

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 October 1, 2024.

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

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

Commissioners absent: Dave Coker (arrive at 8:02)

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.

Guest(s) present: Gabe Ambrozaitis; Clare County Board of Commissioners, Pat Adams; Hayes Township Resident, Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger; Clare County Treasurer, Lori Phelps; Clare County Administrator, Eric McGlothlin; Dickinson Wright, Andy Campbell; Bendzinski & Co., and Brittany Brower; Bendzinski & Co.

On a motion by Commissioner Schunk, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and carried with one absent, it was moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2024, regular meeting as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Schunk, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and carried with one absent, it was moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2024, budget workshop as presented.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed.

On a motion by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and carried with one absent, it was moved to approve payments from October 1, 2024: AP (79091-79155), Payroll 9/16 (#54399-54408 #13343-13394), MERS, and HRA's totaling \$637,803.65.

Gabe Ambrozaitis, Clare County Board of Commissioners was present to update the board that the budget was passed yesterday.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township Resident was present to ask if there was any maintenance gravel left and asked how far down Coolidge the natural gas was being installed.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated the board on meeting with FED and talked to Gordie Fraiser to do a survey on Cook's property.

On a motion by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and carried unanimously, it was moved to approve the contract with Bendzinski & Co to serve as the Road Commission's Registered Municipal Advisors for issuance of a bond.

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Schunk and carried unanimously, it was moved to approve the Resolution Requesting Issuance of Bonds and submit to the Clare County Board of Commissioners.

On a motion by Commissioner Hulliberger, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and carried unanimously, it was moved to adopt the FY24 Amended Act 51 budget as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Hulliberger, seconded by Commissioner Coker and carried unanimously, it was moved to adopt the FY24 Act 51 budget as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Schunk, seconded by Commissioner Coker and carried unanimously, it was moved to adopt the FY25 Fiscal Budget as presented.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director discussed adding a millage to the ballet in May for County roads. The board agreed to get numbers and cost around and put this item under old business in the future.

Dave Coker asked if there is a plan in place for major snowstorms. Dave Bondie, Superintendent, will get with Jerry Becker on the hazard mitigation plan and MDOT to see if they have a printed plan.

Brian Coon, North Road Foreman reported crews are out prepping for pavers, Cornwell is coming along, mowers are still out, and graders are out.

Greg Hilyard, South Road Foreman reported that repairs to the BR 27 bridge in Clare will take place this week, we are popping stumps on Rogers in Sheridan Township, and the bridge on Monroe is completed.

Dave Graham, Shop Foreman reported that fall services are still ongoing, getting ready to calibrate equipment, finished installing disconnect switches on all equipment, and they are swapping boxes on trucks.

Dave Bondie, Superintendent stated that he toured the Viking plant last week as they will be doing a build on one of our tandems.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated on the paving schedule, trout bridge work will start this month then Cook Rd bridge will be next, and that next week is our last week for summer hours.

Commissioner Simpson thanked Kayla for making a flyer for the 200' behind the plow law, and that he attended a couple Township meetings.

Commissioner Coker asked about a retirees and seasonal staff, Family Night out is tonight, and asked if the Road Commission should look at helping the County out with the airport.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Kayla Randle Finance Director/Board Secretary

Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson