

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 20, 2024.

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

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

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

Guest(s) present: Gabe Ambrozaitis; Clare County Board of Commissioners, Pat Adams; Hayes Township Resident, Mike Taylor; Aurthur Township Resident, Rick Jones; Hayes Township Supervisor, Ron Poremba; Frost Township Resident, and Ed Bluemer; Hayes Township Resident.

On a motion by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Coker and carried unanimously, it was moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2024, regular meeting as presented.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed.

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Schunk and carried unanimously, it was moved to approve payments from August 20, 2024: AP (78909-78968), Payroll 8/7 (#54373-54380 #13185-13238), and HRA's totaling \$736,124.86.

Mike Taylor, Arthur Township Resident was present to say thank you for the work done on Clarwin Road.

Rick Jones, Hayes Township Supervisor wanted to thank the Road Commission for getting all the roads bladed before the brine.

Ron Poremba, Frost Township Resident was present to make the Road Commission aware of some road concerns on Ridge Road.

Ed Bluemer, Hayes Township Resident was present to ask the Road Commission to check out some wash out issues on Helen Street.

Gabe Ambrozaitis, Clare County Board of Commissioners was present to say there is a board meeting tomorrow at 9:00am.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township Resident was present to say the employee who bladed in Cranberry subdivisions did great and would like the Road Commission to look at a couple road issues on Cranberry and Canal.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated the board that the team met with FED on the design for the potential new building and that there is another meeting today.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director discussed a possible project for Grant Road between M115 and Surrey Road as a possible trench, widening, and overlay project for next year.

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and carried unanimously, it was moved to not approve a permit for ORV trails with the DNR.

The board set the 24-25 Budget meeting for Tuesday, September 17, 2024 following the regular board meeting.

Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary updated that the Road Commission will be receiving \$54,179 from MCRCSIP for the 2024 Liability refund.

Greg Hilyard, South Road Foreman reported that trucks are out blading for brine this week as there are five townships on the schedule, and that Cook Rd bridge is coming along.

Al Leonard, Engineering-Tech stated that he is waiting on pavers to come back to the County, working on EGLE permits, and county chip seals are complete.

Dave Graham, Shop Foreman updated that he ordered fall filters to prepare for winter and that blades will be delivered next month.

Brian Coon, North Road Foreman reported that mowers are still out in the County, trucks are out blading, and the crew is getting close to wrapping up Old State north of Mannsiding.

Dave Bondie, Superintendent wanted to express his condolences and prayers to the family of Dennis Zimmerman.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated on projects, the crew did a test of soybean oil on the millings on Kapplinger between Surrey Road and Five Lakes, and discussed a safety concern on Old State with the GFL driveway.

Commissioner Schunk attended the Sheridan Township meeting, and they are in the beginning stages of looking into paving Pleasant View.

Commissioner Simpson updated that he's been attending meetings and there was a good discussion on health care and gas tax at the East Central Council meeting.

Commissioner Coker asked to have the brush cut back near Surrey and Old State, thanked the crew for putting a truck in the truck show, and asked about a proposal given to the Village for millings on Maple Grove Road between Old State and M-115.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Kayla Randle Finance Director/Board Secretary

Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson