

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
MONROE, MICHIGAN
April 11, 2022**

1. At a Regular Meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners at their offices located at the Monroe County Road Commission (MCRC) 840 S. Telegraph Road, Monroe, Michigan on Monday, April 11, 2022, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Stewart at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

PRESENT IN-PERSON

EXCUSED

William Kipf

Dan Minton
Jack Thayer
Jim Jacobs
Greg Stewart

A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to transact business.

3. Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Commissioner Stewart led the Opening Moment of Silence or Prayer.

5. Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs to approve the April 11, 2022 regular meeting agenda as presented.

Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

6. Presentation – Shared Cost for Loop Trail

Presentation by Mr. Michael Bosanac, Monroe County Administrator, Ms. Lucy Fortin and Mr. Berry Buschmann from Mannik and Smith Group. The presentation included details of a 6.5 mile shared use path from the City of Monroe, west along Seventh Street to Herr Road, north along S. Raisinville to North Custer Road, then East to Munson Park. The intention is to connect regional and community trails by providing access to recreational resources and other attractions. The project is supported by multiple entities within the community. Coordination with the Road Commission will include pedestrian traffic signals, roadway and bridge improvements with shared cost of surveying, soil borings/analysis, engineering design and environmental studies. State and private funding awards for the project are anticipated this year.

7. Public Comment

County Commissioner Dave Hoffman commented on the 6.5 mile Loop Trail which will tremendously help with recreational activities within the county. Adding that he serves on the Parks and Recreation Board, and the improvements within the project will allow for an additional access point for kayakers and relieve congestion in other areas from citizens accessing the Raisin River for recreational sporting activities.

8. The following items were listed on the Consent Agenda: *(with immediate effect)*

8.1) Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

8.2) Approval of Journal Entries

Entry No.	Date	Description	Transfer Amount
197	03-28-22	Vendor Checks # 78689 - 78725	\$ 311,601.30
201	03-29-22	Payroll Checks # 66106- 66120 Advices # 32910 - 32991	\$ 258,096.10
218	04-04-22	Vendor Checks # 78726 - 78732	\$ 61,150.08

8.3) Township Contracts

Township	Project #	Road	Location	Work Type
LaSalle	504.009.220907	N. Lakeshore	760' N. of Otter to End	Texture Seal
LaSalle	489.009.220905	Stein	Minx to Strasburg	Crush & Shape
<i>Rescind previous contract approved on February 14, 2022 and replace with above.</i>				
LaSalle	504.009.220906	Wood	Us-24 to M-125	Single Chip Seal
London	504.010.225210	Various	Various	Mowing
Summerfield	504.014.225014	Various	Various	Dust Control
Summerfield	504.014.225214	Various	Various	Mowing

- 8.4) Approve the contract with D.K. Services for 2022 Local Road Mowing in London Township in the amount of \$18,998.00.
- 8.5) Approve the Resolution to participate in the state of Michigan Local Bridge Program 2022 applications for 2025 funding on the local road bridge replacement on Bragg Road crossing Swamp Raisin Creek in Dundee Township.
- ~~8.6) Award the 2022 Bridge Preventive Maintenance contract to the low bidder RAM Construction Services of Michigan, Inc. in the amount of \$262,187.68 and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board. Removed for discussion by Commissioner Jacobs.~~
- ~~8.7) Award the 2022 HMA Paving contract to the low bidder Cadillac Asphalt, LLC in the amount of \$5,469,770.00. Authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board. Removed for discussion by Commissioner Thayer.~~
- 8.8) Approve the Resolution to reduce the weight limit on the bridge carrying Bragg Road over Swamp Raisin Creek to three (3) tons.
- 8.9) Award the 2022 Pavement Marking Program contract to low bidder, JV Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$66,825.00 and award the Special Pavement Marking Program contract to low bidder JV Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$55,106.00. Authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.
- 8.10) Award the 2022-2024 three-year Primary Roadside Mowing contract for four (4) sections to Precision Irrigation totaling \$419,172.00 and award one (1) mowing section to KBK Landscaping totaling \$121,591.80. Authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.
- 8.11) Approve the expenditures of \$45,675.55 to Wyandotte Electric, Inc., and \$33,900.00 to Mosher Electric, Inc. as part of the DTE Energy Efficiency Program for Businesses budgeted for 2022.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Thayer to approve the April 11, 2022 Consent Agenda item numbers 8.1 through 8.5 and 8.8 through 8.11 as presented with item numbers 8.6 and 8.7 moved to New Business for discussion.

Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. New Business

8.6) Award the 2022 Bridge Preventive Maintenance contract to the low bidder RAM Construction Services of Michigan, Inc. in the amount of \$262,187.68 and authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

Discussion was held regarding individual line items on the bid submittal. Mr. Snell reported that the MCRC is comfortable with the contractor who is the low bidder adding that they have completed this scope of work before and the MCRC staff saw no issue in their bid.

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve the bid award as presented to RAM Construction Services of Michigan, Inc.

Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

8.7) Award the 2022 HMA Paving contract to the low bidder Cadillac Asphalt, LLC. in the amount of \$5,469,770.00. Authorize the Managing Director to sign all documents on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Thayer requested a cost per mile comparison from the previous year's paving expenditures to the current bid amount including a percentage of increase. Ms. Hawkins-Freelain stated that those figures would be gathered and provided to the Board.

Commissioner Thayer moved, seconded by Commissioner Minton to approve bid award as presented to Cadillac Asphalt, LLC.

Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Excused: 1 Motion carried.

11. Report of Officers

Dori Hawkins-Freelain (Managing Director) – Ms. Hawkins-Freelain reported that the Managing Directors Communication outlined a large amount of activity at the MCRC. The Audit was not completed however the Michigan Department of Treasury form 5572 regarding the Pension and OPEB funding was submitted by the deadline of March 31, 2022. The report indicated the retiree health care system funding level is at 60.2 percent with OPEB funding at 76.8 percent.

Matthew Snell (County Highway Engineer) – Mr. Snell had nothing new to report. In comment on the presentation, Mr. Snell added that he felt the MCRC will have large role in the project which is a coordinated effort between multiple entities. The improvements are much needed and will be a very good thing for the community.

David M. Leach (Superintendent of Maintenance) – Excused

L. Camden Regis (Human Resource Director) – Ms. Regis had no new COVID cases to report, adding that all is quiet.

Philip Costello (General Counsel) – Mr. Costello reported a confidential memo was mailed to each Board member. There are no new reports on any outstanding lawsuits.

12. Public Comment - None

13. Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Kipf – Excused.

Commissioner Jacobs – Mr. Jacobs commented that he is impressed with the collaboration of the Loop Trail project which will increase the quality of life and aesthetics within the community. In

reference conversations at Frenchtown Township last year, Mr. Jacobs asked if there would be any additional roadside mowing cuttings this year. Ms. Hawkins-Freelain responded that a few years ago, the Road Commission reduced to only two cuts per season because of budget restraints. As the opportunity presents to increase, negotiations will be held with the township and vendor to add a third cut.

Commissioner Thayer - Mr. Thayer commended the groups working on the Loop Trail project adding that the cost sharing will present a savings to all parties.

Commissioner Minton - Mr. Minton echoed the comments on the Loop Trail project adding that it is nice to see the collaboration between County entities on this project. Mr. Minton gave compliments on the newsletter, particularly highlighting the section on Women in Construction giving praise to Judy and Kelly for their combined 61 years of service.

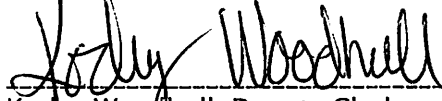
Commissioner Stewart - Mr. Stewart commented that he is in favor of the collaboration on the Loop Trail project adding that all entities get more out of a project when there is collaboration.

14. Adjournment -

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Minton moved, seconded by Commissioner Thayer to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Excused: 0 Motion carried.


Karley Woodhull, Deputy Clerk