

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
July 10, 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, July 10, 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

Charles A. Londo

Dan Minton

Paul Iacoangeli

EXCUSED

Stephen J. Pace

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 July 10, 2017 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment -

Tim Lake, Monroe County Business Development Corporation, addressed the Board about a business looking to locate in the Bedford Industrial Park, in the former Michelin warehouse. He met with a business last week to learn the company would operate 6 days a week running 2-10 hours shifts, and would provide 300 new jobs to the community. The company provides sequencing and metering for the Jeep plant in Toledo. This involves about 700 in and out bound vehicles using this road.

Mr. Lake indicated that Crabb Road is in rough shape and transportation of these sensitive parts is critical, so it would require upgrades to the road. The potential business needs everything operational by November 1st.

Barry Buschmann, Mannik & Smith, indicated the road is substandard, is deteriorating and is experiencing severe alligator cracking. Mannik & Smith has been working with Bedford Township on improvements to Crabb Road, but with the influx of additional vehicles, it is need of more overall improvement. After careful review and in an attempt to expedite improvements for 2017, a full-depth reclamation would be recommended with two courses of asphalt. They would like the Board to consider expanding the Road Commission's county-wide bid for HMA to include this project at 100% cost to Bedford Township. In the future, the township would look at bidding out separate contract work for the guardrail, drainage, driveways, and shoulder improvements for next spring.

Al Prieur, Bedford Township Deputy Supervisor, apologized for the short notice but this is an opportunity to add 300 new jobs to Bedford Township and Monroe County. He would like to be able to take a contract to the Bedford Township board on 7/18 for their approval. The company locating in the Industrial Park is good for economic development for Bedford and Monroe County overall.

Mr. Lake added the company is indicating these are new jobs, not relocating employees and they expect to grow in the future.

Commissioner Iacoangeli thanked them for the information.

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

1) Approval of Minutes- June 26, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 367 Payroll Checks #63521-63532 & Advice #21588-21696	\$ 248,735.99
2 nd quarter Cafeteria Checks #63506-63520	\$ 14,532.75
No. 377 Vendor Checks #70518-70613	\$2,550,994.31
Bank Fees – June 2017	\$ 6.00

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the July 10, 2017 Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business – None.

9. New Business –

Commissioner Minton inquired about the length of Crabb Road that needed to be improved and if there were any renovations needed to the building. Mr. Lake responded it was less than one mile. Mr. Lake added that the current facility is open warehouse space and the company would be bringing in their own racking system and work stations.

Commissioner Stewart explained the section of Crabb from Telegraph to Sterns is a little less than one mile. He stated the building is in good shape. He also indicated this section of Crabb Road is not primary, and inquired if it was eligible for any economic development dollars. He would like to see how much this improvement would cost.

Mr. Lake stated they have made application with MDOT for TDF funds for Hollingsworth, but it doesn't qualify because it is logistics, and not manufacturing. He indicated TDF funds would not qualify for this customer either.

Mr. Buschmann explained the physical road work is estimated at \$300,000 for the full-depth reclamation and 2 courses of asphalt if it could be included under the county-wide HMA program.

Commissioner Iacoangeli asked about the next step for the board. Mr. Pierce explained this section of Crabb Road is part of the local road system. Also, the current HMA contract with Cadillac is maxed out, but the company is willing to add the project should the Board approve it. In order for the Crabb Road project to move forward under the county-wide HMA program, the Board would need to approve an addition to the contract with Cadillac.

Phillip Costello, Legal Counsel, agreed that it is the Board's policy so it would be their prerogative to allow the addition to the contract.

Mr. Pierce indicated that Bedford Township has mentioned turning this section of local road into a primary road but that would take time to accomplish. Mr. Assenmacher explained this would need to be discussed at the Federal Aid Committee level and it is not an easy process. It is a system of give and take, which would require a primary road being reduced to a local road in order to elevate Crabb from a local to a primary status. He also indicated just because a road is considered primary doesn't necessarily mean it is Federal Aid eligible. It would include the State, SEMCOG and the Road Commission when making the final decision.

Commissioner Iacoangeli verified that Bedford Township wasn't asking for the road to be changed to a primary road at this time, and that no monies were being solicited from the Road Commission for this project and only piggy back onto the existing HMA program.

Mr. Pierce confirmed that the understanding was the township wasn't seeking the change to a primary road at this time, and that the Road Commission would not be contributing any funds to this project.

Commissioner Stewart asked if approval needed to come in the form of a motion that identified the exception to the MCRC policy. Mr. Costello indicated the motion would need wording to include specific language to cover the Board making an exception to the policy.

Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve Crabb Road project being added under the 2017 County-wide HMA program contingent upon meeting state requirements in coordination with, or as an exemption to the MCRC purchasing policy, and with the understanding that no funds were being contributed by the MCRC for this project. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

10. Report of Officers –

Randy Pierce (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce indicated the Board was given information on the breakdown for the Doty/Stewart Road project for Raisinville Township.

Commissioner Iacoangeli asked if the two Raisinville projects would be completed in the 2017 or 2018 construction season. Mr. Pierce explained that Cadillac Asphalt could complete the work as soon as contracts can be put in place. Mr. Masserant prefers to have the work and bills reflected in the 2018 budget which would require the work to be done after 10/2/2017. Unless the Board had any objection to the information presented, Mr. Pierce would follow up and have a contract for the Board's approval at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Pierce also indicated the rumble strips at the Dixon/Wells Road intersection have been put down last week. Keith C. Richard and Scott F. Assenmacher did a good job working with the contractor on the placement of these strips. Signs at the intersection have been upgraded as well. Mr. Pierce stated he has already received phone calls complaining about the rumble strips.

Commissioner Londo asked how many and nature of the calls. Mr. Pierce indicated 3 or 4 calls and the complaints were about the noise. He has told the callers this is only a test. The staff will monitor these strips over the next several months.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant was excused.

Keith C. Richard (Director of Operations) – Mr. Richard explained chip seals were not done last week due to the shortage of manpower because of the holiday. It will be a day-to-day process this week because of the rain predicted in our area. To date, about 75 miles of chip seals have been completed.

Mr. Richard provided an updated on the progress for the NE salt facility that will be located on Labo Road off Telegraph Road. The DEQ confirmed the findings from Mannik & Smith of two small wetlands areas. The MCRC will be able to utilize the western portion of the property using a culvert as a connector over the county drain. Main access will be off Labo Road with the main focus of work being the easterly third of the property for this year. The property will have an abbreviated barn, power, fencing, hard driving surface, water service for vactor trucks, gates, etc.

The next process will be to obtain a DEQ permit for the culverts, and hope to get that approval by Labor Day. The next step would be to get site plan approval from Ash Township. The goal is to have the salt barn in place by Thanksgiving. Phase 2 would include an equipment storage area.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher indicated the Federal Aid projects are moving along. Four roads are being prepped for work later this week.

Mr. Assenmacher provided pictures and an explanation of the rumble strips placed at the intersection of Dixon/Wells Road as directed by the Board. The contractor did a nice good and the material went down well. They even installed a ramping mechanism so snow blades won't damage them. He visited the site to measure the noise levels and explained that just standing there the level was about 62, when a car approached the level was approximately 80 and when a vehicle hit the rumble strips it was about 88, so not that great of a difference. Mr. Assenmacher indicated the work was paid for under MTF general road maintenance funds.

Commissioner Londo would like the staff to ask callers what time of day they are being bothered by the rumble strips – during the day or are they being woken from a dead sleep due to the noise.

Mr. Assenmacher also indicated the staff is wrapping up the information for the 2017 Monroe County fair booth. SEMCOG is assisting with some survey information and everything is coming together.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello advised the Board that the haul route agreement with Nexus has finally been signed after several delays.

11. Public Comment – None.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace was excused.

Commissioner Stewart stated he had a great vacation in Scotland but came back with a great dislike of roundabouts.

Commissioner Londo had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Minton had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Iacoangeli reminded the Board members to look at the fair schedule and sign up to work.

13. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

Cheryl A. U'Ran, Deputy Clerk

