

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
August 24, 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, August 24, 2015 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 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 Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve the August 24, 2015 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)*

1) Approval of Minutes- August 10, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 509 Payroll Checks #62767-62776 & Advice #17176-17270	\$ 229,449.98
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Bank Service Charge - July 2015	\$ 93.45
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No. 540 Vendor Checks #66830-66920	\$1,113.686.98
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Bank Service Charge-July 2015	\$ 54.00
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3) Township Contracts - N/A

4) Approve the Resolution and MDOT Contract for the 2015 construction work for traffic signal upgrades at the Lewis Avenue and Smith Road intersection, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan; and authorize the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

5) Approve the Resolution and MDOT Contract for the North Dixie Hwy. culvert replacement at Bancroft and Knowles Drain, in the limits of South Rockwood, Monroe County, Michigan; and authorize the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign contracts on behalf of the Board.

6) Approve the Resolution and MDOT Contract for the North Dixie Hwy. paved shoulders Sandy Creek Road to N. Stony Creek Road, Frenchtown Charter Township, Monroe County, Michigan; and authorize the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the MDOT contract on behalf of the Board.

7) Approve the purchase of two (2) Durapatcher trailer units as approved in the 6/22/2015 amended budget in the amount of approximately \$126,000.

8) Approve the purchase of two (2) Vulcan 4-ton Hot Boxes as approved in the 6/22/2015 amended budget in the amount of approximately \$46,000.

9) Award bid for Cold Milling and HMA Resurfacing on MDOT Routes contract to low bidder Gerken Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$77,952.00 and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

- 10) Award the 2015 Microsurfacing program contract to low bidder, D.G. Slurry Seal of Toledo, Inc. in the amount of \$44,000.00 and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.
- 11) Approve Resolution to lift the weight limits and signs for the reduced weight of 25 tons during construction for the following:
 - Whiteford Road, between Sterns Road and Consear Road
 - Consear Road, between Whiteford Center Road and US-23
- 12) Award design services contract as follows:
 - 2016 Urban Road Projects (US Turnpike, Grafton, Sterns) to Spicer Group, Dundee, MI in the amount of \$64,500.
 - High Friction Surface Treatment Resurfacing (Deerfield, Sylvania-Petersburg) to Mannik & Smith Group in the amount of \$4,907.
 - Seventh Street project to Mannik & Smith Group in the amount of \$19,729.

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve items #1-12 of the August 24, 2015 Consent Agenda as amended. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

- 13) Award the Dean Road and Monroe Road drainage improvements contract (Bedford Township) to low bidder, Erie Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$507,455.02; and authorize the Managing Director to sign contract on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Minton asked if the bid packet included language for prevailing wage. Mr. Assenmacher indicated Steve Bouws was involved with the generation of these proposals and he indicated that special provision was not included in the bid packet. In reviewing the proposal he agreed with it was not included.

Commissioner Minton asked what would happen if the bid was put back out with the prevailing wage language. Mr. Assenmacher indicated due to the lateness in the season the project would not be completed. The drainage would need to be completed prior to the road work being done.

Commissioner Pace asked if Commissioner Minton was satisfied with the answers.

Commissioner Minton indicated he understood the answer. He also stated he understood the one local contractor's bid contained prevailing wage information and that bid was a little higher. He felt he couldn't support the awarding of a bid without the prevailing wage language. Without knowing what the contractor is paying the employees, there is no guarantee that the workers are being compensated fairly. He added it is prudent when spending tax payer money that the workers are being paid fairly. He stated without the prevailing wage provision no one could even look at the certified payroll.

Commissioner Pace asked who was paying for this work. Mr. Assenmacher stated predominately Bedford Township (approximately 85-90% of the project).

Commissioner Pace agreed with Commissioner Minton regarding the importance of the prevailing wage, but felt since the township is paying and wants this work done this year he could support the project with the understanding that the language will be in all future bid documents.

Commissioner Iacoangeli agreed that it was important to complete the project this year but also wanted to see the prevailing wage language in all future bids.

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Londo to award the Dean Road and Monroe Road drainage improvements contract (Bedford Township) to low bidder, Erie Construction in the amount of \$507,455.92; and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board. Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 1 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 informed the Board that Plank Road work should commence next week instead of this week due to scheduling conflicts.

Mr. Pierce also let the Board know that the five trucks purchased from the auction have arrived. He stated these trucks will be a big asset to the Road Commission this winter. He thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to participate in the auction.

Commissioner Londo indicated citizens had attended the last several meetings with concerns about flooding, and asked if the staff was looking into resolutions to these issues.

Mr. Pierce explained that after talking with Mr. Kinsey (drainage supervisor) that agrees the majority of these issues have no immediate road issues associated with them but they are on the list to repair when time and resources allow. The Road Commission crews are dealing with outstanding service requests that have been identified as a priority because they deal with some type of immediate road issue. Some of the concerns are a result of outlet problems – the system ties into the railroad right-of-way and now the railroads are saying they have no responsibility to allow water to flow into their right-of-way. These are complicated issues that have no easy or inexpensive solutions.

Commissioner Pace asked about the premium paid for the auction vehicles. Mr. Pierce explained the seller has the ability to set up who pays for the auction premium and this situation was set up for the buyer to pay the premium.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant distributed the current monthly financial information through July 31, 2015. Construction bills have been mailed out. July was an active month, with August and September being active months

He also distributed the first draft of the proposed FY 2016 MCRC budget. He explained the changes in format to a department based budget which should allow for easier monitoring. He added this was a more simplified budget that would provide regular reports to the managers to help them track their budgets.

It makes it difficult to budget when the Road Commission has no commitments from the townships.

Commissioner Londo asked about the difference between the 2015 and proposed 2016 budget projections. Mr. Masserant explained that the RRR monies carried over and several Federal Aid projects will be completed in 2016. Any monies not spent in 2015 will be re-budgeted for 2016. He added that he budgeted conservatively and an amendment can be done when we have signed township contracts.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher thanked the board for approving item #12 on the consent agenda. The new Professional Services SOP was utilized and the staff learned a lot through the process. The staff will continue to use this protocol for professional services.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello informed the Board the Road Commission has completed all their documents for the Quatro/Qdoba site development.

11. Public Comment -

Ken & Sue Loveland, 6669 E. Dunbar Road, addressed the Board about the water backing up in front of their house and is causing problems with their seepage bed. During the recent rains, the water reached their pole barn and back yard. The south side of the road has to drain somewhere.

Mrs. Loveland indicated they obtained blueprints from 1975 that shows there was a ditch from LaPlaisance to Hull that has since been filled in. They didn't have any problems until the road work was done on Dunbar Road. The water is causing potential health concerns. The Loveland's indicated they didn't cause the problem and shouldn't have to pay to fix it.

Chairman Iacoangeli indicated this Board was not aware of the problem and asked if they would give the Board time to meet and discuss this with staff. He thanked them for their comments.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Stammer EXCUSED.

Commissioner Londo had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Minton asked if the project referenced by the Loveland's on Dunbar was completed by C.D. Hughes. Mr. Assenmacher indicated he would need to look that information up as the project as done in 2009. He didn't believe the project included drainage.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated the Board would hold a Budget Workshop on Monday, August 31, 2015 at 3 p.m. in the Board Room.

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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