

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
November 13, 2017**

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, November 13, 2017 the meeting was called to order by Chairman Iacoangeli at 2:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>EXCUSED</u>
Greg W. Stewart	
Charles A. Londo	
Stephen J. Pace (2:50pm)	
Dan Minton	
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 Stewart to approve the November 13, 2017 regular meeting agenda as presented. 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)*
Commissioner Stewart asked to have item #4 pulled for further discussion.
 - 1) Approval of Minutes- October 23, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 677 AFSCME Bonus Checks #63663-63680	\$ 21,226.20
No. 678 Vendor Checks #71215-71264	\$ 81,108.03
No. 691 Vendor Checks #71265	\$ 11,875.00
No. 695 Payroll Checks #63681-63692 & Advice #22441-22523	\$ 220,487.58
 - 3) Township Contracts - N/A
 - 4) Pulled for further discussion.
 - 5) Approve the amendment to the MDOT State Trunkline Contract #2017-0185/A1 and authorize the Managing Director to sign on behalf of the Board of County Road Commissioners.
 - 6) Approve and sign the Drainage Covenant with Jacob Armentrout, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan.
 - 7) Award bid for 2018 Aggregate Materials to all responding vendors.
 - 8) Award bid for 2018 Supplemental Heavy Equipment Services to all responding vendors.

Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve the November 13, 2017 Consent Agenda except for item #4. Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

4) Approve the proposed 2018 MCRC Meeting Schedule.

Commissioner Stewart didn't have a problem with the dates presented, but voiced a concern about the 2:00 p.m. meeting time on the proposed 2018 board meeting schedule. He questioned whether there should be a mix of times to accommodate the employees who would like to attend, and those who work the 9-5 schedule.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated the Board decided to try to the 2:00 p.m. meeting time with the understanding that it could be re-evaluated in the future.

Commissioner Stewart indicated he has received some feedback about the perception of openness. He had one elected official and one citizen contact him. He felt there should be an opportunity for others to attend the meetings.

Commissioner Londo asked how insistent were his contacts about the change in meeting time? Commissioner Stewart indicated the elected official was very insistent and the citizen was concerned about the perception. He stated he originally voiced a concern for the change in time, but voted to try it based on the comment that it could be re-evaluated and changed if needed.

Commissioner Minton stated that when the time was changed the Board did say it would be reviewed in the future. He suggested the calls be tracked to determine how the public views the new meeting time. It is difficult to gauge the impact after only one meeting. He has also received some feedback and there has been some concern about people's ability to attend, especially employees who aren't able to attend during the day. He felt it may be better to split the times to one at 2:00 p.m. and one at 5:30 p.m. to accommodate the citizens.

Commissioner Iacoangeli agreed that the Board stated they would see how the new time worked and re-evaluate if needed and there has only been one meeting since that decision was made. He has heard complaints from the unions, but the CBA's have a clause that allow them to take time off if they want to attend a meeting. He has done some research and several other Road Commissions have their board meetings in the morning, no evening meetings at all. He felt the Board could move forward and leave the schedule the way it is and re-evaluate it in the future. Anytime there is change there is a concern, and there are very few people who ever attend evening Road Commission board meetings

Commissioner Stewart again indicated he had no problem keeping he 2:00 p.m. time as long as the motion stated there was an option to revisit the time after a test period to show the public it wasn't set in stone.

Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by Commissioner Londo to approve the 2018 MCRC Meeting Schedule as presented with the provision to re-evaluate the 2:00 p.m. meeting time by March 26, 2018. 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 had nothing additional to report.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant indicated they met with MDOT and the maintenance budget will remain the same. There is no increase or decrease anticipated in 2018.

He also indicated the MCRC received a settlement offer on the Strasburg bridge that was struck by a farmer in November 2016. The Monroe County Drain Commission replaced the structure and the insurance company was billed. The insurance offered \$108,893.08 which represents 80 percent of the cost and unless the Board directed otherwise, the MCRC would accept that offer and sign the release of waiver.

Keith C. Richard (Director of Operations) – Mr. Richard informed the Board that the winter night shift will commence Monday, November 27th and everything is set in place and ready to roll.

Frank Westenkirchner (Assistant County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Westenkirchner stated they are wrapping up the bridge repairs on Knab Road at Otter Creek in LaSalle and should be opened by the end of the week. They will be starting work on Timbers Road bridge at Stony Creek this week which will take about 3 weeks.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello stated he was working with the staff on a policy dealing with right-of-way obstructions to make the practice in dealing with these structures more uniform.

11. Public Comment – None.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace was excused.

Commissioner Stewart explained he has attended two parks and recreation meetings. Dan Stefanski is retiring so there was a special meeting to interview his replacement. He will keep the board posted.

Commissioner Londo had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Minton had nothing additional to report.

Commissioner Iacoangeli had nothing additional to report.

13. Closed Session

Chairman Iacoangeli moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to enter into closed session at 2:55 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations relative to collective bargaining.

Chairman, Paul Iacoangeli	YES	
Commissioner, Dan Minton	YES	
Commissioner, Charles Londo	YES	
Commissioner, Stephen J. Pace	YES	
Commissioner, Greg W. Stewart	YES	Motion carried.

Reconvene –

The Board of County Road Commissioners reconvened the November 13, 2017 meeting at 4:08 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman, Paul Iacoangeli	YES
Commissioner, Dan Minton	YES
Commissioner, Charles Londo	YES
Commissioner, Stephen J. Pace	YES
Commissioner, Greg W. Stewart	YES

14. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

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