

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
MONROE, MICHIGAN  
September 28, 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 28, 2015 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>
Bruce R. Stammer, Jr.	
Dan Minton	
Stephen J. Pace	
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 silent opening prayer.
5. Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the September 28, 2015 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)*  
Commissioner Minton asked to pull items #5 and #9 for discussion.
  - 1) Approval of Minutes- September 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - 2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 601 Vendor Checks #66998-67044	\$ 1,402,268.77
No. 614 Payroll Checks #62799-62815 & Advice #17450-17534	\$ 239,699.80
Turner sick/vacation payout Check #62816	\$ 19,718.24
No. 615 Vendor Checks #67045-67071	\$ 536,726.78
Void Checks #66754, 66983, 66993	\$ 1,543.51
  - 3) Township Contracts – N/A
  - 4) Approve Act 51 Appropriations Resolution for 2016 Adopted MCRC Budget.
  - 5) Removed for discussion.
  - 6) Approve and sign the Dedicated Highway and Utility easement donated by the Rockwood Landfill for the U.S. Turnpike intersection with Labo and Roberts Road Safety Improvement project, Berlin Charter Township, Monroe County, Michigan.
  - 7) Approve the purchase of one (1) Durapatcher from Alta Equipment for \$63,000 minus the applicable rental credit; and purchase one (1) Total Patcher from Equipment Marketing Company for approximately \$61,000 as outlined in the amended 2015 MCRC Budget.
  - 8) Approve and sign the Resolution for the MDOT contract for the milling and resurfacing work along *Swan Creek Road* [from I-75 E'ly to Drew Street], Berlin Charter Township; hot mix asphalt work along *Lewis Avenue* [Pickard Road, N'ly to Rauch Road], Bedford Township; and construction engineering and inspection for work along *Lewis Avenue* [Pickard Road, N'ly to Rauch Road], Bedford Township; and hot mix asphalt work along *Lewis Avenue* [Rauch Road N'ly to Todd Road], Ida Township, Monroe County, Michigan; and authorize the Managing Director to sign the contract on behalf of the Board.

9) Removed for discussion.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the September 28, 2015 Consent Agenda as amended removing items #5 and #9 for discussion. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

5) Award bid for Samaria Road Sign and Guardrail Project to Action Traffic Maintenance, Inc., and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

9) Award contract for Cole Road By-Pass Lane to low bidder Pavex Corporation in the amount of \$107,279.31 and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Minton questioned why the bids for #5 was about 47% over the estimate, and #9 also came in considerably higher than the estimate. He wondered if the reason was due to end of the year work. There were only 2 bidders on #9 and he was curious on why.

Mr. Assenmacher indicated there were a number of factors. Trying to get these projects finished this late in the year is one reason. These two projects have a remaining balance from the RRR and there was additional money so they wanted to take advantage of while funds were available. Due to obligational authority the contractors are not geared up since it was so late in the process.

Commissioner Minton mentioned Cadillac does a lot of work in the county, but it appears that Gerken didn't bid on #9. Mr. Assenmacher said that was correct. He added these are very small jobs added at the end of the season. The Road Commission is trying to get ahead of the design side of the process and be able to bid work out in February and March to avoid problems with the obligational authority nightmare.

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to award the bid for Samaria Road Sign and Guardrail Project to Action Traffic Maintenance, Inc. and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to award contract for the Cole Road By-Pass Lane to low bidder Pavex Corporation in the amount of \$107,279.31 and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business – None.

9. New Business – None.

10. Report of Officers –

*Randy Pierce* (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce advised the Board that the staff has started meetings with the townships to discuss projects for next year.

He updated the Board on the Plank Road project saying this is a high profile project for both the Road Commission and the Townships. The staff is keeping a close eye on the progress. The project received extra undercutting near Yensch Road to help avoid any type of flooding. The crush and shape is underway with a grader and vibratory roller going before the paving for good compaction. MCRC Supervisor Dave Leach has been overseeing and inspecting the work and is doing a good job.

Mr. Pierce also indicated the Road Commission is waiting for the first (sample) truck to be returned from painting. He hoped to have it on site by Wednesday. Once this truck is examined and it meets the Road Commission approval, the other trucks will be done much faster.

Commissioner Londo asked if there were any unanticipated issues with Plank Road and the millings. Mr. Pierce explained the curve near Yensch Road had soft spots so undercutting was done. He also indicated millings from the job site were trucked by Miller Brothers to the mill and the Road Commission only paid 67% of the trucking costs.

Commissioner Londo asked who was responsible for the millings. Mr. Pierce explained the contractor has control of the millings. The Road Commission was able to use some of the millings to help reduce the cost of bringing in extra stone which saved the townships approximately \$80,000 and allowed the Road Commission to put down 2¼ " for a better ride and stronger road. What wasn't used for the road was taken by the contractor.

Commissioner Londo asked if the excess millings were not needed for the project and if the contractor has the discretion to take the millings. Mr. Pierce indicated the contractor usually has the say in what happens to the millings but we were able to utilize some of the millings and keep the mill running. The mill needs 8 trucks to stay functional and we didn't want to charge the township for lost time so 90% of the millings were taken off the north end project and relocated to the south end.

*Phillip C. Masserant* (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant explained August was a very busy month but they have closed the month. Financials were provided to the Board through 8/31/2015.

He reminded the board that the new FY begins this Thursday, October 1, 2015. The audit is scheduled for the week of December 7<sup>th</sup> and he doesn't anticipate any issues.

*Scott Assenmacher* (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher stated to the Board that June was a huge moisture month and as a result the Road Commission became more of a drain agency, instead of a road agency. The staff has been working with legal counsel and the drain commission on developing a policy that will outline parameters and protocol when handling drain issues – both roadside and private ditches. A draft of such policy will be brought before the Board for review.

Mr. Assenmacher reminded the Board he is on the Monroe County Planning Commission and if there is anything the Board needs or anything they feel would be helpful, please let him know.

Mr. Assenmacher indicated a meeting will be scheduled with Phil Heath to review the proposed solution and language to help finalize the document to move forward in updating the permit to get Mr. Heath's occupancy permit.

Commissioner Londo indicated there were at least two (2) concerns about drainage brought before the Board this spring – Ready Road and one in Bedford Township. He asked if there were resolutions to those concerns.

Mr. Assenmacher explained each of these issues has their own separate concerns, and is a combination of private and road drainage overlap. This is one of the reasons the staff is looking for standard protocol. He believes there is a resolution to the concerns on Strasburg Road, and the Road Commission is in discussions with the township on the concern at Summerfield near Temperance. The Road Commission investigated the Ready Road issue and felt it could use some maintenance to the county drain in lieu of changing the roadside ditch. It would be a more appropriate solution.

Commissioner Londo asked if the Road Commission could ascertain if these complaints were Road Commission, private, Drain Commission or combinations.

Mr. Assenmacher explained many of the requests are more private drain issues yet they are looking for a public solution. The Road Commission will attempt to accommodate private drain concerns as long as it does not create additional costs for the public drainage system.

Mr. Pierce added the Drain Commission outlet needs to be cleaned which would require the residents filing a petition. There are two issues: one being the Road Commission could perform maintenance on the ditch when the Gradall becomes available but that will not alleviate the homeowner's concerns, and two is cleaning the county drain outlet.

Mr. Assenmacher further explained the Drain Commission has no plans for any type of maintenance on this outlet. It would need to be initiated by the property owners, which was explained in detail to the homeowner.

Commissioner Pace asked if this is the same gentleman who is draining his private pond into our roadside ditch. Mr. Assenmacher indicated that was correct.

Commissioner Londo stated it was good to see the staff following up in a timely manner and attempting to address the concerns of the residents.

Commissioner Minton echoed saying the staff got out there immediately after Mr. Kalis brought his concerns to light.

Mr. Assenmacher stated the staff has learned a lot with these issues which is the reason for the need to generate a policy. It is interesting to realize how many residents rely on the Road Commission roadside ditches.

Commissioner Minton said this has been a unique year with all the rain. The Board realizes that often the citizens want to turn a private issue into a public issue.

*Philip Costello* (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello informed the Board that he has been involved with working with the staff on a variety of drain issues. He also updated the Board on the project on Reinhardt Road where gas lines are under the road and equipment cannot be used to crush the road. This requires the Road Commission to perform soft or hand excavating, which of course delays the work.

Mr. Costello also informed the Board that Frenchtown Township issued a Traffic Control Order and supported it with a Traffic Control ordinance which is another piece of the puzzle for the Quatro development. The ball is in the developer's court now.

11. Public Comment - None.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

*Commissioner Pace* had nothing additional to report.

*Commissioner Stammer* had nothing additional to report.

*Commissioner Londo* indicated he spent time on Plank Road earlier in the day and road the entire length with Supervisor Dave Leach. He stated he is not a road expert, but could see that the work being done was according to the plans and specifications. He asked for scope of work information which was provided to him, so he may have more questions after reviewing that information. As it was explained to him, the fix is not ideal but it is a good fix. Should funding become available in the future, additional layers, or lifts, would be beneficial. It is much better than it was and it is good to see the working getting done. The Road Commission is doing quite a bit of work with the limited resources available. He hopes to see the trend continue.

*Commissioner Minton* had nothing additional to report.

*Commissioner Iacoangeli* also cruised down Plank Road when it was being crushed.

Commissioner Londo mentioned the road has to be better because people are now speeding. The MCS D had pulled over a car and writing a ticket for going 75 mph.

Commissioner Stammer indicated the same problem happened in Bedford when the fixed the roads, the people are now speeding.

13. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

*Cheryl A. U'Ran*

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Cheryl A. U'Ran, Deputy Clerk