

## 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 February 3, 2026.

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

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

Staff present: Dewayne Rogers; Managing Director, Dave Bondie; Superintendent, and Donna Henke, Administrative Assistant

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

Item 2 will be added under Old & Continuing Business for 2480 S. Clare Avenue.

On a motion by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Schunk and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve the minutes from January 20, 2026, regular meeting, January 26, 2026, Special Meeting, and January 26, 2026, Closed Meeting Minutes as presented.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed.

On a motion by Commissioner Hulliberger, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve payments from February 3, 2026: AP (80893-80935), Payroll 1/21 (#54810-54820, #15058-15105), MERS, and HRA's totaling \$409,661.15.

Gabe Ambrozaitis, Clare County Board of Commissioners was present to discuss the County Board meeting regarding indigent veteran's benefit to help with burial of Veterans from \$600 to \$1200 and the motion passed. On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Harrison airport will be hosting an eggstravaganza with the City of Harrison and Hayes Township. In the past it was at the Hayes Township soccer field, but they have outgrown that space, so it will now be at the airport. There will be a petting zoo and other activities as well. Gabe invited the Road Commission to bring equipment and will be asking for some help with cones, barrels etc. later.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township Resident reported our subdivision has narrowed due to the winter storms, and a truck came through and widened and opened our subdivision roads, we appreciate that and want to thank you.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated that the office interiors are painted, flooring was picked out, windows are installed in offices, and drop ceiling will be installed next. Shop area started the roof and siding and will continue pending weather.

The board discussed the property at 2480 S Clare Avenue, and having Dewayne Rogers sign documents for the possible purchase of real estate. The board also discussed testing and appraisal with possible additional costs.

On a motion by Commissioner Schunk, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director for Clare County Road Commission to sign correspondence documents related to real estate.

Commissioner Hulliberger, Chairperson, recommended that the road commission creates a subcommittee regarding current and future real estate.

Commissioner Hulliberger assigned Commissioner Schunk, Commissioner Harmon, Dewayne Rogers; Managing Director, Dave Bondie; Superintendent, and Kayla Randle; Finance Director. The subcommittee will move forward to schedule a walk around at the real estate property. Dewayne Rogers will confirm dates with the committee.

On a motion by Commissioner Schunk, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and approved unanimously, it was moved to vote for Michael Ingison, Mason County to the CRA Board of Directors for the 4-year term.

Dave Bondie, Superintendent updated that we received our late salt, and MDOT has ordered their late salt. We are now sitting good with salt. He notified Jerry Becker regarding some road work on Forest Road between Hoover and Athey. There is equipment at the end of Forest Road, however emergency services and public can get through.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated that Brand Bridge is ongoing, they met with the DNR for their annual meeting, attended the Arthur Township meeting, and reminded everyone of the Education Seminar on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the new CTE building. Right now, we have around 43 RSVPs, and Dewayne discussed bringing in a recording device for Board meetings for preparing board minutes. The board agreed to let Dewayne make the decision to move forward on a device or program of his choosing.

Commissioner Schunk mentioned in Sheridan and Arthur Township that the roads look good. Scraped right down to dirt.

Commissioner Simpson reported the went to township meetings, and he will not be at the next board meeting due to attending a training session in Mt. Pleasant.

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

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Donna Henke, Administrative Assistant

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Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson