

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 December 5, 2023.

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

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

Commissioners absent: Bill Simpson (at a CRA Conference)

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

Guests present: Pat Adams; Hayes Township Resident, Gabe Ambrozaitis; Clare County Board of Commissioners, Rick Jones; Hayes Township Supervisor, and Lisa Rodgers; Hayes Township Deputy Supervisor via Microsoft Teams

On a motion by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Coker and approved with one absent, it was moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2023, regular meeting as presented.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed.

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and approved with one absent, it was moved to approve payments from December 5, 2023: AP (77956-77996), Payroll 11/29 (#54207-54215, #12260-12306), and HRA's totaling \$465,489.71.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township Resident was present to ask for Oak Park to be graded because it has been atrocious for a few months.

Gabe Ambrozaitis, Clare County Board of Commissioners was present to say the Committee of the Whole meeting for the month has been cancelled and the regular monthly meeting has been moved to December 13, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Lisa Rodgers, Hayes Township Deputy Supervisor was present via Microsoft Teams to introduce herself to the Road Commission Board.

Kayla Randle, Finance Director informed the board that Jim Anderson will be here Wednesday and Thursday to do audit preparations, and that Tyler would be here next week to conduct the full audit.

Brian Coon, North Road Foreman updated that the tree project on Birch Rd is complete, and a Road Commission crew will be going back to pull stumps and clean up. Also, all area drivers are out trying to blade roads.

Greg Hilyard, South Road Foreman updated that winter is finally here, and that the crew is out trying to blade up the bad roads.

Dave Bondie, Superintendent thanked the crew for their hard work over the weekend snow, and touched on how happy he was with the crew working together to help the new employees out with plowing the snow.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated that he will be attending the Regional Task Force meeting to set up future Federal projects, AI is working on paving projects with Townships still, and that admin staff met with the USDA to discuss options on a building loan.

Commissioner Harmon reported that the “s” curve sign on Surrey Road just west of old 27 has been hit, and asked when we decide to use salt, sand, or both.

Commissioner Coker asked if the Road Commission is putting extra salt/sand at the round-a-bout until the public get used to the change, and asked if crews can get more aggressive with cleaning ditches, trees, and maintenance when they have spare time.

Commissioner Harmon asked to have “Maintenance Report” added to the agenda for the superintendent to speak on at the meetings.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson