

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
September 14, 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, September 14, 2015 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

PRESENT	EXCUSED
Stephen J. Pace	Bruce R. Stammer, Jr.
Dan Minton	Charles 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 Silent Prayer.
5. Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the September 14, 2015 regular meeting revised agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Excused: 2 Motion carried.
6. PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed FY 2016 MCRC Budget.
Commissioner Iacoangeli opened the public hearing for the Proposed FY 2016 MCRC budget at 5:34 p.m.

With no comments from the public or the MCRC Board, the public hearing was closed at 5:35 p.m.

7. Public Comment -
Phil Heath, Milan Township Supervisor, voiced a concern that US-23 traffic was rerouted onto Wabash during the recent closure of the US-23 northbound lane due to an accident. He wanted to put it on record that should the recently improved Wabash Road experience failures, the State of Michigan should be held responsible for detouring traffic onto this road.

Commissioner Pace asked if they rerouted truck traffic. Mr. Heath responded all traffic was rerouted off US-23 onto Wabash, including heavy truck traffic. There was 7+ hours of constant traffic pounding that road and he wasn't sure of the long term effect would be to that road.

Phil Heath, Citizen and owner of Cone Road Deli, addressed the board regarding the relocation of his business that is now considered a commercial building. He has encountered problems with respect to his driveway and trying to obtain an occupancy permit. He said his business burned and he had to relocate and now the Road Commission is requiring a commercial driveway which is different that he had before and he doesn't feel it is necessary. He feels the current driveway is more than sufficient for the amount of traffic he will experience and there is no standing water and no flooding in the current culvert. He filed an appeal in April 2014 and the Road Commission Board agreed to a modified commercial driveway, but he feels he should not be required to make these improvements and move the culvert until and if the road work is done, and then he would agree to make the improvements at his expense.

Mr. Heath was coming before this Board to ask them to rescind the prior appeal decision and allow him to use the existing driveway until such time as the Road Commission would decide to widen Cone Road and perform drainage work. He cannot move forward until the Road Commission gives their blessing. Common sense says the current culvert works because there is no water in the ditch and why mess with what is working.

Commissioner Iacoangeli explained it would be his suggestion to explore options with the staff. Mr. Heath stated he has done that but he needed to bring it before the current board to rescind the prior decision.

Commissioner Pace indicated he was at the appeal hearing when the board agreed to a modified commercial driveway instead of a full commercial. Mr. Heath indicated he has been jumping through bureaucratic hoops and would just like common sense applied.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated there are new members on the Board since that decision and he would like time for the board to meet with staff to discuss it and then allow the staff to come back with recommendations and options for the Board's review.

Mr. Heath thanked the Board for their time.

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

1) Approval of Minutes- August 24, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 559 Payroll Checks #62777-62788 & Advice #17271-17361	\$ 228,521.38
No. 560 Vendor Checks #66903-66934	\$ 229,738.49
Void Check #64244	\$ 750.00
No. 567 Vendor Checks #66935-66997	\$ 658,817.66
Bank Service Charge - August 2015	\$ 50.00
No. 584 Payroll Checks #62789-62798	\$ 227,647.57
Bank Service Charge - August 2015	\$ 92.85

3) Township Contracts

Bedford DDA

Secor @ Sterns Intersection

Slurry Seal and other road improvements

Dundee Township

Stewart Road

Plank to Raisinville Twp Line HMA leveling course, shoulders

4) Approve the revised MCRC/MB&T Municipal Resolution.

5) Appoint Human Resource Director (L. Camden Regis) as MCRC Freedom of Information Officer and Equal Employment Opportunity Officer.

6) Approve the MDOT contracts for 2015/2016 for construction and construction engineering for South Otter Creek Road (approx. 665' W of Norfolk Southern Railroads tracks to approx. 645' E of the Canadian National/Grand Truck Western Railroad tracks), LaSalle Township, Monroe County, Michigan; and authorize the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign on behalf of the Board.

7) Approve and sign the Dedicated Highway & Utility Easement with Brian R. Willard and Misty M. Willard, Berlin Charter Township, Monroe County, Michigan.

8) Award bid for building demolition and site clean-up with additional fence placement at the Bedford Yard (Bedford Township) to low bidder Homrich Excavating in the amount of \$14,671.60 and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

- 9) Award design services contract for the Ida West Road Rehabilitation Project to Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. in the amount of \$23,602.00 and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.
- 10) Award bid for county blades to Shults Equipment and wing plow blades to Winter Equipment.
- 11) Approve the purchase of state blades (vallite-thru hardened) at a price of \$82.80 each from St. Regis Culvert under cooperative purchasing with Kent County Road Commission.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the September 14, 2015 Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Excused: 2
Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business – None.

10. New Business – None.

11. Report of Officers –

Randy Pierce (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce informed the Board the County sent an invitation to attend their meeting Tuesday as the State Legislators are on the agenda to discuss road funding.

Mr. Pierce also updated the Board that the mill and fill on Plank Road from Ostrander to US-23 has been completed. The work on the southern end of Plank from Ostrander to Yensch getting the crush and shape work should start next week, weather permitting. He also mentioned that one of the trucks purchased from the auction is at the body shop being painted.

Commissioner Pace inquired about the Berlin Township property. Mr. Pierce explained information was provided in the Managing Director Communication and he believes the property from the township is a wooded area that would require a great deal of clearing. He was made aware of another property located on Swan Creek which is approximately 4.9 acres and he is checking on that option also.

Commissioner Pace stated the property on Swan Creek across from Meijer would be perfect and would provide for easier on and off of the highway. He stressed the importance of moving on this salt facility in the north end of the county. Mr. Pierce said he was checking with DEQ on salt run off with the property being so near to the creek. He will keep the Board posted.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant has nothing additional to report.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher informed the Board that MDOT inspected the bridge at LaPlaisance over I-75 and they will be posting the bridge with restrictions. During the I-75 corridor meetings, MDOT asked for information and the Road Commission mentioned the concerns. This bridge is not scheduled for any type of work. This will indirectly affect the all-season, all-weather status of LaPlaisance Road to I-75, and the posting will limit truck traffic and cause some rerouting. This is nothing the Road Commission can control at this moment in time.

Mr. Assenmacher also updated the Board on the October letting for the Lewis Avenue (Todd to Rauch; and Pickard to Rauch) and Swan Creek (I-75 to Drew) projects. There are some significant concerns as bids have been coming in 20-30% higher than engineer estimates.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Excused.

12. Public Comment – None.

13. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace thanked everyone for all the good work being done. He realizes the Road Commission will start contract negotiations soon and he hopes to see a good equitable contract. He stated he is going through the same thing with Chrysler. He would hope the State would come through with some money. Again, he thanked everyone for the work being done and stated he has heard many good comments all summer.

Commissioner Stammer – excused.

Commissioner Londo – excused.

Commissioner Minton hoped everyone enjoyed their weekend and the Labor Day holiday. This was established to allow working men and women to enjoy time with their families away from the hard work they do every day.

Commissioner Iacoangeli thanked the employees for the outstanding job they do every day and also commended the administrative staff for the work on the budget. He stated it was easy to read and understand, and it addressed the issues that Commissioner Londo asked at the budget workshop.

Commissioner Iacoangeli stated there were no changes to the proposed budget from the workshop and it would be a benefit to approve the budget tonight instead of waiting until the 9/28 regular meeting since the budget would take effect on 10/1.

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve the proposed FY 2016 MCRC budget as presented. Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Excused: 2 Motion carried.

14. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

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