

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 February 7, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson.

Commissioners present: Karen Hulliberger, Bill Simpson, Dave Coker, Max Schunk, and Merle Harmon
Commissioners absent:

Staff present: Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director; Dave Bondie, Superintendent; Greg Hilyard, South Road Foreman; Brian Coon, North Road Foreman; and Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Guests present: Gabe Ambrozaitis; Clare County Board of Commissioners, Pat Adams; Hayes Township Resident, Larry Kleinhardt; Hatton Township Resident, and Sargent Steven Sentz; Clare County Sheriff's Department.

There was a request to add item 3 under New Business to discuss US 27 MDOT's jurisdiction.

On a motion by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Schunk and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023, regular meeting as presented.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed.

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve payments from February 7, 2023: AP (76758-76835), Payroll 1/24 (#53993-54003, #11138-11183), MERS, and HRA's totaling \$401,800.40.

Larry Kleinhardt, Hatton Township Resident was present to listen and discuss gravel roads.

Gabe Ambrozaitis, Clare County Board of Commissioners was present to update the Commissioners that the County will now be hosting a Committee of the Whole meeting two weeks before the organizational meeting every month.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township Resident was present thank the crew for getting the snow removed so quickly during the last storm, and for marking the brush on the lot in Cranberry sub to prepare for removal.

Sargent Steven Sentz, Clare County Sheriff's Department was present to talk about the training he attended last month, and to let the Commissioners know there will be an informational meeting on February 15, 2023 at Harsh Excavating. Also, Sargent Sentz wanted to bring a safety concern to the Road Commissions attention on Beaverton Road between Eberhart and Cornwell with the deep ditches.

On a motion by Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve Kayla Randle to vote for the candidate on the CRA ballot for CRA Board of Directors.

Commissioners and administrative staff discussed gravel roads concerns and complaints, and assured there is a plan for maintenance on the roads moving forward.

The Commissioners and Administrative staff discussed State routes and turn around posts that the County maintains while snowplowing and what is done by MDOT.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated the Commissioners on staffing, and culverts and bridge work. Also asked Commissioners to direct all problems or concerns to himself and asked to be conscious of using social media on behalf of the road commission.

Commissioner Schunk stated he has received some complaints on the muddy roads.

Commissioner Harmon stated that he will be attending the Grant Township meeting next Tuesday.

Commissioner Simpson stated he attended Hatton Township, Hamilton Township, Summerfield Township, and the Board of Commissioners meetings, and congratulated the Tommy Bauer race team on their win at the International 500 in Sault Ste Marie.

Commissioner Coker stated he will be attending Surrey Townships meeting next week.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson