

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 May 7, 2024.

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

Commissioners present: Karen Hulliberger, Bill Simpson, Max Schunk, Merle Harmon, and Dave Coker
Commissioners absent: none

Staff present: Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director; Dave Bondie, Superintendent; 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 Gary Rea; FED.

On a motion by Commissioner Schunk, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and carried unanimously, it was moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024, regular meeting as presented.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed.

On a motion by Commissioner Hulliberger, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and carried unanimously, it was moved to approve payments from May 7, 2024: AP (78497-78560), Payroll 4/17 (#54299-54308 #12752-12802), Payroll 5/1 (#54309-54317 #12803-12853), MERS, and HRA's totaling \$801,336.12.

Rick Jones, Hayes Township Supervisor was present to let the Commissioners know they had to cancel the brine, and thanked Dave Bondie for working closely with him to get rescheduled with Michigan Chloride. Rick also mentioned that M-14 work looks good.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township Resident was present to ask when a couple culverts would be cleaned out and noted some standing water issues.

Gabe Ambrozaitis, Clare County Board of Commissioners was present to let the board know the Committee of the Whole meeting was cancelled and the next regular meeting will be next Wednesday. Gabe also stated a couple road issues, one being on Eberhart just south of the airport in Clare and on Business 27 near Lockwood in Harrison.

Dewayne Rogers let the board know FED will be here for the next meeting to go over any questions with the contract. A workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:30 am.

On a motion by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Coker and carried unanimously, it was moved to accept the Public Act 325 Certification of Transportation Asset Management Plan for the certification year 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Hulliberger, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and carried unanimously, it was moved and affirmed by roll call vote to go into closed session under section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, at 8:18 am. Roll Call Vote: Hulliberger; yes, Simpson; yes, Coker; yes, Harmon; yes, and Schunk; yes.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:38 am.

On a motion by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and carried unanimously, it was moved to authorize legal counsel to proceed with the manner discussed in the closed session.

Greg Hilyard, South Road Foreman reported that drivers have been out blading, wrapped up the millings on Strawberry, finishing the slag on Windover, and still working on Athey.

Dave Bondie, Superintendent updated that Jeff Stager's retirement party is Thursday, May 23, 2024 at noon, a public notice for brush spray went in the paper, Redding Township has scheduled five miles of brining for May 20th, crews are still working on Old State north of Mannsiding, Franklin and Frost Townships are looking to pave a mile on Cornwell, Sheridan Township is looking to do work on Rogers from Clarabella to Colonville, and Greenwood is scheduled to approve three road projects.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated that paving is held off until June, US-10 crack sealing will begin Monday, bridge work is delayed as we are waiting for utilities to be moved.

Commissioner Schunk asked if there was an update on a streetlight at the corner of M-61 and Bailey Lake. Kayla confirmed that the Township must initiate the request with Consumers.

Commissioner Simpson stated he's been attending Township meetings, and congratulated Conner Haines, former seasonal worker, on his college graduation from Michigan Tech University.

Commissioner Coker asked to get the board room painted and updated chairs, asked if there was a date for the golf outing, and asked if someone could check out a washout issue at 3930 Halfmoon Lake in Frost Township.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson