



Commissioner Londo stated it isn't a balanced budget and asked how Mr. Masserant expected to balance it. Mr. Masserant stated through the accumulated fund balance. Commissioner Londo asked if that should be a line item. Mr. Masserant explained that knowing the 2016 budget will show a surplus, the proposed budget was developed based on what we know and it was done in a conservatively. Without know what the actual MTF will be, it was better to be safe and there was a significant amount of estimating used when prepared this proposed budget.

Commissioner Londo if detailed project information would be made available to the Board. Mr. Masserant indicated he could go through the work order sheets and develop a list for the Board.

Mr. Assenmacher explained that a list could be built starting with what we already have commitments for like federal aid projects and a few other commitments already made. Not much more is available until the staff meets with the townships to that about what roads they would like to see done and get commitments. He went on to explain that Shawn Satterfield, Dave Leach and Keith C. Richard would be participating in the township meetings, developing contracts and getting the information to Mr. Masserant via the work order sheets.

Commissioner Iacoangeli asked if the list would be available before the time for the Bedford Trade Fair. Mr. Assenmacher indicated the staff has been looking at developing something similar to the old master list of projects.

Mr. Masserant explained that this proposed budget is the staff's best guess based on information we have available. We want to stay healthy and be conservative in predicting work for next year.

Commissioner Pace asked about the estimated \$500,000 hit the Road Commission may see in December. Mr. Masserant based on information sent out today, he didn't feel that would happen. Mr. Assenmacher explained the legislators are about 80% closer to a solution on the lock box issue. Mr. Masserant stated the lock box portion will probably come out of the State share, not the county share.

Commissioner Minton inquired about the Economic Development Funds and where that money drops off. Mr. Masserant explained the US Turnpike project information needs to be re-shifted to the State. He added that there are only a few projects that use the Economic Development D Funds. Mr. Assenmacher added that State D Funds were used on Ida West Road and the Federal D funds were placed in a different line item.

With no additional questions or comments, Commissioner Iacoangeli closed the public hearing at 5:50 p.m.

6. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Iacoangeli added under New Business #10[2] the discussion on North County Line Road.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the September 12, 2016 regular meeting agenda as amended. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

7. Public Comment –

Peggy Taylor-Albaugh, North County Line Road resident, stated she continues to attend the Road Commission meetings in hopes that something will be settled about their road. The neighbors still call her to inquire about the status of this road.

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

1) Approval of Minutes- August 22, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 541 Payroll Checks #63180-63192 & Advice #19640-19735	\$ 237,769.59
No. 555 Vendor Checks #68862-68925	\$ 462,638.08
No. 559 Vendor Checks #68926	\$ 11,500.36
No. 568 Payroll Checks #63193-63202 & Advice #19736-19824	\$ 239,881.65
Bank Service Charge – July/August 2016	\$ 189.90

3) Township Contracts –

Bedford Township

Clover Lane

Ohio state line to Smith

Drainage improvements

4) Award bid for Clover Lane Drainage Improvements contract to low bidder, Geddis Paving & Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$78,003.75, and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

5) Approve and sign the Drainage Covenant with G & J Holdings, LLC, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan.

6) Award bid for the NB I-75 Welcome Center Janitorial/Maintenance Services in cooperation with MDOT to Du All Cleaning at \$14.95 per hour, not to exceed 2,500 hours per year, and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

7) Award the contract for design engineering services for the 2017 Federal Aid HMA Resurfacing projects to Northwest Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$30,000.00, and authorize the Managing Director to sign on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Stammer moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the September 12, 2016 Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business – None.

10. New Business –

1) Approve the Agreement for the culvert replacement (Section 425) At Pitts Creek Drain @ Geiger Road, Raisinville Township, Monroe County, Michigan in conjunction with the Monroe County Drain Commissioner office; and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

County Highway Engineer, Scott F. Assenmacher, provided an explanation for project. The culvert is not far from becoming a posted road so the Road Commission worked with the Drain Commissioner office to bid this project through their offices. Once approved, the materials can be ordered and hopefully constructed this fall so everything is ready for the Federal Aid cold in-place recycling road project next year.

Commissioner Londo questioned why this wasn't done as a special assessment drainage district. Mr. Assenmacher indicated it could have been but it would have taken a longer length of time to do a special drainage district. By the time the district was established, the road work would be completed which would require an open cut to the road, which wasn't acceptable. This is a great opportunity for the Road Commission to work with the Drain Commissioner office to lump together and bid out several culverts. It is also a huge advantage time wise. He added that if the structure is unsound, the cost is 100% on the Road Commission. If the culvert needs to be resized or requires a change in elevation due to a drainage district project, then the Drain Commissioner office could lump it in with a drainage project.

Commissioner Pace asked if this project was bid. Mr. Assenmacher indicated it was bid through the Drain Commissioner office and meets the Road Commission purchasing requirements.

Commissioner Pace inquired about the two figures on the information sheet. Mr. Assenmacher indicated money was added to the bid for signs and engineering costs.

Commissioner Pace asked if the Road Commission submitted a bid for this project. Mr. Assenmacher explained the Road Commission is not currently bidding on Drain Commissioner work.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the Section 425 Agreement with the Drain Commissioner office to replace the culvert on Geiger Road @ Pitts Creek Drain, Raisinville Township, Monroe County, Michigan; and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

Vote: Ayes:5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

## 2) Discussion on North County Line Road.

Commissioner Iacoangeli thanked Dundee Township officials for coming to the meeting. There has been a lot of discussion on North County Line Road and the Road Commission was considering turning it back to gravel which met with a lot of citizen opposition. The purpose of inviting Dundee Township officials was to discuss the future options for this road.

Joanna Uhl, Dundee Township Supervisor, stated township officials came hoping to continue the discussion on this road with the Road Commission. She explained the township has partnered with the Road Commission on many primary road projects. She explained the township has an informal road board that meets to discuss road projects. She extended an invitation to those in the audience to participate in their discussion. After they meet with the information road committee, they would then schedule a meeting with the Road Commission. At this point, Ms. Uhl indicated she wasn't sure what the Road Commission's input would be and she would like to know to be able to take that back to their Board.

Ms. Uhl stated she took a field trip to the other side of North County Line in Lenawee County and found a stark difference. Lenawee has maintained their section of the road. She indicated the township officials are concerned, but has limited resources. The township has been working on a lot of roads and part of asset management includes protecting the investment once the asset has been improved, which means chip seals to maintain the integrity of the roads that have been improved. The township wants to help but they need to know what the plan is for North County Line Road.

Commissioner Iacoangeli stated the Road Commission appreciated all the help and assistance that Dundee Township has offered in the past. He cited all the help in getting Plank Road paved and felt encouraged that the township is always willing to help. He added that there are a lot of roads in the county that need work and are possibly in worse shape than North County Line Road.

Ms. Uhl stated Dundee Township is always working toward improving roads and has worked with all the previous administrations at the Road Commission. She praised Managing Director, Randy Pierce, for his willingness to go beyond the normal and has taken the Managing Director position to an extraordinary level. Phil Heath, Milan Township Supervisor, agreed with Ms. Uhl.

Ms. Uhl stated she deeply appreciates the Road Commission and under Mr. Pierce's leadership the townships have been provided with affordable ideas and solutions.

Commissioner Pace asked Ms. Uhl if she had any idea how much money Dundee Township would have available. Ms. Uhl stated it was too early to know because there are farmers on the informal road board and they don't usually meet until late October. This is a valuable board and they wait for their input before meeting with the Road Commission each year.

Commissioner Pace asked what was spent on maintenance this year. Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated the report he received stated \$16,065 in 2016. Commissioner Pace felt if that same amount would be spent next spring for about a \$32,000+ investment on this road. He also thanked Dundee Township for their contribution and participation in the road system. He understood that this road doesn't service a great many cars and that there is only 11 homes on this section of road and there are other roads that are in much worse shape; however, he felt the Road Commission needed to do something with this road now.

Ms. Uhl indicated it makes sense to do work on this road. She felt the road didn't carry the traffic because of the bad shape, but pointed out it does connect with Brewer Road and if improved, the traffic county would increase.

Commissioner Pace again mentioned without the contribution from Dundee Township, Plank Road would not have gotten done. He felt North County Line Road needed some attention this year to show Dundee Township that we appreciate their assistance. He felt if the road is turned to gravel this year, with a definite plan in the future to pave it the citizens would at least see a plan put in place.

Commissioner Iacoangeli stated the Board had discussed that before and could give no guarantee that the road would be paved in the future. Commissioner Pace felt if the road was turned to gravel this year and a heavy application of chloride was put down with a plan to pave it in the spring it would be acceptable.

Mr. Pierce explained that N. County Line Road, Day Road into Milan would be turned to gravel the end of September. Core samples were taken on the southern portion of North County Line Road from M-50 to Brewer and McAdam was found which creates some cause for concern and may restrict what can be done. The company that took the core samples suggested a cold pave but the Road Commission no longer does that work so it would need to be contracted out. He would not recommend using cold pave.

Commissioner Pace inquired about the cost. Mr. Pierce estimated around \$300,000. Commissioner Pace asked for an opinion from the Engineering Department. Mr. Assenmacher indicated he had a strong opinion when dealing with the McAdam. They ran into this material on Stewart Road and it cost approximately \$100,000 extra on that project. He agreed that it should not be dug up.

Commissioner Minton asked how long is the stretch of road being turned to gravel in Milan Township. Mr. Pierce estimated it is approximately 3 miles between Day Road to Hickory for an estimated \$80,000.

Mr. Pierce stated that they are currently base stabilizing Brewer Road. Ms. Uhl indicated they had one mile left to complete all of Brewer Road.

Commissioner Londo stated he appreciated Ms. Uhl coming to the meeting and indicated residents had been attending several meetings to see what was going to be done to North County Line Road. The Road Board wanted to hear from Dundee Township if they have the resources to commit to North County Line Road. He was pleased that Dundee Township has a process in place where they discuss roads and include a variety of citizens in the discussions. He would like the process to get started to determine the Township's level of commitment before the Road Commission makes a decision. It is clear to Commissioner Londo that Dundee Township isn't discounting the concerns of the citizens. Commissioner Londo felt it was obvious solution that the citizens do not want this road turned to gravel, even if it were only temporary.

Ms. Uhl stated nothing is locked in until they have time to meet with the informal board, but she didn't want to walk away from the meeting without some idea of the Road Commission's plan for this road. She indicated the township is fortunate that the residents renewed the millage, but didn't want to lose any funds that the Road Commission might be willing to designate toward this road because Dundee Township wasn't ready to make a formal commitment.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated the Road Commission had been waiting to see if the township road millage was renewed. He understood that the township and Road Commission would need to meet to come to some type of solution and then the recommendation would be brought to the board for approval.

Ms. Uhl stated she appreciated the support and in previous discussions the option to cold pave in the spring was the main focus, but it remains to be seen what the Road Commission is going to be willing to commit to for this primary road.

Commissioner Stammer felt that waiting until spring was the best option to be able to bundle this project with others to get a better bid price. He felt turning the road to gravel would be a mistake. He appreciated the fact that Ms. Uhl and Dundee Township was utilizing the Asset Management process to protect the roads they have invested in and he looked forward to working with the township on this project.

Ms. Uhl explained that the informal board wants to take care of those roads where they have invested and wants to continue to work with the Road Commission on future endeavors, but also recognizes the limitation of both entities.

Commissioner Iacoangeli added that he has mentioned at prior meetings that the residents have the option to establish an SAD that would benefit them and possibly provide a better product. He understands the residents don't want to be taxed more than they are, but it should be a consideration if they would like a better product. He thanked Ms. Uhl for attending and indicated he looked forward to the continued partnership with Dundee Township.

11. Report of Officers –

*Randy Pierce* (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Nothing additional to report.

*Phillip C. Masserant* (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant explained the preliminary budget changes which include the CMAQ grants for signal installation, TAP project, the Geiger Road @ Pitts Creek culvert project, fringes for the 13<sup>th</sup> check, etc.

*Keith Richard* (Director of Operations) – Mr. Richard indicated the chip seal program is complete and there is one double seal to be done tomorrow. There are seven scrub seals which should be wrapped up in the next couple of weeks. Everything is moving well and the crews have been blessed with the good weather.

*Scott Assenmacher* (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher indicated he would be meeting with Erie Township to discuss the truck ordinance. He added Ida West Road is moving along and a portion should be done on the east end to help with the fall harvest. Mr. Assenmacher also explained that Norfolk Southern has been responsive and open to discussion on a potential solution to drainage issues plaguing the Dunbar and LaPlaisance intersection.

Commissioner Minton asked for clarification on the comment about the fall harvest. Mr. Assenmacher explained the 3-4 miles east will be done to accommodate the farmers and the fall harvest.

Commissioner Minton stated with Ida West Road being redone, it is possible that the farmers can damage that new asphalt, and is there a process in place to recoup money from someone to fix the damages. He stated he didn't want to hinder the farmers, but wanted to make sure we are protecting our assets. Mr. Assenmacher explained that in some cases there are ways to pinpoint who damages the roads and they have had good cooperation to get money to fix those damages. He added that Ida West Road would be an All Season-All Weather route that will see a lot of trucks and it might be more difficult to identify who or what caused the damage. Ida West Road was designed with significant material that included polymer which was built specifically for this type of truck traffic.

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

11. Public Comment – None.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

*Commissioner Pace* asked Mr. Richard to tell the crews that he has been riding some of the projects and they are doing a great job on the chip seals. They have done a very good job. Mr. Richard indicated the guys feel they have done a good job this year and they will appreciate the comments.

Mr. Assenmacher added that Federal Aid contracted for 14 miles of chip seals and they are not as good as what the Road Commission crews have done this year.

Commissioner Pace stated that Dundee Township has done a great job in partnering with the Road Commission and without their help Plank Road would not have gotten done. He greatly appreciated all their cooperation. He would like to see the Road Commission do something to help Dundee Township on North County Line Road. He felt the Road Commission should set aside \$300,000 aside in next year's budget for North County Line Road improvements.

*Commissioner Stammer* stated the extra money approved for the back bank cutting has been well worth it. He has received several comments on how good it looks and how it has improved site lines.

Commissioner Stammer felt the Road Commission staff and Dundee Township could come to a solution for North County Line Road. He felt that based on the core samples it would not be a good idea to turn it back to gravel. He was also encouraged that Dundee Township involved citizens in their informal meeting when discussing roads.

*Commissioner Londo* thanked Ms. Uhl for sharing her insights with the Board.

*Commissioner Minton* thanked the two ladies who have attended the board meeting consistently with regards to North County Line Road. He also extended a thank you to the two officials who attended from Dundee Township. He stated it was nice to hear from the township about the positive relationship they have with the Managing Director, Randy Pierce. He felt the Road Commission perception was starting to turn around but it can't move forward without township investment.

*Commissioner Iacoangeli* was very encouraged to see the attitude of cooperation. No one agency is an island and we all need to work together to accomplish things.

Commissioner Minton added that while they were pleased with Mr. Pierce, he is only as good as his staff.

13. Closed Session

Chairman Iacoangeli moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to enter into closed session at 6:42 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the purchase 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 September 12, 2016 meeting at 7:02 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



Commissioner Stammer moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to authorize the Managing Director to spend \$250 to purchase property located near I-275/Telegraph/Labo Roads in Ash Township as outlined during the closed session.

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

14. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

*Cheryl A. U'Ran*

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Cheryl A. U'Ran, Deputy Clerk