

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
July 11, 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, July 11, 2016 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

PRESENT

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

EXCUSED

Bruce R. Stammer, Jr.

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 July 11, 2016 regular meeting agenda as revised. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment -

Darrick Whitaker, 4990 Southpointe Pkwy, indicated he addressed the Board at a previous meeting about additional stop signs. He spoke with Scott F. Assenmacher and learned it would not be the staff's recommendation to approve the additional signs for speed control. He didn't agree with that recommendation and indicated the homeowners association would be willing to pay for the cost of the signs so there is no cost to the Road Commission if approved. He was asking the Board to reconsider their request.

Peggy Taylor-Albaugh, 5444 N. County Line, Britton, indicated she made a commitment to her neighbors to attend meetings to find out what is being planned for their road. She stated the residents do not want the road turned to gravel. She indicated the work done to patch the road and improve the shoulders was good, but they would still like to have their road fixed.

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

1) Approval of Minutes- June 27, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 391 Payroll Checks #63131-63142 & Advice #19235-19337	\$ 245,044.73
2 nd Qtr Cafeteria Checks #63117-63130	\$ 13,563.90
Stop DD of Advice #19194/M Hewitt, reissue Ck #63116	\$ 1,240.41
No. 412 Vendor Checks #68546-68635	\$ 916,663.50

3) Township Contracts - N/A

4) Approve the Resolution authorizing purchase of real property from Berlin Charter Township.

5) Award bid for Planer and Wing Plow Blades to Valk Manufacturing, Co.

6) Award bid for State Blades [vallite-thru hardened] to Michigan Cat through cooperative purchasing under Kent County Road Commission's bid.

- 7) Approve the Resolution to impose a load limit and lane closure on Timbers Road bridge over Stony Creek and that suitable signs stating the maximum load limitation be erected and maintained not more than 50 feet from each end of the structure, and also a suitable distance from each end of the bridge to enable vehicles to take a different route.
- 8) Approve the purchase of two (2) GMC Sierra 2500HD Double Cab 4x2 pick-up trucks for approximately \$26,600 each as outlined in the 2016 approved MCRC budget.
- 9) Approve the Resolution to temporarily lift the weight restrictions on Chinavarre Road (between US Turnpike and Labo Road) in Berlin Charter Township from July 12, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the July 11, 2016 Consent Agenda as revised. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 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 estimate for work on N. County Line Road from Day to Cone had been prepared. For the 2.52 miles, it would cost approximately \$110,000 with \$80,000 being paid by Milan Township. He hadn't had the opportunity to meet and discuss this with Milan Township Supervisor Phil Heath but would meet with him after the meeting.

Mr. Pierce also indicated the MCRC talked with MDOT about assisting with the dust control on gravel roads due to the Milwaukee Road bridge closure. Even though the roads being used are not approved posted detours, MDOT has agreed to pay for the chloride application. MDOT has also indicated they will add a line item for the Milwaukee Road overpass closure for future expenses.

Mr. Pierce also explained that an email was sent to all the townships regarding political signs in the road right-of-way. The MCRC policy was also sent in the email. He explained if the sign is obstructing any type of view, it will be taken down and/or removed.

Commissioner Pace asked Mr. Pierce to notify the Republican and Democratic offices. Mr. Pierce indicated the staff will follow up on Tuesday.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant indicated he was continuing to work on the budget amendment. He is working with Matt Purcell on the finalizing the equipment list for the next budget. The budget amendment should be ready for board action at the next meeting.

Commissioner Londo asked about the progress 13th check. Mr. Masserant indicated the Retirement Board attorney is looking at it. He has provided a copy of our proposed policy and the attorney will review it and provide his opinion. It does not need an actuarial, but the MCRC may need to prepare a letter to satisfy the public act requirement. He indicated he should have an update for the Board by the next meeting.

Keith Richard (Director of Operations) – Mr. Richard indicated the crews would begin the chip seal program tomorrow starting in the northeast sector of the county, then working their way south.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher provided an update on the Ida West Road project. There were concerns with mobilization so they may begin the project at the easterly end and move west to decrease the number of stages needed, and also reduce costs. This could also benefit the farmers with their fall harvest, and could also change the sequence for signage. The MCRC will continue to work with the contractor. They are looking at beginning the last week of July, first week of August through the end of October.

Mr. Assenmacher explained that Fermi Plant has been in contact with the Road Commission about a potential chip sealing project. He is waiting for additional information before an estimate can be prepared.

Chinavarre Road will have a temporary lifting of the posting due to damages done by a contractor. The contractor has agreed to fix the blemishes caused from trucking. If additional trucking is required, he will work with them to develop a haul route agreement.

Mr. Assenmacher indicated the bridge on Eastwood Drive @ Plum Creek in Evergreen Acres has been closed. He will have Frank Westenkirchner inspect the bridge next week but chances are it will remain closed until it can be fixed.. This bridge has been designed and is in line for 2018 funding, but he hopes to be able to work with MDOT to fast track this project to 2017.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello indicated the Board approved the Resolution authorizing the purchase of property from Berlin Charter Township and the closing is scheduled for Friday, July 15, 2016.

11. Public Comment -

Phil Heath, Milan Township Supervisor, appreciated all the work done by Randy Pierce, Pat Benson and Ed Shinevarre on the details surrounding the Milwaukee Road overpass closure. He said that the Board is always hearing complaints but he wanted them to know these individuals have been excellent to work with.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace was pleased that the purchase of the property for a north end salt facility was being finalized. He felt having a salt barn in the north end would dramatically increase the efficiency of the winter snow crews. It would provide a great advantage during the snow season.

Commissioner Pace also inquired about when the core samples would be taken on North County Line Road. He also stated he would like to see chloride used for dust control (not brine) should this road be turned to gravel. Mr. Pierce explained they should be pulling the core samples in the next week in conjunction with the Brewer Road project.

Commissioner Pace also was pleased that MDOT is participating in the chloride application due to the Milwaukee Road closure. He also wanted the crews to know they are doing a good job.

Commissioner Stammer was excused.

Commissioner Londo indicated several residents have attended the board meetings to discuss North County Line Road. He would like Mr. Pierce to extend an invitation to Dundee Township Supervisor, Joanna Uhl, to attend a meeting to discuss their future plans and possible timetable for this road.

Commissioner Minton indicated he was also pleased that the purchase of the property is finally moving forward. The location makes good sense for winter operations. He asked when work would begin at the site. Mr. Pierce explained he has been in contact with the company who erects the tent because there is a question about whether the cross ties are required when putting this tent up. The company usually needs advance notice to be put on their schedule. He indicated it would be baby steps as there is site work that needs to be completed before the tent can be put up – like clearing the land, putting up a fence, modifying the approach, etc. He wasn't sure the tent would be put up this year, but he would continue working on it.

Commissioner Iacoangeli reminded the members that the Monroe County Fair is coming up and the schedule sign up sheet has been sent out. He hoped all the members would be able to sign up to work the booth. He also explained that each township has regular meetings that members of the audience is encouraged to attend to ask their leaders about road issues.

13. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

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