

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
December 7, 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, December 7, 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	ABSENT
Charles Londo	Stephen J. Pace	Bruce R. Stammer, Jr.
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 Silent Prayer.

5. Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Londo to approve the December 7, 2015 regular meeting agenda as revised. Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Absent: 1 Motion carried.

6. Public Comment - None

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

1) Approval of Minutes- November 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 749 Vendor Checks #67321-67376	\$ 1,075,624.07
No. 759 Payroll Checks #62864-62875 & Advice #17804-17888	\$ 226,533.31
No. 782 Vendor Checks #67377-67445	\$ 1,082,117.47
No. 789 Payroll Checks #62876-62885 & Advice #17889-17973	\$ 227,997.04
Bank Service Charge - November 2015	\$ 90.30

3) Township Contracts - N/A

4) Approve 2016 MCRC Board Meeting Schedule.

5) Authorize the County Highway Engineer, in consensus with Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance, to impose the Seasonal Weight Restrictions("frost laws") for Monroe County roads for 2015/2016 when deemed appropriate, in accordance with Act 300 of 1949 (Michigan Vehicle Code).

6) Approve the Resolution to approve the closure of Dennison Road at the Miller #4 Drain (between Deerfield Road and McCarty Road), Summerfield Township, Monroe County, Michigan; and authorize the erection of suitable barriers and signing for the road closure.

7) Approve the Affidavit of Correction for the Brookwood Plat 1 and Village at Oak Creek Plat 2, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan.

8) Approve the purchase of 2016 GMC Cargo van in the amount of \$25,806.75 under the MiDeal Program as outlined in MCRC 2016 Approved Budget.

9) Approve the purchase of 2016 GMC Sierra 2500 with front plow in the amount of \$32,795.60 under the MiDeal Program as outlined in the MCRC 2016 Approved Budget.

10) Approve the purchase of 2016 GMC Acadia Utility Vehicle (AWD) in the amount of \$32,317.70 under the MiDeal Program as outlined in the MCRC 2016 Approved Budget.

11) Award bid for 2016 Aggregate Materials to all responding vendors.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Londo to approve the December 7, 2015 Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Absent: 1 Motion carried.

8. Unfinished Business – None.

9. New Business -

1) Discussion on the Resolution to support Summerfield Schools Safe Routes to Schools Program.

Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated he received a request from Amy Reiter via County Commissioner David Hoffman. The County recently approved a similar Resolution and asked the staff to prepare a Resolution for the Road Board's approval. He appreciated the staff working on the item at the last minute to prepare it for the agenda and Board review.

Mr. Pierce provided the Board with information on the process outlined by the TAP. This is a general resolution of support that does not obligate the Road Commission to fund at this point.

Commissioner Londo asked if there was a point of bail out if necessary and asked how much was the grant and the amount of matching. Mr. Pierce indicated the grant amount and matching funds required is unknown at this time. The Road Commission would work with the township on obligating the funds for the match.

Mr. Costello explained that the Road Commission would be the Act 51 agent for any portion in the township and the City of Petersburg would be the Act 51 agent inside the city limits.

Commissioner Londo moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve the Resolution of Support for the Summerfield Schools application for Safe Routes to School Program subject to future discussions on the responsibility for matching funds. Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Absent: 1 Motion carried.

10. Report of Officers –

Randy Pierce (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce distributed a letter from Asphalt Recycling & Reclaiming Association announcing the Road Commission is the recipient of the 2016 Award for Excellence in Full-Depth Reclamation for the work done on Samaria Road. That is exciting for the Road Commission.

Mr. Pierce also informed the Board that the demolition at the Bedford Yard should be completed this week. He also provided a document outlining the MDOT progressive disciplinary action procedure for the Board's review.

Commissioner Londo asked about the north end salt facility. Mr. Pierce explained that MB&T called to say the NE corner parcel of property near the intersection of Telegraph & Newport Road has now become available and they are in the process of attempting to split it into 3 parcels. There is approximately 20 acres and the Road Commission would only need 2 acres.

Commissioner Londo asked if that gave the Road Commission any leverage with bargaining with Berlin Township. Mr. Pierce wasn't sure since the township officials have already signed the purchase agreement.

Commissioner Londo felt the property at Telegraph and Newport might be a good investment for the future. Mr. Pierce explained he has a concern about the deep county ditches and the bank was waiting to hear from Ash Township on if they would be able to split the property and the size of the parcels.

Commissioner Minton asked if the Road Commission would have access off Telegraph Road and indicated that is a busy corner. Mr. Pierce felt the access would be off Newport Road. He will keep the board updated as soon as he hears back from the bank.

Commissioner Londo clarified the Road Commission would not be able to get a salt facility ready for this winter. Mr. Pierce indicated not this year but probably next winter.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant explained the auditors started today and will be doing the Fiscal Year 2015 audit and single audit. It should go smoothly as the auditors appear pleased with the information he has already compiled for them.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher was excused as he was attending a CRA Engineering Committee meeting.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello updated the Board that he continues to work on the truck ordinances and that Berlin Township's ordinance is in the works. He also informed the Board he has been working with the staff on the Dennison Road closure regarding the law and how to barricade the road and post detours. Continued discussions on at what point does the Road Commission determine the road becomes a dead end and not a closure. That would require changing and replacing proper signage. He is also continuing to work with the staff on the drain policy affecting road side drains.

Commissioner Iacoangeli inquired about Mr. Assenmacher's attendance at the last London Township board meeting relative to the truck ordinance.

Mr. Pierce explained that London Township does not appear to be interested in passing a truck ordinance at this time. There are issues with trucks running the roads in that township. The Road Commission will continue to pursue working with the other townships to implement the truck ordinance and continue to talk and work with London Township. He also indicated there are problems with trucks and tankers running misloads on Plank Road.

Commissioner Londo asked if Plank Road could be posted with weight restrictions. Mr. Pierce indicated not really because of destination loads and farmer's spraying their fields. Due to the National Truck Network trucks have access 5 miles from the interstates. He explained that the Dundee Motor Carrier has been busting the trucks on their roads, so they are now using the back roads to avoid getting ticketed. Mr. Pierce indicated the Road Commission has no enforcement abilities and the MSP has other obligations.

Commissioner Londo asked if the Road Commission could hire a weighmaster. Mr. Pierce stated he talked with Senator Zorn about offsetting the costs of a weighmaster with the fines since a weighmaster position is in the Local 543 contract, but monies are not available.

Commissioner Londo asked about court costs to offset the costs. Mr. Costello indicated the fines go to the townships due to the truck ordinance.

Commissioner Londo asked if the union would agree to a part-time position within their contract. Mr. Pierce felt that would be asking a lot since it is a secured full-time position in their contract.

Mr. Costello explained that the Road Commission cannot collect the fines but a part-time could pay off on road protection.

Commissioner Londo indicated anything the Road Commission could do to protect our investment would be helpful. Mr. Pierce indicated he will talk with the MSP Motor Carrier and ask them to help in monitoring the situation and may possibly talk with Dundee Township Supervisor Joanna Uhl to see if there is any way we could sub-lease their carrier. Mr. Costello indicated the Road Commission should be able to cost share with another government agency.

Commissioner Londo asked if there was any noticeable road deterioration due to the increased truck traffic. Mr. Pierce indicated not at this time but the spring law and frost laws may be a different outcome. Commissioner Iacoangeli indicated there are no easy answers for this situation.

11. Public Comment – None.

12. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace was excused.

Commissioner Stammer was absent.

Commissioner Londo stated it was good to be back. He reviewed the prior meeting information and has disappointed he wasn't in attendance to discuss the 13th check issue. He would like to have that policy re-evaluated in early 2016 so a decision can be made and the retirees notified well in advance.

Commissioner Minton agreed that the 13th check issue needs further discussion, including the funding of the 13th check. He indicated he attended the MCRC Holiday Luncheon last week and there was great food, good conversation and appeared well attended. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and hoped everyone would be safe when doing their jobs so people could enjoy good holidays with their families.

Commissioner Iacoangeli stated he appreciated all the work done on the Holiday Luncheon. He was pleased to see a lot of folks attend. He also wished everyone a Happy & Safe Holiday.

Commissioner Londo also wished everyone a Merry Christmas!!

13. Closed Session

Chairman Iacoangeli moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to enter into closed session at 6:05 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	Excused	
Commissioner, Bruce R. Stammer, Jr.	Absent	Motion carried.

Reconvene -

The Board of County Road Commissioners reconvened the December 7, 2015 meeting at 6:54 p.m. with the following Commissioners present:

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

14. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Cheryl A. U'Ran

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