

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
October 8, 2018**

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, October 8, 2018 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

PRESENT

Greg W. Stewart

Dan Minton

Stephen J. Pace

Paul Iacoangeli

EXCUSED

Charles A. Londo

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 Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the October 8, 2018 regular meeting agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment -

Jim Gulau, 1825 Heiss Road, Milan, addressed the Board regarding a service request that he has been working with the MCRC since 2015 to solve ditching and drainage concerns. In the past, he has talked with Chris Stanley, Jim Morgan and Scott Assenmacher and there was discussion about digging up Hack Road to replace some plugged pipes, but funding became a question. He believes progress is being made but wants to make sure the ball doesn't get dropped. He saw the crews working in the area and hoped they would make it to work on his issue.

Bob Queen, Exeter Township Supervisor, appeared before the Board. He indicated he missed the last meeting as he was 600 miles out of town for a family wedding, and he had already missed one family function due to attending the last Scofield Road meeting and didn't think he should miss another.

Mr. Queen explained he received feedback from the township board members after the last Road Commission meeting and learned the MCRC requested a letter, which greatly concerned him. He stated he felt he supplied enough information to the Road Commission Board and staff to do their own research.

Mr. Queen stated that comments were made about the emergency routes being affected with this road closure and he again told the Board that Exeter Township has an agreement with the London/Maybee/Raisinville Fire Department that whoever is closest handles that fire or emergency call. Most of the LMR volunteers live in the Village and their response time for Bitz Road is about 3-4 minutes sooner. He added that the abandonment of Scofield will be affect emergency response time. He also added the crews were doing a good job on S. Stony Creek with the paving, which would help improve response time.

Mr. Queen indicated the Township Clerk, Treasurer and one Trustee attended the last MCRC board meeting. When he asked why no one got up to speak on behalf of the Township Board, the Clerk told him that the Road Board was brutal, mean and intimidating. He didn't like that type of feedback.

Mr. Queen pointed out that Road Commissioner Stewart asked at the last meeting if the township was acting on behalf of the good of the entire township. Mr. Queen said of course they are working for the good of the township. He stated the township board are sworn officers of the township and everything they do is for the good of the township. The township roads are dismal and they have no funding to fix these roads. He also indicated he lost another culvert today. With this abandonment, the township will receive money to help improve roads, and fixing roads will improve response time for the good of all the residents.

Mr. Queen stated that no one person can made a decision as it takes the majority vote of the entire board. The public is saying the township board isn't giving the citizens straight answers. Until the money is in the bank, the township board cannot tell residents where the money will be spent. Once everything is finalized, the township would set down with the Road Commission staff and Stoneco to review how to best spend the money.

Mr. Queen outlined that the Cooperation Agreement specifically directs this money to roads, so it won't be put into the township general fund. Plus, Stoneco will be proving much needed material to put on some of their township roads. He wants to make sure he gets the best bang for their buck.

Mr. Queen addressed the comment made by Tom Boggs about the priority roads being Bitz, Geirman and Scofield saying his own personal opinion would be to put the money on the roads that need it the most to improve emergency response time for their first responders in their township. Sixteen tons of stone was added to Geirman Road last year and it isn't a bad road. The township board needs to make the decision on how to spend this money on the roads.

Mr. Queen indicated that Rockwood got a new library when a local road was closed.

Mr. Queen also explained that at a prior meeting the Fire Chief addressed the Board about how this abandonment directly affects his property. Mr. Queen indicated Mr. Sweeney did not have the permission of the Township Supervisor to talk about the situation and represent himself or his opinion as the Fire Chief, without prior authorization. Offering his opinion as a township Fire Chief was a conflict of interest. He is more than welcome to offer his opinion as a citizen, but not to represent the township.

