MCRC would commit to the \$40,000 spend on the primary portion. Ms. Hershburger indicated she would take it back to her board.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated that would be the best solution, but that would require a contribution from Bedford Township to make this project move forward.

Ms. Hershburger asked if the Road Commission would be willing to make a motion to approve the \$40,000 so she could tell her Board that the MCRC has formally committed to that amount.

Mr. Bouws explained if the MCRC would be willing to commit to the \$40,000 to be used on the Sterns Road primary section, the township would work with Mannik & Smith and the residents on getting the remaining \$52,000. He reminded everyone that this is all still contingent on the bids coming in within estimates.

Commissioner Minton didn't feel there was an urgency for the MCRC Board to act. He was not comfortable as there were too many unknowns. He would like to see what Bedford comes back with.

Commissioner Iacoangeli felt the project was doable and the MCRC could commit to the \$40,000 to be used on the primary section of this project, and approving it might put a little added pressure on Bedford Township. This is a workable solution.

Commissioner Pace indicated the MCRC is committing to spending money on a primary road to improve the drainage that benefits the traveling public. This was not setting any type of precedent if monies are being spent on a primary road.

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Londo to approve the expenditure for the Sterns Roads drainage improvements not to exceed \$40,000, contingent upon the project moving forward based on the bids coming in within engineer's estimate, and Bedford Township contributing the remaining portion for the local road portion of the project.

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| Roll Call Vote: | Pace | Yes |
| | Londo | Yes |
| | Minton | Yes |
| | Iacoangeli | Yes |
| | Stewart | Excused |

Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

9. New Business – None.

10. Report of Officers –

Randy Pierce (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce indicated Raisinville Township Supervisor, Gerry Blanchett, was in attendance to talk about the proposed Stewart Road project.

Mr. Pierce explained that Raisinville Township met with the MCRC to discuss work on Stewart Road, from Doty to Sheets which is part of the local road system, and also Doty Road from N. Custer to Stewart which primary. Fire trucks refuse to use Doty Road because of the over crowned road.

The MCRC put together two contracts which included Raisinville Township's road allocation monies for the next three years, and Mr. Blanchette doesn't feel his board would approve those contracts.

Gerry Blanchette, Raisinville Township Supervisor, explained the township is interested in completing the Stewart Road corridor that was started back in the days of Ralph Lange. He explained that Raisinville Township has partnered with the MCRC on several projects on Stewart Road– twice under Lange from Raisinville to Doty Road; then again under Penrod for the section of Stewart Road east of Raisinville to Bates Lane in Frenchtown. There is a 2.9 mile dead spot from Doty west to Sheets that needs to be addressed.

This is a heavily traveled corridor and needs to be finished. Raisinville Township has \$140,000 cash to put into both projects and agreed to use their 2018 road allocation of \$138,000 (\$110K for primary roads and \$28K for local roads) to apply to these projects for a total of \$278,000. Raisinville Township spoke with Stoneco who is willing to contribute 300 ton of asphalt for these projects which equals about \$16,000 in material. That would give the Township a \$294,000 contribution and the remaining \$202,000 would need to come from the MCRC. Doty Road is primary road and is it unsafe and unable to be utilized by the fire department. Raisinville has always partnered with the Road Commission on primary roads in the past, and is always willing to look at projects from a joint perspective and he is now asking the Road Commission to reconsider how these two projects would be funded as he is not in favor of committing the township's road allocation for the next three years.

Mr. Pierce indicated it would require a contribution of \$202,000 from the Road Commission's general fund to make this project work, and complete a major corridor. This would complete the Stewart Road corridor from Bluebush all the way to Plank Road.

Commissioner Londo indicated there was a lot of numbers being thrown into the conversation and he was confused and the different numbers weren't blending in his mind. He asked Mr. Pierce to put together a proposal and budget to present to the board for review before the next meeting.

Commissioner Iacoangeli wanted to clarify that the original proposal submitted to Raisinville Township accounted for three years of their road allocations monies.

Mr. Pierce indicated that was correct, but the staff is now looking at other options. He added Raisinville Township has been a very good partner on projects in the past. He felt the MCRC could look at other options to work with Raisinville Township since Mr. Blanchette indicated his board was not supportive of using their three years of road allocation monies.

Mr. Blanchette stated the township was willing to use the 2018 road allocation monies but not three years' worth. The township has always been willing to help on primary roads and felt the Road Commission could return the favor. He added that Cadillac Asphalt offered to finance the entire project for one year, interest free for both parties, if needed.

Mr. Pierce indicated he would put information together for the Board's review before the next meeting.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant indicated he provided the board with the financial report as of 5/31/2017, which includes the proceeds from the road notes. Approximately \$3.8 million has been spent on paving projects which is a lot of HMA put down in six week. He stated about \$2.5 million of the \$5 million road notes has been paid out for paving.

Keith C. Richard (Director of Operations) – Mr. Richard indicated he was working with Mannik & Smith on the NE Salt facility. They have been going over the site plan and the environmental study. There are a few wetlands areas that have been identified, but they are minimal which is good news. Once everything has been reviewed, the site plan will be submitted to Ash Township for approval. Mannik & Smith is waiting on information back from DEQ. A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday.

Mr. Richard advised the Board that approximately 60 percent of the chip seals have been completed due to some weather issues. The new tar distributor came in and was calibrated and seems to be working well. The maintenance division will lose four temporary employees the week after July 4th so they will make do with what they have and continue to make progress.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher indicated the Bedford DDA microsurfacing bid came in too high and it was rejected. They will re-evaluate. Trenching work on Ida East will start before the cold in place is put down and the work will be videoed by a drone. He also explained he continues to work on the temporary test rumble strips application which will be put down as soon as possible.

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

11. Public Comment -

David Hoffman, County Commissioner, inquired about a culvert at Stewart and Baldwin Roads where it floods. Gerry Blanchette indicated he talked with Chris Stanley and the Road Commission is aware of the issue.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Stewart – excused.

Commissioner Londo had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Minton stated Gerry Blanchette and Raisinville Township have always been good partners and willing to step up and work with the Road Commission. He felt the Stewart Road project would benefit the county and was excited about this project.

Commissioner Iacoangeli had nothing additional to report.

13. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

Cheryl A. U'Ran, Deputy Clerk