

Mr. Pierce apologized but indicated the staff hadn't had an opportunity to contact Frenchtown Township due to the letter coming in at the last minute. He suggested tabling the discussion to allow the staff time for follow up. This alley is considered a paper street.

Commissioner Londo asked if there was a rational explanation other than just the letter asking for the MCRC to deny the request. Mr. Assenmacher hadn't talked with anyone, but speculated the denial was due to the lake access.

Mr. Costello provided an explanation of a plat and stated all roads within the plat are available for public use. When someone petitions to abandon a paper street or alley within a plat, the Road Commission performs its due diligence and if the MCRC abandons their interest in it as a public right of way, the Township has the first right to the property, and if the township wasn't interested, it would then become available to the plat members should anyone express an interest in the property.

Commissioner Pace asked if there was a logical reason the MCRC would want to hold onto this alley. Mr. Assenmacher indicated there is no logical reason from a road point of view as it is considered a paper street that is only 12 ½ feet in width.

Commissioner Pace felt if it was important to them they would have sent representation to this meeting.

Commissioner Londo indicated the Township's request was ridiculous because the property is totally inaccessible as it sets right now, and it only 12 ½ feet wide. This only affects the neighboring homeowners. He felt this was a good case to abandon the alley as requested.

Commissioner Londo moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to support the request for abandonment of the alley in the Joe E. Labo Subdivision.

Commissioner Iacoangeli would like to have the staff contact Frenchtown Township before taking formal action on this request. He felt there was no need to rush into a decision and wanted to get feedback from the Township. He would like to postpone the decision until the next board meeting.

Commissioner Minton agreed and stated there wasn't enough information to make an informed decision on the abandonment.

Commissioner Londo didn't agree stating the alley serves no useful purpose to Frenchtown if they haven't used or maintained it in over 40 years. He felt the overgrown area has become a problem for the homeowners and waiting three weeks would not change his mind.

Mr. Pierce suggested the staff talk with Frenchtown Township in order to save future legal expenses for both Mr. McIntyre and the Township and the staff would provide a report to the Board at the next regular meeting scheduled for January 9, 2017.

Mr. McIntyre indicated he was fine with postponing the decision.

Commissioner Londo withdrew his motion to abandon, and Commissioner Pace withdrew his support of the motion until the January 9th meeting.

Public hearing was closed at 3:28 p.m.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to postpone the hearing on the request to abandon the alley in the Joe E. Labo Subdivision until the January 9, 2017 regular meeting. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the December 19, 2016 regular meeting agenda as amended. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

7. Public Comment – None.

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

1) Approval of Minutes- December 5, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

2) Approval of Journal Entry

No. 773 Payroll Checks #63282-63291 & Advice #20258-20340 \$ 224,491.73

No. 774 Vendor Checks #69355-69381 \$ 250,254.18

(Void checks #69351-69354-printing error)

No. 783 Vendor Checks #69382-69437 \$ 631,930.41

No. 796 Payroll Checks 363292-63303 & Advice #20341-20422 \$ 266,716.66

Bank Service Charge – November 2016 \$ 148.95

No. 797 Vendor Checks #69438-69476 \$ 168,048.99

3) Township Contracts N/A

4) Approve the updated Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies.

5) Approve the MDOT State Trunkline Contract extension for 2016-2017 and authorize Randy D. Pierce to sign contract on behalf of the Board of County Road Commissioners.

6) Approve the Resolution to accept the following roads from the Brookwood Plat 2, Bedford Township into the Monroe County road system:

Twin Creek Circle 440 feet

River Creek Court 611 feet

7) Pulled.

8) Authorize the purchase of two (2) Falcon Asphalt recyclers (a/k/a Hot boxes) in the amount of \$20,060 each.

9) Approve the one-year extension of the liquid calcium chloride contract with Bay Dust Control, (Division of Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales Inc.) for the 2017 season.

10) Award bid for purchase of outfitting equipment from Truck and Trailer Specialties in the amount of \$286,974 (to outfit three (3) new tandem trucks to be purchased in January 2017).

Commissioner Stammer moved, seconded by Commissioner Pace to approve the December 19, 2016 Consent Agenda as amended. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business – None.

10. New Business –

1) Commissioner Pace moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to approve the 1-year extension for Overband Crack Filling for the 2017 construction season with K & B Asphalt Sealcoating, Inc. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

2) Commissioner Stammer moved, seconded by Commissioner Londo to approve the 2016-2017 Snow Operations Integration (public vehicle tracking) option 2 in the amount of \$24,000. Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 2 Motion carried.

3) Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Stammer to authorize the expenditure of \$26,730 to replace the culvert crossing for Trombley Road at the Blanchett Drain in Berlin Charter Township, Monroe County, Michigan in conjunction with the Monroe County Drain Commissioner office. Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

11. Report of Officers –

Randy Pierce (Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) – Mr. Pierce wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Commissioner Stammer for his six years of dedicated service to the Road Commission. His input has been greatly appreciated and he will be missed.

Phillip C. Masserant (Director of Finance) – Mr. Masserant explained that the annual audit is complete, and he is approximately 95% complete with the Act 51 report. He has also been able to get through 2 months of the new fiscal '17 billings, and provided the Board a 2 month financial statement. Mr. Masserant also thanked Commissioner Stammer for his years of service and wished him the best of luck.

Keith C. Richard (Director of Operations) – Mr. Richard provided an update on the recent winter storms citing the first storm brought in about eight inches of snow while the second storm only had minimal snow but freezing conditions. The crews were on top of both storms and did a good job working both weekends. Mr. Richard indicated it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Stammer and wished him well. Mr. Richard wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Scott Assenmacher (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Assenmacher updated the Board on the MDOT Traffic Summit and the Federal Aid Committee meeting held earlier in the month. He will be updating the TIP list based on the Federal Aid meeting. The staff continues to meet with the townships to discuss 2017 projects and has encouraged the development of township wish lists to be completed by early February for better bid prices. Mr. Assenmacher also thanked Mr. Stammer for his years of service citing he enjoyed working with him on the trade fairs and county fair booths. He indicated he hoped to continue Mr. Stammer's legacy of participating in the Bedford Trade Fair and County Fair.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello echoed the same sentiments as the staff with regards to Mr. Stammer's time and work on the Road Commission Board. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

12. Public Comment – None.

13. Commissioners' Comments -

Commissioner Pace thanked Mr. Stammer for his years of service to the Road Commission and stated he appreciated all the effort Bob put into the Bedford Trade Fair and County Fair Booth. He stated they haven't always seen eye to eye but they have always been able to work together to do what was best for the MCRC.

Commissioner Pace wished the staff and employees a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and expressed what a good job the maintenance workers had been doing. He also mentioned before negotiations begin, he would like to go into closed session to discuss the 55 years of age and 30 years of service option as a retirement option for all employees.

Commissioner Stammer thanked everyone for their kinds work and stated he would be keeping an eye on the Road Commission. He felt the Road Commission has come a long way and it was hard to believe it has already been six year. It has gone from a three member board to a five member board. He felt Randy Pierce has put in place a good team of staff members. He commended the maintenance workers for a job well done during the recent storms citing it is the best clean-up he has seen in years. He hoped the Road Commission would continue participating with the booth because he felt it paid great dividends. Again, he thanked everyone for their kind thoughts, positive comments and for the cooperation he received while serving on the MCRC Road Board.

Commissioner Londo stated Mr. Stammer would be missed and felt he was always a good asset while on the Board. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and great 2017.

Commissioner Minton echoed the comments made by others that Mr. Stammer would be missed. He stated he appreciated all Bob had done on the Road Board and for the insight he gave to him when he was a newcomer on the Board. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and be safe during the holidays.

Commissioner Iacoangeli also thanked Mr. Stammer for all the work he did while on the Board and stated he was a tremendous help when he came on the Board. He stated he would miss the discussions, and hoped they could keep in touch. He added the new Road Commissioner has some big shoes to fill, especially with the trade fair and county fair and hosting public time in Bedford once a month. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year also.

14. Adjournment -

Chairman Iacoangeli stated if there are no objections, the meeting is adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

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