

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS - MONROE, MICHIGAN

August 3, 2023

1 At a Regular Meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners at their offices located at the Monroe County Road Commission (MCRC) 840 S. Telegraph Road, Monroe, Michigan, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Stewart at 4:00pm

2 **ROLL CALL** by the Deputy Clerk as follows:

Jack Thayer	Present
William Kipf	Present
James Jacobs	Present
Danny Minton	Excused
Greg Stewart	Present

A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to transact business.

3 **The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was lead by Chairman Stewart.

4 **AN OPENING MOMENT OF SILENCE OR PRAYER** was lead by Chairman Stewart.

5 **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL**

Moved by Commissioner: Thayer Supported by Commissioner: Kipf
to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays 0 Excused: 1 Motion Carried

6 **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

7 **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 Approve the replacement of a culvert on Sterns Road by Erie Construction, LLC for the amount of \$68,363.00.

Mr. Leach reported an update on the failed tile located on Sterns Road which was initially brought to the Boards attention at the last meeting on July 24, 2023. The failed tile is located within a portion of the road which is currently closed for other construction. At the last meeting, it was indicated that the tile would cost below the \$50,000.00 emergency threshold. Bids were solicited and only one response came in at \$68,363.00. If the sealed bid process is utilized, we would solicit the same seven vendors and the project would be delayed by several weeks. It is requested that the Board approve the bid received from one responding vendor.

Commissioner Jacobs stated he is experiencing similar scenarios with the bidding of construction work. Multiple vendors will be solicited for quotes and only one or a few will be received back. Commissioner Jacobs reported it is an unusual time we are in for this type of response. The longer the road is shut down the bigger the burden.

Commissioner Thayer asked what the time frame is for the work to be completed.

Mr. Leach responded that Mr. Snell has been in contact with the bidder, Erie Construction. There are minor obstacles in the way such as utility poles and guidewires but the contractor is confident they can get the project done next week. Gerken is currently scheduled to begin paving the week of August 14th.

Commissioner Thayer asked if materials are available. Mr. Leach reported the materials were already delivered to the work site with hopes that the quotes would come in under \$50,000.00.

Commissioner Kipf asked if Erie Construction has completed work for the Road Commission before. Mr. Snell confirmed and stated we have been very satisfied with their work.

Commissioner Stewart stated he looked at our policies and procedures and did not see any problem with moving forward. Commissioner Stewart asked for confirmation from legal counsel.

Mr. Costello confirmed.

Moved by Commissioner: Jacobs Supported by Commissioner: Kipf
to approve the bid from Erie Construction, LLC in the amount of \$68,363.00 for the Sterns Road culvert project forgoing our usual purchasing policy requirements of soliciting for public bids due to the urgency of completing the work while the road is still closed.

Jack Thayer	Yes
William Kipf	Yes
James Jacobs	Yes
Dan Minton	Excused
Greg Stewart	Yes

Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays 0 Excused: 1 Motion Carried

8 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

9 REPORT OF OFFICERS

David Leach (Interim Managing Director/Superintendent of Maintenance) -

Mr. Leach reported we took first place in the Monroe County Fair parade. Having the truck placed out at the fair has brought good public relations. The County Road Association posted their congratulations to our win which was also shared on our social media page. People loved seeing the truck and many stood by to take pictures. Mr. Leach gave appreciation to our staff who pulled the parade float and truck display together. Mr. Leach also thanked the Board for their approval at tonight's meeting.

Jim Morgan (Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance) - Nothing to Report.

Kim LaRocca (Director of Finance) - Excused

Matthew Snell (Director of Engineering/County Highway Engineer) - Nothing to Report.

Camden Regis (Director of Human Resources) - Excused

Philip Costello (Legal Counsel) - Nothing to Report.

10 COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Jacobs (Member) - Nothing to Report.

Commissioner Kipf (Member) - Nothing to Report.

Commissioner Thayer (Member) - Nothing to Report.

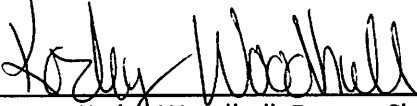
Commissioner Minton (Vice Chairman) - Excused

Commissioner Stewart (Chairman) - Nothing to Report.

11 ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Stewart adjourned the meeting with no further objection.

Adjournment at: 4:11 PM



Karley Woodhull, Deputy Clerk

 Monday, August 14, 2023
Date