

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 17, 2026.

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

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

Commissioners absent: Bill Simpson

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

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

Item 2 will be added under Old & Continuing Business for the 2480 S. Clare Avenue property will be moved ahead of public comment.

On a motion by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and approved with one absent, it was moved to approve the minutes from February 3, 2026, regular meeting as presented.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed.

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and approved with one absent, it was moved to approve payments from February 17, 2026: AP (80937-80989), Payroll 2/1 (#54821-54830, #15106-15153), and HRA's totaling \$467,178.27.

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Schunk and carried with one absent, it was moved and affirmed by roll call vote to go into closed session under section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained at 8:02 am. Roll Call Vote: Harmon; yes, Hulliberger; yes, Coker; yes, and Schunk; yes. Absent: Simpson

The Board came out of closed session at 8:26 am.

On a motion by Commissioner Schunk, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and carried with one absent, it was moved to put in an offer and conditions as recommended by the committee.

Commissioner Hulliberger left the meeting at 8:27 am.

Mike Taylor, Arthur Township resident was present to ask questions about the Township not spending millage money.

Gabe Ambrozaitis, Clare County Board of Commissioners was present to say the next meeting for the Board of Commissioner is tomorrow at 9:00 am, and that he attended the educational seminar this past Friday and thought the meeting went great.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township Resident reported that he also attended the educational seminar, thought it was great, and took lots of notes.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated that the roof is complete on the mechanic's shop, working on closing it up still, office work is ongoing, and the furnace is hooked up.

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and approved with two absent, it was moved to approve the Resolution Act 51 Certification Maps for 2025.

On a motion by Commissioner Schunk, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and approved with two absent, it was moved to accept the letter of understanding with the union.

Brian Coon, Weighmaster updated that frost laws begin Wednesday, February 18th at 6:00 am. Also, next Tuesday there is the meeting at Robbin Harsh beginning at 9:00 am.

Dave Bondie, Superintendent updated that crews are putting up signs for the restricted roads, drivers are putting on ice blades to try and aerate the roads, tree cutting on Forest is complete, and working on moving an excavator there before frost laws.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated that admin staff are currently planning for gravel and paving projects. He had a meeting with MDOT and they will be reimbursing the Road Commission for two new chloride tanks, and Brand Ave bridge is going well. Also, he talked to Senator Hauck after the educational seminar, and he asked Dewayne to get a project in the range of 1-1.5 million for a project in Clare County.

Commissioner Schunk asked about frost laws with wide loads.

Commissioner Coker brought a road issue on North Bound 127 at the US10 interchange before the Clare exit.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson