

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 15, 2023.

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

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

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

Guests present: Rick Jones; Hayes Township Supervisor, Mike Eatmon; Hayes Township Residents, Keith Best; Hayes Township Residents, Greg Neckel; Hayes Township Resident, Pat Adams; Hayes Township Resident, Gabe Ambrozaitis; Clare County Board of Commissioners, and Robert Jencic; Hayes Township Resident.

On a motion by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Coker and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023, regular meeting as presented.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed.

On a motion by Commissioner Schunk, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve payments from August 15, 2023: AP (77534-77577), Payroll 8/9 (#54130-54138, #11841-11897), and HRA's totaling \$602,746.61.

Rick Jones, Hayes Township Supervisor was present to let the board know he has zero complaints, Hayes board approved phase 1 of Clarence Road project, and thanked Brian for the ride around in the Township.

Gabe Ambrozaitis, Clare County Board of Commissioners was present to let the board know he was back from vacation and a reminder the County meeting is tomorrow at 9:00 am.

Mike Eatmon, Keith Best, and Greg Neckel, Hayes Township Residents were present to see if there was an update on Edgewater and Andrews Road in Hayes Township.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township resident asked to get a boom mower on Edgewater by the boat launch and on Eberhart. He also brought up a culvert issue on Canal and Oakview. Dave Bondie let him know that the culvert issue will be completed Wednesday August 16th.

Robert Jencic, Hayes Township resident was present to ask the board to consider selling, leasing, or doing an easement on a County Road Commission property that connects his property to have a driveway to a business he will be constructing. The Board asked for the Road Commission staff to check if the road is centered to make sure there would still be right of way, and asked Mr. Jencic to provide a site plan.

The board discussed the request to take over Edgewater, Andrews St, and part of Hayes St in Hayes Township, and decided it was not in the best interest of the Road Commission.

Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary explained the 2023 liability refund the Road Commission received from the insurance pool.

Brian Coon, North Road Foreman updated that the crew is finishing up the gravel on Cranberry Lake then they will start on Monroe.

Greg Hilyard, South Road Foreman updated that Dover Bridge should be completed and open in the next couple weeks, and that a Township had to cancel the brine due to rain.

Dave Graham, Shop Foreman updated that they are busy in the shop trying to keep mowers running and getting trucks ready for winter.

Dave Bondie, Superintendent updated that he did a ride-along with Arthur Township and they are interested in ditching three miles of roads and working with Kayla on billing Townships for completed road projects.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated that the crack seal demo is Tuesday, August 22 at 8:00am at the airport in Harrison, the East Central Meeting is this Thursday, and 9 & 10 news did a story on the UHPC bridges. Dewayne also updated on the chip seal projects, round-a-bout, and the small urbarn projects. Lastly, Dewayne earned a scholarship from the National Bridge Panel to go to South Dakota to be a presenter at their conference.

Commissioner Coker asked how the golf outing went, thanked Brian for the ride around, and brought up some safety concerns with the round-a-bout traffic.

Commissioner Simpson updated that he received a concern on James and Russell for clear vision, and he'd like to have a workshop to discuss building and budget. The meeting is set for Tuesday, September 19th following the regular meeting.

Commissioner Schunk updated that he went to the Sheridan Township meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson