

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
July 13, 2015**

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 13, 2015 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 5:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

PRESENT	EXCUSED
Stephen J. Pace	
Bruce R. Stammer, Jr.	
Charles Londo	
Dan Minton	
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 Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the July 13, 2015 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment –

Robert Liszi, 16 year resident of Ida Township, stated he had a problem with a cross tile plugged. He called in May requesting service as his property has 3 feet of water in the back of his property and has been using a 3” trash pump to pump the water off his property. He stated his quality of life is being eroded due to the smell and the mosquitos.

He believes when the Drain Commission dug the ditch on the south side of Morocco Road a few years back to clean the tributaries for Lockwood Drain, it caused the cross tile to become plugged. He called the Drain Commission and was told the cross tile is the Road Commission’s issue. He called Roto Rooter but they can’t do work on public property. He has been told his request is on the list, but there is no time frame on when the work will get done. This is becoming a health hazard for his family. He asked that something be done, please.

Commissioner Pace reminded everyone that it is illegal to pump water to the county road system. Mr. Liszi indicated he was pumping to the county cross tile. He added that his property is the lowest so he also is pumping water from two other properties. He would appreciate any help.

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

1) Approval of Minutes- June 22, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 386 Vendor Checks #66539-66552	\$ 197,023.25
No. 399 Vendor Checks #66553-66605	\$ 139,448.68
No. 410 Payroll Checks #62720-62729 & Advice #16889-16984	\$ 240,920.59
Bonus Checks #62718-62719	\$ 2,153.00
No. 430 Vendor Checks #66606-66687	\$ 873,475.24

3) Township Contracts

Ash Township

2015 Calcium Chloride (change order from original Mineral Well Brine contract)

Berlin Charter Township

Drew-Bridge Btwm Swan Crk & Newport Bridge replacement

Dundee Township

Plank Road Twp line to Day Crush-shape/HMA Overlay

Erie Township

Elm Manhattan to Dead end Mill-Fill/HMA base/Topsoil-seed

Raisinville Township

Plank Road Yensch to township line Crush-Shape/HMA Overlay

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the July 13, 2015 Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business – None.

9. New Business –

1) Letter received by Bedford DDA requesting cost participation from MCRC to cover a portion of the work to mutually share in the improvement in the road system.

Mr. Pierce explained the Bedford DDA is investing approximately \$163,000 in public road work and is asking the Road Commission to participate in the amount of \$35,000. The DDA will be installing sidewalks, solar lighting, repairing curbs, patching, crack seal and other contracted work.

Commissioner Iacoangeli asked if there would be a contract. Mr. Pierce explained if the Board approved the expenditure a contract would be prepared. He would recommend approving the \$35,000 contribution toward the resurfacing of the road.

Phil Masserant indicated the MCRC is healthy enough to participate in the cost sharing up to the \$35,000.

Commissioner Pace indicated the letter states a slurry seal but he would recommend a micro seal due to the large volume of traffic at this intersection. Mr. Pierce was told micro seal by the township supervisor and he would confirm it with Mr. Stewart and the DDA President.

Commissioner Stammer, moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to spend the \$35,000 to participate with the Bedford DDA on road improvements, including patching, crack seal and micro seal. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10. Report of Officers –

Randy Pierce (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce indicated he would be attending the London Township meeting later in the evening to discuss Plank Road with their board. The Road Commission is looking to get participation from London Township to take the road improvements to Ostrander.

Mr. Pierce mentioned someone looked at the property on Ida West Road. He continues to work with the real estate company on the listing price of the property. He will keep the board posted.

Mr. Pierce indicated he has been working with Berlin Charter Township on 2+/- acres of property to place a salt facility. The property is approximately 1 ½ miles of I-75 on Brandon Road. He would like permission from the Board to be able to negotiate with the township on the price of land. The township board has approved selling approximately 2 acres for \$40,000 to the Road Commission for a salt barn. The property is part of their park system and has electric service available. The Road Commission would need to do some additional site work but the goal would be to get the tent up this year which would save the Road Commission in time in servicing I-75 and I-275.

Commissioner Londo asked if the property had been appraised to make sure it is worth the \$20,000 per acre, and what the property is zoned. Mr. Pierce didn't believe the property has been officially appraised but he has talked with other real estate agents who indicate property in that area is valued for \$12,000 - \$20,000 per acre, which is why he would like to have the board's approval to negotiate. He added the property is part of their park system. This would require a 426 agreement which would contain a life time easement for the driveway.

Commissioner Minton asked if negotiating would delay the project causing the building not to be ready by winter. Mr. Pierce indicated that would be hard to say. A lot of variables are involved. The Road Commission would need time to prepare the asphalt pad, run electric to the building, upgrade the driveway, place the cement blocks, and erect the tent. He would also talk with MDOT about their participation since it benefits their highway system.

Commissioner Pace felt this was important to do this year and asked if Mr. Pierce would have an update by the next meeting. Commissioner Minton didn't want to overpay for the property but felt the savings could offset the price.

Commissioner Londo would also like to see the project complete this year, but asked Mr. Pierce to get a broker price opinion. Mr. Pierce indicated he would contact the realtor who sold the Dundee property.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated the Board would like to have Mr. Pierce move forward with negotiations and provide updated information for the Board's evaluation at the next board meeting.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant indicated he was working diligently on the 2016 budget. He has been studying Oakland and Washtenaw's budget for ideas on putting line items in the budget to allow for better monitoring and tracking. He would also like to do a budget by activity as well. A package should be together for Mr. Pierce's review and then to the board as stated in the budget timeline.

Michael L. Smith (Director of Operations) – Mr. Smith indicated chip seals were scheduled to start today but needed to be cancelled due to rain forecast. They will start tomorrow. There is 55 miles of chip seals schedule for the 2015 season. The contracted OBC is about 20% complete due also to the rain. The Road Commission portion of HMA paving is 100% complete and the contractor portion is about 40% complete.

Mr. Smith added the base stabilization on Kruse and Steiner Roads were complete last week. The stoning is about 75% complete and has been affected by weather issues also. Dust control has also been affected by the weather. The fog seal and micro seal will be done later in the season.

Commissioner Pace asked who requested fog seals. Mr. Smith indicated Bedford, Frenchtown and Monroe Charter Townships.

Commissioner Londo inquired about the work on Plank Road. Mr. Smith indicated the cross tile work would be done first, then depending on if London Township participates and their contract is put in place, mid-August to start the work.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher stated Tuttle Hill Road project has been wrapped up and Wabash Road is finally completed. Good comments have been received on Wabash Road.

Commissioner Londo asked for an update on the Quatro property. Mr. Assenmacher explained the plans are being reviewed and approval from the Drain Commission was received. He will be working with legal counsel and the township to generate the documents necessary for the Traffic Control Order, ordinances, easements and any other items needed to be able to enforce the signage. Everything is moving forward and nothing is being held up.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Londo asked about the auction with Genesee County. Mr. Pierce indicated the items have not been put online for auction yet.

Commissioner Londo inquired about the bid for winter salt. Mr. Masserant explained the state is still in round two of letting process. Preliminary information is Detroit Salt will be the provider.

Commissioner Londo inquired about the price. Mr. Masserant felt there would be a small decrease in the 10% range.

Commissioner Londo asked if someone would call Mr. Liszi within the next 24-48 hours to show we are timely in responding.

11. Public Comment – None.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace acknowledged the crews have been dealing with an ungodly amount of rainfall. With Monroe being flat there is a lot of standing water. He reminded everyone that the Road Commission is responsible for draining water off the road, not private property. Crews should not be digging bleeders and draining yards. The Road Commission will get out there as soon as possible when resources are available.

Commissioner Stammer had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Londo had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Minton had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Iacoangeli reminded the Board of the upcoming fair August 2-8 and the schedule for workers that was emailed to everyone. He hoped to see a lot of participation from the Board.

13. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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