

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
MONROE, MICHIGAN  
Monday, August 8, 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, August 8, 2016 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

PRESENT	EXCUSED
Bruce R. Stammer, Jr.	Stephen J. Pace
Dan Minton	
Charles A. Londo	
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 Stammer to approve the August 8, 2016 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment - None.

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

*Commissioner Minton requested items #4 and #6 be removed for further discussion.*

1) Approval of Minutes- July 25, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 467 Payroll Checks #63158-63168 & Advice #19439-19539	\$ 246,870.44
No. 484 Vendor Checks #68708-68765	\$ 194,331.53

3) Township Contracts

Bedford Township  
Chapel Creek - SAD

4) *Pulled for further discussion.*

5) Approve and sign the Agreement for Brookwood Plat Two, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan.

6) *Pulled for further discussion.*

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the August 8, 2016 Consent Agenda as amended. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

4) Approve Post Retirement Supplement Benefits Policy (13<sup>th</sup> check).

Commissioner Minton indicated he reviewed the policy and how many retirees we have. Mr. Pierce wasn't sure but estimated about 60 retirees.

Commissioner Minton asked if the money set out in the policy was going to be split equally. Mr. Pierce indicated the \$50,000 would be split equally between the qualifying retirees.

Commissioner Londo asked for a summary of changes to the policy. Mr. Pierce indicated Ms. Regis and Mr. Masserant worked on the policy changes, but the biggest change is the \$50,000 annual allocation for the 13<sup>th</sup> check. It would now be capped at that amount regardless of the number of retirees.

Commissioner Londo asked if the previous 13<sup>th</sup> check was determined by a formula such as number of years worked, number of years, retired, etc. Mr. Pierce indicated that was correct and this new policy eliminates the formula and establishes a set amount of \$50,000 that will be equally divided between eligible retirees.

Commissioner Minton indicated that the Road Commission is obligated to pay either a 13<sup>th</sup> check or COLA under the unions Collective Bargaining Agreements. Mr. Pierce indicated that was correct.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the Post Retirement Supplemental Benefits Policy (13<sup>th</sup> Check) #2016-04. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

6) Approve the contract modification with KBK Landscaping for additional passes for \$55/mile totaling \$24,124.10 for a new overall price of \$145/mile.

Commissioner Minton indicated he wasn't able to attend the last meeting when the discussion was brought up about the Road Commission doing clean-up work after the contracted work. He asked about giving additional work to the contractor. He stated this is the second year in a row there has been discussion about Road Commission crews cleaning up behind the contractor. He asked Mr. Pierce if our crews are actually doing clean up behind the contractor.

Mr. Pierce explained in 2013 the MCRC spent approximately \$225,000 performing 2 cuts with our own crews between May and October. In 2014, the MCRC spent approximately \$307,000 performing 2 cuts with our own crews between May and October. In 2015, the MCRC paid approximately \$79,000 to KBK for that the contract is for 2 cuts that took them only 3 ½ weeks to do. These 2 cuts consist of cutting to the bottom of the ditch line. The Road Commission has received complaints for service request that the backs of the banks need to be cut and that cattails are growing causing site distance issues and our crews go out and do that work. The Road Commission kept two (2) mowers to perform cuts for site distance issues, but our crews are not cleaning up after the contractor. However, for an additional \$24,000 the contractor will perform back bank mowing. It would create an overall savings for the Road Commission.

Commissioner Londo agreed that the savings would be significant.

Commissioner Minton asked how many workers are performing site distance/clean-up work. Mr. Pierce explained the boom arms are running and a few side arms, but it isn't clean-up work it is dealing with back bank mowing. He added that he is doing his due diligence in getting an additional quote for back bank mowing to save money for the Road Commission.

Commissioner Minton indicated he wanted to make sure there is still work for the employees, and commended Mr. Pierce for his foresight in purchasing the sweeper so workers have equipment to run. Mr. Pierce stated there is plenty other work for employees to do.

Commissioner Iacoangeli inquired if the contractor would continue to mow two passes per the original contract and perform the additional one pass annually on the back bank. Mr. Pierce indicated that was correct.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the contract modification with KBK Landscaping for additional passes for \$55/mile totaling \$24,124.10 for a new overall price of \$145 per mil. 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 apologized that Dundee Township representatives were not in attendance. He spoke with Asphalt Materials and the core samples indicate there is no emulsion present but there is large macadam stone present in the base. Asphalt Materials recommended 3 inches of cold pave followed with a single chip seal, or a double seal on the current surface. Mr. Pierce stated he wasn't comfortable with the double seal option due to the current road profile concerns. He would suggest milling 2 inches out of the center and using one inch of HMA in the middle and wedging the edges. Working with the macadam stone could create major problems. He will contact Dundee Township to discuss these options and will have a cost analysis available at the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Londo indicated the Dundee Township road millage was renewed and asked Mr. Pierce to contact the Dundee Township Supervisor and ask her to attend a meeting to discuss the township's future plans and financial commitment for North County Line Road. He stated he would not support any type of improvement plan without the township's involvement and commitment. He added any report or recommendation coming from the staff needed to show Dundee's involvement. Mr. Pierce indicated he would contact the township supervisor.

Mr. Pierce also complimented everyone for all the work that went in the fair booth. He felt the Road Commission received many compliments, and only a few complaints. He stated the Road Commission had a positive presence at the fair.

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

*Keith Richard* (Director of Operations) – Mr. Richard updated the Board on the progress of the chip seal program. Crews are currently in Dundee area working their way south. The crew consists of 17 employees and we are currently in week 4 of the projects. The summer season brings its own challenges with time off and vacations, but the chip seal, gradall, tile and spray patching continues to move forward.

Commissioner Londo indicated the work done on LaPlaisance Road between Mortar Creek/Woodchuck Creek and LaSalle Township looks and rides good.

*Scott Assenmacher* (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher stated it is a very busy season with rollover projects from 2015 and all the 2016 scheduled projects. The engineering staff is diligently working to keep up which has required some overtime. He gave kudos to his staff for all the care and concern they put into these projects. He added so much goes into these projects behind the scenes and he just wanted to thank his staff for all their hard work.

Mr. Assenmacher pointed out that the second display banner was hung in the board room as a good public relations piece. He mentioned that the Road Commission might submit the concept of the fair participation and display ideas to CRA of Michigan as consideration for one of their annual recognition awards.

Mr. Assenmacher indicated he would be meeting with Frenchtown Township on Tuesday on the truck route ordinance language. Whiteford, Summerfield and Exeter Townships have already passed their truck route ordinances and the other townships are slowly falling into place. He thanked Mark Larrow for all the work done on the new truck operator's map for the website. He will keep the board posted on the progress.

*Philip Costello* (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello indicated the tower lease brings in approximately \$20,000 annually. The company has presented some alternatives, one being a lump sum payment of \$400,000 with a permanent easement. Mr. Costello reminded the Board there is 11 more years on the current agreement, and he would recommend waiting to see what the future holds.

Commissioner Londo stated it would be interesting to see who they sub-let to and the income they generate. Mr. Costello indicated the company claims there is only one tenant and the Road Commission is probably receiving more money than the lease.

11. Public Comment -

Peggy Taylor-Albaugh, 5444 North County Line Road, Britton/Ridgeway Township Clerk, stated she hoped to have more answers at this meeting but would attend the next meeting hoping to hear some progress.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

*Commissioner Pace* was excused.

*Commissioner Stammer* thanked everyone who was involved in the fair from the planning of the new banner, setting up to participating at the booth. He stated the Road Commission has come a long way from the meeting in the Bedford gym where people were angry and upset. He believes the Road Commission is finally heading in the right direction. He again thanked everyone and wished more people would participate because it is rewarding.

*Commissioner Londo* complimented the staff on the development at the corner of Telegraph and Stewart Road. It is a nice improvement to that corner and he appreciated how the staff worked with the clients to accommodate this project.

*Commissioner Minton* had nothing additional to report.

*Commissioner Iacoangeli* also thanked everyone for all the work on the fair booth. He was encouraged by all the positive comments received, which is a reflection of the staff and employee's hard work. He stated he received more compliments than complaints and that people are noticing the little things being done on roads.

13. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

*Cheryl A. U'Ran*

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Cheryl A. U'Ran, Deputy Clerk