

## 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 March 18, 2025.

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

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

Staff present: Dewayne Rogers; Managing Director, Dave Bondie; Superintendent, Al Leonard; Engineer Tech, Brian Coon; Weighmaster, and Kayla Randle; Finance Director/Board Secretary

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

Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary asked to add two items to the agenda under New Business. Item #4 will be Surrey brine and #5 will be Pebble Creek.

On a motion by Commissioner Hulliberger, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve the minutes of March 4, 2025, regular meeting as presented.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed.

On a motion by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve payments from March 18, 2025: AP (79702-79759), Payroll 3/4 (#54529-54538, #13925-13970), and HRA's totaling \$253,524.62.

Gabe Ambrozaitis, Clare County Board of Commissioners was present to inform the board that there is a meeting tomorrow and touched on what will be on the agenda.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township Resident informed the board that there is a delineator sticking out into the driving lane at the curve on Townline Lake Road, and mentioned he drove around Sutherland Lake on the road where the Road Commission put slag down. He stated the road is holding up well except one spot.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated that he's still working with Lapham on the road drawing for the new building, there will be a scheduling meeting next week, and that the Road Commission is trying to set up a meeting with all utilities.

The board discussed inexpensive ways to distribute newsletters to all residents to be transparent and informative about what is going on at the Road Commission.

Brian Coon, Weighmaster gave an update on weight restrictions. He has done 22 informational stops and issued 1 citation. He has done two informational classes and has two more on the books with other road commissions and companies to help educate on the rules and regulations.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated the board that he is working with MCRISIP and the DNR on the recommended changes for the County ORV Ordinance. Dewayne also brought the board up to speed on his plan for brining and road projects throughout the County. He explained that working with Surrey Township would be a test on a possible pilot project for the whole County.

The board discussed a past paving project on Pebble Creek in Grant Township. The paving done over seven years ago is not holding and in need of repair. Dewayne and Al are looking for solutions.

Al Leonard, Engineering Tech updated that he is waiting on contracts from Townships so he can build the 2025 Construction Map.

Dave Bondie, Superintendent wanted to thank the Doherty for hosting the Superintendents meeting last week and Brian Coon, Dee Thomas, and Bill VonMatt for doing an educational session on permitting garbage trucks during weight restrictions. Dave also updated on gravel projects, bridge on Cook Ave is going well, and drivers are out blading.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated on the CTE turn lane, Freeman Townships paving projects, Al met with EGLE on a few culverts, Garfield Township is looking at paving North Shore Drive under a special assessment, Colonville should be starting in a few weeks.

After a lengthy discussion the board agreed to remove the gate completely on the Lake 13 alley way down as the Road Commission owns the alley via the plat map.

Commissioner Schunk stated that he has received calls that this is the best the gravel roads have looked in a few springs.

Commissioner Simpson updated he will be attending Hatton, Frost, and Franklin Townships meetings, an individual asked for a Road Commissioner to attend Grant Township meetings quarterly, and Representative Kunse will be at Cops and Donuts on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-4:15pm.

Commissioner Coker thanked the Road Commission for the cones the Clare Chamber borrowed for the St. Patty's weekend in downtown Clare over the weekend.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

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Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary

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Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson