

## CLARE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Clare County, Michigan, hereinafter referred to as the Board, held at its office at 3900 East Mannsiding Road, Harrison, Michigan on August 19, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Richard Haynak.

Commissioners present: Merle Harmon, Timothy Haskin, Richard Haynak, Karen Hulliberger and William Simpson.

Commissioners absent: none.

Staff present: Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director; Kimberly Jones, Finance Director/Board Secretary and Donna Henke, Administrative Assistant.

Guests present: Max Schunk, Sheridan Township resident (2021 newly elected Board of Clare County Road Commissioner, barring any successful write-in candidates in November); Dave Coker, Grant Township resident (2021 newly elected Board of Clare County Road Commissioner, barring any successful write-in candidates in November); Kathy Jankowski and Steve Byers, Surrey Lake Association, Surrey Township residents.

The minutes of the August 5, 2020 meeting were read and approved as read.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed. On a motion by Commissioner Hulliberger, seconded by Commissioner Haynak and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve payments for: AP (#73602-73634), PR 8/12 (#53295-53302, #8187-8228) and HRA totaling \$155,865.52.

Kathy Jankowski and Steve Byers, Surrey Lake Association, Surrey Township residents discussed the following: current Road Commission Board, two appointed commissioners, currently Commissioner Simpson and Commissioner Harmon; Max Schunk also introduced himself and further discussion regarding staff members due to retirement and staff changes. Concerns discussed regarding loggers on Alan-dale and last year's logging concerns in Surrey Lake Subdivision. A load limit or restriction sign was requested from Ms. Jankowski and Mr. Byers. Discussion continued regarding logging and road concerns. Manager Rogers stated that a dam inspection was completed and dam can handle the legal loads. Commissioners explained that restrictions are done at the township level as a township ordinance and the township would enforce the ordinance. Surrey Township meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6 p.m.

Max Schunk discussed the 4-way safety light at the corner of Surrey and Old State in Surrey Township.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director, Mostetler Bridge - stated that there is no update available.

Project update(s): the following projects were invoiced: Bass Lk – Hatton Twp, Surrey Rd – Sheridan Twp, Meredith Grd – Franklin Twp, Spring Lk Sub – Hamilton Twp.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director, discussed the MERS 401A and explained to the Board that we are waiting for the final details to pass on to the board. Commissioner Haskin discussed concerns with administrative fees for any retirement plan and always having clear communication and real time numbers, costs, etc. Donna Henke, Administrative Assistant, discussed other plan options.

Commissioner Haskin discussed Pointview and requested follow-up on the issue. Manager Rogers stated that he talked with homeowner and the issue will be resolved.

Commissioner Simpson wanted to send CCRC's condolences to the Myers family and stated that he attended Sheridan Township and Hatton Township meetings and everything seems to be going well.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director, discussed the following: bridge maintenance on Eberhart and the damage caused from vehicle driving through wet concrete; gravel projects on Adams Road, Ridge Road, Long Lk, Freeman Township; tree cutting on Willow, Athey and Ashard; Sheridan Township approved a project for 2 miles on Brand Road; Lake Station culvert, spillway on Cedar, Vandecar project will be let in October; trees/stumps removed on Clarence and update on Keehn.

Telephone system and service requests discussed with staff and Commissioners.

Manager Rogers updated the board: Superintendent Bondie and Engineer-Tech Leonard are scheduling ride-arounds with townships. Chip Seals are completed and overlays will be completed based on scheduling with contractor.

Brining was discussed. Brining is set up and scheduled with townships and the brining company. The road commission works with the township(s) and the brining company to be sure all roads are bladed prior to the brining.

Commissioner Haskin requested upgrading audio and video for the board meetings.

Attorney Thomas Dederian, Michael R. Kluck & Associates, was present to update the board on a pending MERC case that he has been handling on behalf of the Road Commission. Mr. Dederian and the Board discussed in detail the MERC pending case. He stated that a resolution and settlement agreement had been reached with the AFSCME Council 25 and the Local 1855.

On a motion by Commissioner Haynak, seconded by Commissioner Haskin, it was moved that the Board of Road Commissioners accept the proposed Settlement Agreement with AFSCME and authorize the Board Chair to sign on its behalf. Commissioner Harmon requested further discussion.

Kimberly Jones, Finance Director/Board Secretary confirmed no further discussion.

Roll Call: Commissioner Haynak – yea; Commissioner Haskin – yea; Commissioner Hulliberger – yea; Commissioner Simpson – yea; Commissioner Harmon – yea.

Nay – None. Passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

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Kimberly Jones, Finance Director/Board Secretary

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Richard Haynak, Chairman