

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
October 12, 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, October 12, 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>
Stephen J. Pace	Charles Londo
Dan Minton	
Bruce R. Stammer, Jr.	
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 Prayer.

5. Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the October 12, 2015 regular meeting agenda as presented/amended. 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- September 28, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 641 Vendor Checks #67072-67142	\$ 513,170.59
No. 660 Payroll Checks #62817 & 62826 & Advice #17535-17624	\$ 231,514.74
3 rd Qtr Cafeteria Checks #62827-62840	\$ 13,563.90
Bank Service Charge-September 2015	\$ 91.65
No. 664 Vendor Checks #67143-67179	\$ 364,548.49

3) Township Contracts

Erie Township

Erie Road

Minx to Strasburg

OBC

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the October 12, 2015 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/Superintendent of Maintenance) - Mr. Pierce informed the Board that the paving on Plank Road was finished and there are a couple areas that need to be cut out in the next few weeks. Mr. Assenmacher and Mr. Smith suggest some front bank packing be done on this section of road. They are hopeful that funding will be available in the near future for an additional lift.

He also indicated the micro seal on Sumpter Road was done Saturday. Two of the five trucks are back from being painted and he hopes to have one available in the parking lot at the next board meeting so the members can look at them.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant wished everyone a happy new fiscal year. He explained he is close to wrapping up September with the construction bills. Once that is done, he will roll the year end process, then work with the supervisors on the new department reports.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher explained the hot topic has been the last two (2) miles of Lewis Avenue. The Road Commission has been talking with Ida Township. It is recommended to not sacrifice quality to rush to finish this job in 2015. A request for a progress clause change will be prepared in the next few weeks. There were good bid prices which will be locked in for 2016. Even though Township dollars aren't involved, the Road Commission respects their thoughts and opinions and want to keep them informed as they gets calls also.

Mr. Assenmacher also indicated the Road Commission webpage was updated with the video used during the fair. It is our goal to keep the webpage fresh and updated and hope to update the page with winter maintenance information.

He also indicated he is working on the 2017-2020 TIP list and will anticipate a Federal Aid committee meeting sometime mid to late November.

Commissioner Stammer asked if the Lewis Avenue federal aid is all tied together to the other federal aid projects. Mr. Assenmacher indicated they are all bid together and should be complete before July 2016.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello indicated he has been working with the engineering staff on drainage issues and concerns. He has also been reviewing the list of Road Commission policies compared to the 17 policies listed in the accounting manual to determine if the 17 polices are required by law or merely recommended.

11. Public Comment – None.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace asked about the salt shed. Mr. Pierce explained he didn't think it would be possible this year. He is scheduled to meet with Berlin Charter Township at the end of the month. He wasn't sure he could get all the parties together. He didn't think the tent company would be available this late in the year. He said it would probably be spring 2016.

Commissioner Pace asked if this was the property across from Meijer. Mr. Pierce indicated no as there is too much DEQ requirements with that property. We are looking at the property which is part of the Berlin Township Park system about 1 mile off the highway.

Commissioner Pace stated it is difficult for our drivers to maintain I-75 and I-275 when they have to come back to Monroe to load salt. He felt this should be a high priority and without question it absolutely needs to get done next year. This salt shed would not only make the driver's job easier but improve our public appearance on how we maintain the highways and provide quicker turnaround time.

Commissioner Stammer stated the new quarterly magazine from CRA is a nice publication. One article in the Crossroads magazine is on anti-icing. He indicated Montcalm County highlighted their 8-year program which has proven to reduce salt usage and the number of accidents in winter. He would like to see our program expanded. He also mentioned a winter maintenance conference coming up that he would like to see maintenance employees attend.

Commissioner Londo - 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 5:45 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

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