At the September 24th meeting, the Road Board Chairman stated he was disappointed in the township for not providing information about the townships preference on the abandonment. Mr. Queen said he didn't have time to write a letter. He added he deals with the parks and recreation boards, historical commission, planning commission meetings, township meetings, the budget, citizens' concerns, the newsletter, the potter's cemetery, state reps and other municipalities, the building and assessing departments, grounds and building, fund raisers, township festivals and the 10/20 trunk or treat event. He also indicated he talks regularly with County Commissioner David Hoffman. He is also trying to rally a millage for the township to save the rest of their roads because the money coming from Stoneco if the abandonment goes through will be take the township into the next 5 years.

Mr. Queen stated he didn't need to write any type of letter to the Road Board. He asked if the Road Board sent a letter to Senator Zorn and Representative Bellino thanking them for getting the money for S. Stony Creek. He doubted it. The only letter he is aware of was the letter of recommendation for Pace and Londo to the County Board.

Mr. Queen said he didn't have a staff to do this type of work. Exeter Township is a one horse township and he is the horse. He has a multitude of responsibilities. He already provided the information and the Road Commission should understand the condition of their roads.

Mr. Queen stated he is not going to give the Road Commission a letter to get the board off the hook from doing their job. He could provide a letter stating why the township did what they did. He thanked the Board for allowing him to speak.

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

- 1) Approval of Minutes - September 24, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 671 Vendor Checks #72970 -73028	\$ 857,495.58
No. 689 Payroll Checks #64137-64155 & Advice #24686-24779	\$ 288,064.91
ACH Pmt - FICA 3 rd party sick pay	\$ 45.90
Bank Service Charge - September 2018	\$ 93.00
AFSCME CBA Bonus Checks #64156-64174	\$ 18,612.00
- 3) Township Contracts - N/A
- 4) Approve the Amended MCRC Work Rules Policy #2018-07.
- 5) Approve the extension to the 2016 PASS QB Texture Seal contract with Pavement Maintenance Systems, LLC for the 2018 season.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the October 8, 2018 Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business - None.

9. New Business - None.

10. Report of Officers -

Randy Pierce (Managing Director) - Mr. Pierce informed the Board that the NE Salt Facility is on schedule and should be completed the end of October, beginning of November.

David M. Leach (Superintendent of Maintenance) - Mr. Leach stated the maintenance crews continue to work on pulling berms and spray patching. The base paving is complete on Stony Creek and the railroad crossing will be shut down for 5-7 days to complete their upgrade, then the surface course will be laid, then they will go back and tie in the driveways. Bates Lane should be done by the end of the week, and Douglas and Jackman should also be completed by the end of the week.

Mr. Leach also advised the Board that under Consent Agenda Item #4, the words "per year" on the last page should have been removed, so that policy will need to be corrected.

Matthew Snell (County Highway Engineer) - Mr. Snell informed the Board that he has been working with the Railroad on funding opportunities with MDOT. This program would provide a 60/40 split and the Road Commission has submitted 10 applications with the four (4) different railroads. He felt confident the Road Commission would get one of these locations selected.

Mr. Snell also indicate the Engineering Department has been working on the MDOT safety improvement projects on Petersburg and Todd Roads.

Dori Hawkins-Freelain (Director of Finance) – Ms. Hawkins-Freelain had nothing additional to report.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello indicated he continues to work on the West District property sale. The City of Petersburg and Summerfield Township agreed to amend the 425 Agreement to remove the special use approval provision. This allows the potential buyer to move forward with the purchase.

11. Public Comment -

David Hoffman, County Commissioner, indicated the Road Commission is doing a fine job. He stated Bates Lane needs a second course in order to get the water off the roadway. He volunteered to donate his time to cut swales in driveways due to the high berms, if he could borrow the Road Commission gradall.

Mr. Hoffman also indicated that Finzel Road is a safety issue and needs to be pulverized and base stabilized. He added that the new stop lights are working well.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Stewart had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Londo was excused.

Commissioner Minton had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Iacoangeli had nothing additional to report.

13. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

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