

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 January 7, 2025.

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

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

Commissioners absent: Max Schunk

Staff present: Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director and Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Guests present: Pat Adams; Hayes Township Resident and Gabe Ambrozaitis; Clare County Board of Commissioners

On a motion by Commission Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Coker and approved with one absent, it was moved to appoint Commission Karen Hulliberger as Board Chair for 2025. Roll Call Vote: Harmon, yes; Coker, yes; Hulliberger, yes; Simpson, yes. Absent: Schunk. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commission Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Coker and approved with one absent, it was moved to appoint Commission Bill Simpson as Board Vice-Chair for 2025. Roll Call Vote: Harmon, yes; Coker, yes; Hulliberger, yes; Simpson, yes. Absent: Schunk. Motion Carried.

Kayla Randle asked to add item #3 Safety under New Business.

On a motion by Commissioner Hulliberger, seconded by Commissioner Coker and approved with one absent, it was moved to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2024, regular meeting as presented.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed.

On a motion by Commissioner Hulliberger, seconded by Commissioner Coker and approved with one absent, it was moved to approve payments from January 7, 2025: AP (79379-79497), Payroll 12/11 (#54463-54473, #13650-13695), Payroll 12/24 (#54474-54485, #13696-13741), MERS and HRA's totaling \$967,831.36.

Gabe Ambrozaitis, Clare County Board of Commissioners was present to state they have not met yet this year and the S & P Rating came back for the bond at an AA- which is an improvement from their previous rating of A+.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township Resident was present to state he was in support of the bond for the new building.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated that the S & P rating was completed and no other updates on the building.

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and approved with one absent, it was moved to accept the 2025 IRS Mileage Rate of 70 cents per mile.

On a motion by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and approved with one absent, it was moved to adopt the Act 51 Mileage Certification Resolution. A copy may be found following these minutes.

There was discussion on how to keep employees safe while dealing with issues that are escalating. Dewayne Rogers will check on some training, legal counsel, and other Road Commissions to see what they do.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated that the crew has been busy with blading, plowing snow, salting, and boom mowing. Held a winter op meeting with members from the crew, Rieth Riley approved to renew pricing for paving, and Dewayne is moving forward with a turn lane by the CTE buildings where renovations are currently taking place.

There were some discussions on other safety concerns for turn lanes on MDOT roads.

Commissioner Harmon brought up another safety concern on 115 regarding the railroad.

Commissioner Simpson reported that he is attending meetings, had a question on the gravel road sheet he received from Dave Bondie, and announced that Franklin Township appointed a new clerk.

Commissioner Coker reported that there is a morning meet up meeting tomorrow at Timeout Tavern where Dewayne will speak, has had a lot of compliments on the plowing of highways in Clare County, and asked if there was a new grader operator in Garfield Township where we received a compliment on the employee.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson