

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
August 22, 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 22, 2016 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>EXCUSED</u>
Charles A. Londo	
Stephen J. Pace	
Dan Minton	
Bruce R. Stammer, Jr.	
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 Stammer moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve the August 22, 2016 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried
6. Public Comment - None.
7. The following items were listed on the Consent Agenda: *(with immediate effect)*
 - 1) Approval of Minutes- August 8, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 500 Payroll Checks #63169-63178 & Advice #19540-19639	\$ 254,206.56
No. 501 Vendor Checks #68766-68806	\$ 155,342.49
 - 3) Township Contracts - N/A
 - 4) Approve the Resolution to lift the weight limit and signs on Sterns Road [Between Adler and Secor Roads] from August 15, 2016 through September 30, 2016 (or when construction ends, whichever is first), Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan.
 - 5) Award the Bay West Special Assessment District (SAD) project to low bidder, Pavex Corporation in the amount of \$213,398.85, and authorize the Managing Director to sign all document on behalf of the Board.
 - 6) Approve the Resolution to temporarily lift the weight restrictions on Ready Road (between US24 and the Village of South Rockwood line) be lifted and signs stating the reduced weight of 20 tons be removed immediately effective August 23, 2016 through August 23, 2017, Ash Township and Berlin Charter township, Monroe County, Michigan.

Commissioner Stammer moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve the August 22, 2016 Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
8. Unfinished Business - None.

9. New Business –

1) Discussion on Tower Lease extension request.

Philip Costello explained the current lease would expire in 2017 but it has two 5-year options at the company's discretion which would take it through 2027 if the two options are exercised. Since the most recent offer of \$400,000 for a permanent easement was presented, he felt it warranted bringing the decision before the Board.

Commissioner Londo asked the opinion of the Director of Finance. Mr. Masserant indicated he hadn't been involved but pointed out that the permanent easement would eliminate the annual payment of \$25,000 plus the 3 percent increase as stated in the current contract. He felt the company could market the tower to more customers which could bring additional revenue to the Road Commission.

Commissioner Londo asked what was precluding them from marketing the location. Mr. Costello explained the company cited it was difficult to market the location without a long term commitment.

Commissioner Pace asked if the permanent easement caused any inconvenience to the Road Commission. Mr. Pierce stated no inconvenience but the space could be used for other purposes. He also indicated he didn't want to make a decision that would tie the hands of future boards for 30 years.

Commissioner Pace felt the permanent easement would result in a loss for the long run. Commissioner Minton agreed that the Road Commission would lose money.

Commissioner Iacoangeli asked if a motion was needed to deny their request and notify them that the lease may not be renewed. Mr. Costello indicated a motion would be needed, but that the option to extend the lease was their option, not the Road Commission's.

Commissioner Pace moved, supported by Commissioner Minto to deny the request to extend the tower lease. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

10. Report of Officers –

Randy Pierce (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce extended an invitation to the Board to attend the Federal Aid meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Road Commission. The meeting will be to update the 2017 federal aid list, and then a later meeting would be to review the TIP through 2020.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant indicated he got back from vacation and has been working diligently to close the month to provide the July monthly financial statement to the Board. He also was able to pull together a preliminary 2017 budget for their review. He highlighted a few areas such as the MTF funds which is based off MDOT estimates and our current allocation formula. He explained with the Lock Box (which is as part of the new funding package dealing with road guarantees, etc.) our December payment may be cut in half. CRA of Michigan is working on behalf of the Road Commissions to deal with how Lansing will fund that program. He took information from the TIP list for 2017, consultants, contractors and the different type of grant funding we expect to receive into consideration. There will be some projects that will carryover but once that has been determined he will come back to the Board with a budget amendment.

Mr. Masserant indicated there has been no new numbers provided from the state so he kept the numbers flat. Good news is the second round for state salt through the MiDeal program is about \$39-\$40 per ton. He indicated if anyone from the Board had any questions, please let him know.

Keith C. Richard (Director of Operations) – Mr. Richard provided a summary of the work undertaken by the Maintenance Department. Crews are wrapping up mill and fill, base stabilization and other work for both the maintenance and engineering end. Chip seal projects are currently being done in Bedford, Ida, and Whiteford Townships. He continues to try to balance crew levels and vacation time requests to keep things moving along and fill in the gaps.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Excused.

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

11. Public Comment – None.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace stated he would like to see the northeast salt facility made a priority for this year. Since there was 3 weeks before the next meeting, he would also like to see estimates for treatments such as cold mix, base stabilization, etc. prepared on North County Line Road as the citizen's need an answer before the end of the season, and time is running out.

Commissioner Iacoangeli stated he felt the board had decided not to pursue any type of improvement for this year. Repairs have been made and the citizens said it has improved the drivability of the road, and no money was designated for 2016 for this road. The MCRC was asked to wait to see if the Dundee road millage passed to determine how the township might want to contribute. The opportunity to turn this road to gravel had been brought to the board because the Managing Director had an opportunity to purchase stone at a greatly reduced and reasonable price, but the township and residents were opposed and asked that the decision to return this road to gravel be postponed. He didn't believe the Board would be taking any type of action this year.

Peggy Taylor-Albaugh stated she understood nothing was going to be done until next spring as discussed at the last meeting. Commissioner Pace indicated he wasn't here at the last meeting but felt it would be a mistake to wait until next year.

Commissioner Londo didn't disagree with Commissioner Pace, but wanted to wait to hear from Dundee Township. Commissioner Pace stated Dundee Township contributed to Plank Road last year, and is contributing substantially to the work on Brewer Road this year. This is a primary road and motorists should have a half way decent road to drive on.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated there was no money appropriated for North County Line Road in 2016, which makes a commitment difficult to make.

Commissioner Pace stated we can't base road improvements on the volume of traffic and number of homes on a road or we wouldn't get anything done. There will always be exceptions and not many primary roads out there that aren't heavily traveled, have a 12 foot width and are being held together by cold patch.

Commissioner Stammer commented that if we look to do something on North County Line Road, they need to be prepared to answer about work on Scofield-Carleton Road. He would like Mr. Pierce to make arrangements to meet with Dundee Township to get their plans. He added there are many roads in the county that need attention.

Commissioner Londo again encouraged the residents to talk with Dundee Township.

Commissioner Minton inquired about the early and late fill for salt. Mr. Masserant indicated delivery starts in late October, early November for the yearly fill. You are required to take the late fill by May. He explained we have to provide MDOT with the quantity of salt, and then must take 70% of that number. We will need to fulfill our 70% commitment under last year's contract, then we can fill at the lower rate.

Commissioner Iacoangeli had nothing additional to report.

13. Closed Session

Chairman Iacoangeli moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to enter into closed session at 6:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the purchase or sale of real property.

Chairman, Paul Iacoangeli	YES	
Commissioner, Dan Minton	YES	
Commissioner, Charles Londo	YES	
Commissioner, Stephen J. Pace	YES	
Commissioner, Bruce R. Stammer, Jr.	YES	Motion carried.

Reconvene -

The Board of County Road Commissioners reconvened the August 22, 2016 meeting at 6:17 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman, Paul Iacoangeli	YES
Commissioner, Dan Minton	YES
Commissioner, Charles Londo	YES
Commissioner, Stephen J. Pace	YES
Commissioner, Bruce R. Stammer, Jr.	YES

14. Adjournment

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

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