

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Monroe, Michigan

June 27, 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 A. Telegraph Road, Monroe, Michigan, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Stewart at 5:30pm.

2 **ROLL CALL** by the Deputy Clerk as follows:

Danny Minton	Present
William Kipf	Present
Jack Thayer	Present
James Jacobs	Present
Greg Stewart	Present

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

3 **The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was lead by Commissioner Stewart.

4 **AN OPENING MOMENT OF SILENCE OR PRAYER** was lead by Commissioner Stewart.

5 **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL**

Moved by Commissioner: Minton Supported by Commissioner: Thayer
to approve the regular meeting agenda with the movement of item number eleven, Report of Officers, before item number eight, Closed Session.

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Excused: 0 Motion Carried

6 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Phil Heath, Milan Township Supervisor - Mr. Heath reported that the MCRC graded and applied chloride to the roads in Milan Township, and although he has not had a chance to talk with Mr. Leach, he wanted to report that the roads are a disaster. Mr. Heath added that he was making a formal acknowledgment that the roads are in bad shape due to the amount of dust that continues to be produced. In addition, Mr. Heath commented that the white lines usually painted on roads are not present on Cone Road. Mr. Heath requested, at a minimum, to have pavement markings placed down the centerline of Cone Road. Mr. Heath added that other than those two items, the MCRC is doing a great job and he is aware that it is out of character to not have rain after the roads are graded.

Justin Zilka - 2620 Plank Road, Dundee - Mr. Zilka reported that he was present and speaking on behalf of most of the people on Day Road between Plank and Tuttle Hill. Ditching is needed on Day Road to correct drainage issues. Mr. Zilka reported this is something he has continuously worked on for the last two years. He has received responses from the MCRC stating we would get to it, but nothing has been done as of yet. Mr. Zilka added that he has submitted multiple service requests and one response received stated that the request was closed because water is flowing in the area. However, the ditches are still flooding and he can not get into his field to cut hay until mid-July. Mr. Zilka added that all of his fields are tiled but the water has no where to go due to ditches which are filled with sediment. In addition he and family members have worked at various entities digging ditches. A section of the road, where Mr. Zilka installed a culvert by his neighbors, now has 12 inches of sediment which is blocking the flow. Mr. Zilka added that this section is in the lightest area which needs digging.

Commissioner Stewart informed Mr. Zilka that we would be entering closed session and at that time two members of the Management team would be in the lobby that he could speak with regarding his concerns.

7 **CONSENT AGENDA** - The following items were listed with immediate effect:

7.1 Approval of Minutes: June 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mr. Leach indicated he was pleased to announce that paving would be beginning on Ostrander Road next week. In addition, dust control applications are ongoing. The products used are mineral well brine or chloride as requested by the Township.

Commissioner Minton asked about the gravel road dust control in Milan Township.

Mr. Leach reported that there is a lot of dust in the area. The roads have a limited amount of gravel which impacts the performance of dust control treatments. Mr. Leach added that the gravel roads are in need of aggregate so that the dust control product has something to adhere to. Currently, the dust control application is trying to adhere to dust alone which is not how the product is intended to work and leads to the situation the roads are in today.

L. Camden Regis (Human Resource Director) - Excused

Philip Costello (General Counsel) - Excused

9 CLOSED SESSION

9.1 For the purpose of discussions relative to collective bargaining negotiations.

Moved by Commissioner: Minton Supported by Commissioner: Thayer
to enter into closed session at 5:44pm.

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Danny Minton	Yes	
William Kipf	Yes	
Jack Thayer	Yes	
James Jacobs	Yes	
Greg Stewart	Yes	Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner: 0 Supported by Commissioner: 0
to reconvene the regular open meeting at 6:14pm.

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Danny Minton	Yes	
William Kipf	Yes	
Jack Thayer	Yes	
James Jacobs	Yes	
Greg Stewart	Yes	Motion Carried

10 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement proposed by the MCRC and UWUA Negotiation Team; and ratified by UWUA Local #543 on Thursday June 16, 2022; as presented.

Moved by Commissioner: Minton Supported by Commissioner: Thayer
to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with UWUA Local #543 as presented. Chairman Stewart requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Danny Minton	Yes	
William Kipf	Yes	
Jack Thayer	Yes	
James Jacobs	Yes	
Greg Stewart	Yes	Motion Carried

12 Public Comment

Dave Leach, MCRC Superintendent of Maintenance - Mr. Leach thanked the Board, Management team, and the Union negotiation team for the Local #543 contract; adding that it is a very good contract for all.

13 Commissioners Comment

Commissioner Kipf - Nothing new to report.

Commissioner Jacobs - Mr. Jacobs thanked both sides of the bargaining table for putting together a good contract. Appreciation was given for the efforts from both sides to make such a great agreement. Mr. Jacobs also noted that he will not be in attendance at the regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 2022.

Commissioner Thayer - Mr. Thayer commented that he is glad the Union contract is completed. Appreciation was given to all members of the bargaining team.

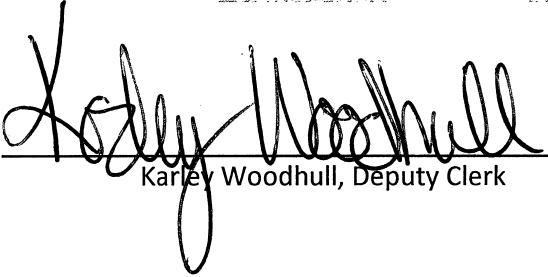
Commissioner Minton - Mr. Minton thanked the Bargaining unit and Management team for getting a good agreement in place. Adding that it was clear there was quite a bit of time and cleanup which was well needed. Mr. Minton felt, in looking forward, this new contract has set the stage for good morale and improved wages. Appreciation was given to both sides for working together and being professional.

Commissioner Stewart - Mr. Stewart commented that it was obvious to him the agreement had a lot of thought and mutual respect; it was also completed in a way which was best for the organizations needs.

14 Adjournment

Chairman Stewart requested a motion to adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner: Minton Supported by Commissioner: Thayer
The meeting adjourned at: 6:21pm
Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Excused: 0 Motion Carried



Karley Woodhull, Deputy Clerk

07-11-2022

Date