

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
October 26, 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 26, 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	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 Silent Prayer.

5. Commissioner Iacoangeli moved item #13 Closed Session after the first Public Comment.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the October 26, 2015 regular meeting agenda as amended. Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Excused: 2 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment -

Charles Mahoney, 660 Seminole Trail - Mohawk Trail Subdivision, Temperance asked what he needed to do to vacate the roadway between his home and the neighbor that goes nowhere. He stated the plat refers to it as a continuation of Seminole Trail but it is nothing more than an extended driveway for both residences and then stops. It doesn't get plowed or receive any maintenance. He maintains the property himself. He would like to have someone come down and look at the concern and get it resolved as soon as possible.

Chairman Iacoangeli took his contact information and referred the follow up to staff.

7. Closed Session

Chairman Iacoangeli moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to enter into closed session at 5:40 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations relative to collective bargaining.

Chairman, Paul Iacoangeli	YES	
Commissioner, Dan Minton	YES	
Commissioner, Charles Londo	Excused	
Commissioner, Stephen J. Pace	YES	
Commissioner, Bruce R. Stammer, Jr.	Excused	Motion carried.

Reconvene -

The Board of County Road Commissioners reconvened the October 26, 2015 meeting at 6:20 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman, Paul Iacoangeli	YES
Commissioner, Dan Minton	YES
Commissioner, Charles Londo	Excused
Commissioner, Stephen J. Pace	YES
Commissioner, Bruce R. Stammer, Jr.	Excused

8. The following items were listed on the Consent Agenda: *(with immediate effect)*
- 1) Approval of Minutes - October 12, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 679 Vendor Checks #67180-67205	\$ 298,411.82
No. 708 Payroll Checks #62841-62853 & Advice #17625-17713	\$ 230,192.21
No. 709 Vendor Checks #67206-67261	\$1,804,247.35
 - 3) Township Contracts - N/A
 - 4) Approve the Resolution to lift the weight limits on South Otter Creek (between M-125 and Knab Road) during construction effective October 26, 2015, LaSalle Township, Monroe County, Michigan.
 - 5) Approve the contract with DTE Energy for Dunbar East (LaPlaisance to 1.2 MI E of LaPlaisance) for crush and shape and 3" stone, Monroe Charter Township, Monroe County, Michigan.
 - 6) Approve and sign the Drainage Covenant Addendum with the Ann Arbor Railroad, Inc. (Radka Road), Dundee Township, Monroe County, Michigan.
 - 7) Approve and sign the Drainage Covenant Addendum with the Ann Arbor Railroad, Inc. (Dundee-Azalia Road), Dundee Township, Monroe County, Michigan.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the October 26, 2015 Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Excused: 2 Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business – None.

9. New Business -

- 1) Discussion on Post-Retirement Supplemental Benefits Distribution Program as outline in Policy #2012-22.

Mr. Pierce explained that according to the policy, the Board has the ability to elect to pay a 13th check or C.O.L.A. to retirees. We contacted the Retirement Board, but Sandra Calkins is on maternity leave and only working part-time and we have not been able to get a response. He suggested postponing the discussion to allow the staff to do more research and get more information for the board.

Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to postpone this item to the November 9, 2015 regular meeting to allow more research to be done. Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Excused: 2 Motion carried.

10. Report of Officers –

Randy Pierce (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce checked into tanks for pre-wetting as previously mentioned by Commissioner Stammer. For 3-lane tank spreader the cost is approximately \$40,000 and if ordered they are still 100-120 days out. For single lane tank spreader the cost of about \$20,000 but they are also 100-120 days out to order. A single lane spreader cannot be expanded where the 3-lane spreader can be reduced to one single lane. In talking with other municipalities, he learned that pre-wetting is done more in cities than used by Road Commissions.

He also indicated Dean Road will be stabilized tomorrow and paved before 11/15 weather permitting. There are 4-5 more paving projects that Cadillac will be wrapping up in the next few weeks.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Nothing additional to report.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher provided an update on North County Line Road options. Mike Smith and Mr. Assenmacher looked at the general condition of this road. They discussed with Dave Leach the general analysis of the 1-mile section and potential options based on the deterioration of the road. It would be their recommendation to leave the macadam in place to avoid doing more harm than good. The macadam is unique. We need to be practical in our approach due to the macadam. In their discussion they outlined 3 options.

The BEST option would be to trench down 6", 4 foot wide on each, pulverize the middle section, and add 4" stone for a cost of \$95K/mile. The BETTER option includes 4ft wide trench, 4" deep and 3" stone for a cost of approximately \$70K/mile. The MINIMUM option would be to trench 2 feet, add 4" in trench and cap with 3" stone for a cost of about \$60-65K/mile. These prices are fairly expensive for turning a road back to gravel. The best and better options would leave the option to pave and turn that road back to hard surface, where the minimum option does not. He explained there is nothing planned for this section of road in the near future. He reminded the Board that funding is a key factor and there are other roads in similar conditions.

Chairman Iacoangeli asked if the minimum option would require the Road Commission to go back vs. taking the better option for \$70K and doing it all at the same time. Mr. Assenmacher indicated he would need to trench that road. Chairman Iacoangeli indicated that would escalate the price and Assenmacher replied yes.

Commissioner Pace asked about rubblizing the whole road. Mr. Assenmacher explained they would pulverize the top down to the macadam. The amount of asphalt out there varies and it is a mess. He also mentioned there is no money budgeted for this specific road project.

Mr. Pierce added he provided a cold patch report for the last three years on this road for their review. Due to budget constraints and low traffic volume, the bare minimum has been done on this road. There is nothing earmarked in the budget for this year.

Commissioner Pace asked the length of the road. Mr. Assenmacher indicated north of M-50 is about 4-5 miles, and south of M-50 is about 3 miles.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated he drove this road and there isn't much traffic and only a few houses. The road isn't in good shape. Commissioner Pace indicated the Road Commission's job is to make it reasonable for travel.

Mr. Assenmacher updated the Board in the TIP. A Federal Aid meeting will be held 11/18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Road Commission to review and update the list. He learned earlier in the day that about the changed in state allocations for urban and rural roads. He explained starting in 2016 the game would be changing and the funding may not be reliable. It makes it very difficult to plan ahead with so many moving targets. He will do his best to keep the board updated on the changes but these variables are outside Road Commission control. It is incredibly frustrating, but he will continue to work to capture and leverage as many dollars as we can. Programs keep changing.

Mr. Assenmacher explained in 2015 they offered to advanced construct projects where they advanced the money forward in a loan. When monies come in you use the funds to pay your loan which allows for larger projects to be completed. The current concept allows a same year advanced construct where you push a project forward, get it obligated and bid, and hope the money comes in. But you are taking a huge risk if funding falls through. The Road Commission was waiting in line and the money kept being taken. We recently learned that the advance construct projects jumped to the front of the line. It is a very frustrating process and we are doing the best we can.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) - Nothing additional to report.

11. Public Comment - None.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Stammer was excused.

Commissioner Londo was excused.

Commissioner Minton had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Iacoangeli complimented everyone on the nice job on the new paint job on the trucks and asked how soon they would be put in service. Mr. Pierce explained soon.

13. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

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