

## 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 April 15, 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: none

Staff present: Dewayne Rogers; Managing Director, Dave Bondie; Superintendent, and Kayla Randle; Finance Director/Board Secretary

Guests present: Pat Adams; Hayes Township Resident, Gabe Ambrozaitis; Clare County Board of Commissioners, Paula Williams; Surrey Township Resident, Karen Cook; Surrey Township Resident, and Rick Griffith; Hayes Township Resident

On a motion by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Coker and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve the minutes of April 1, 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 April 15, 2025: AP (79805-79847), Payroll 4/2 (#54551-54561, #14018-14064), and HRA's totaling \$318,940.59.

Rick Griffith, Hayes Township Resident was present to bring a few road concerns to the board's attention, and said most of the comments he's received are people happy with the roads and the work being done.

Paula Williams and Karen Cook, Surrey Township Residents were present to discuss a parking issue on Lake 13 where the Road Commission owns a triangular parcel. The Road Commission will stick a couple of no parking signs on the lot.

Gabe Ambrozaitis, Clare County Board of Commissioners was present to let the board know there was a special meeting for equalization yesterday, the regular business meeting is tomorrow, asked about the tree clearing on 127, and that there is a low branch hanging near 284 Temple Drive west of Coolidge.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township Resident thanked the County for sending a truck to the Easter Egg hunt at Hayes Township.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director gave an update on signing the contract with FED, we received the deposit invoice, and the crew has been working hard on prepping the site. Currently we are about two weeks ahead of schedule.

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and approved unanimously it was moved to approve the administrative wages with one change being the hourly rate for an Engineer from \$35/hour to \$40.87/hour (\$85,000 annually).

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve the MDOT Resolution for contract number 25-5172. A copy of the resolution may follow these minutes.

Dave Bondie, Superintendent updated that Fishers extended the maintenance gravel price, so we purchased 15,000 tons. He thanked the crew that volunteered to go to Gaylord to help with the tree clean up after the ice storm. Trees are cut on Haskel Lake, Cook/Monroe bridge is going well, Bringold Ave is coming along, tentative paving for Cook in Winterfield is April 30<sup>th</sup> and Cornwell in Frost/Franklin is May 5<sup>th</sup>. A crew is replacing some culverts on Colonville before the project starts, night patrol is complete, and Hank did a great job this year.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated that Colonville bridge work is to start Monday and asphalt plants are set to open April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Harmon asked about the newsletter and asked if there's a plan to fix the road on M-61 where the Road Commission did some work a few years ago.

Commissioner Simpson updated at MTA they discussed the new law on ADA changes to websites, Tom Kunse will be at Cops & Donuts at 10am on Monday, and he will be attending Township meetings this week.

Commissioner Coker asked if we could get a new flag for the flagpole, asked if there was a fix for Pebble Creek, stated he'd like to see us put some fill in that triangle piece on Lake 13 when we can, and asked if we'd check with legal about the airport rumors.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

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Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary

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Bill Simpson, Vice-Chairperson