

Regular Session of the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held at 5:00 p.m.

Board Chairman Chupp called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag was given.

Present: Chairman Rodney Chupp, Vice Chairman Vince Mifsud, Commissioner Dave Miars, Commissioner John Bippus, Commissioner Rea Brown and Clerk of the Board Brittany Hinn

Staff Members Present: Managing Director, John Lindsey
Assistant Manager & Engineer, Garrett Myland

Visitors: Kathy Roberts, Fabius Township
Robert Tomilson, Three Rivers Commercial
Luis Rosado, County Commissioner
Reggie Chapman, via Polycom Park Township

Motion by Commissioner Bippus seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the agenda of January 21, 2026, meeting and Minutes of January 7, 2026 meeting.

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Kathy Roberts: Hi Reggie, I appreciate the fact that you have two citizens comments, no other meetings I've been to have that. I am one to promote more communication. Thank you.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the December payroll in the amount of \$240,468.66

Roll Call Vote taken: Brown, Bippus, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp Nays: None
Absent: None Abstained: None Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the December A/P in the amount of \$189,625.78

Roll Call Vote taken: Ayes: Brown, Bippus, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp Nays: None
Absent: None Abstained: None Motion carried.

2026 Committee Assignments

- o Executive & Finance Committees: Chairman Chupp & Vice Chairman Mifsud
- o Policies Committee: Commissioners Miars & Brown with Chairman Chupp overseeing
- o Parks Committee: Commissioner Chupp with Mifsud as alternate
- o Roads Committee: Commissioner Chupp & Commissioner Mifsud

Motion

Motion by Commissioner Bippus seconded by Commissioner Miars for the Chairman to sign the 2025 Certification Maps.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bippus seconded by Commissioner Miars to purchase a 2026 DT74J Superior Broom from Grand Equipment Co. in the amount of \$89,303.00 (Eighty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Three Dollars and 00/100).

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Brown, Bippus, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp
Absent: None

Abstained: None

Nays: None
Motion carried.

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud that the Board approve the current list of financial institutions and brokerage firms used for investment purposes by the St. Joseph County Treasurer:

LIST OF CURRENT DEPOSITORIES

As of January 1, 2026

Century Bank and Trust

Michigan Class

Huntington / Huntington Securities

Southern Michigan Bank and Trust

Sturgis Bank and Trust

Submitted By: Kathy Humphreys, Treasurer

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to award J. Jablonski & Sons. the contract for Roadside Mowing for the 2026 season, extended from the 2025 bid price as follows:

Roadside Mowing

Name	Cost per mile	Total Cost
• J. Jablonski & Sons, Inc.	\$59.90/Mile	\$121,942.02

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Brown, Bippus, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp
Absent: None

Abstained: None

Nays: None
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Bippus that Rodney Chupp, Vincent Mifsud, Dave Miars, John Bippus, and Rea Brown, members of the Board, authorize Garrett Myland, Managing Director to sign documents and represent the best interest of the road commission with the following sale of land following the St. Joseph County Road Commission Board approval on December 3, 2025 in the amount of \$300,000.00 (Three hundred thousand and 00/dollars):

Tax Description:

THAT PT S 1/2 NE 1/4 LYING SELY OF MCRR R/W EXC S 391.5 FT ALSO S 391.5 FT OF W 1221 FT OF NE 1/4 ALSO THAT PT OF NE 1/4BEG 2479.5 FT E FROM CEN SEC TH NWLY TO PT 2227.5 FT E FROM CEN SEC TH E TO E SEC LN TH SWLY TO POB SEC 12 T5S R9W. 60.24 A.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Brown, Bippus, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Luis: I want to commend the Road Commission for doing a good job with snow plowing. A lot of citizens were happy to see you guys out and working on a Sunday. I appreciate what you are doing. John, can you get with Garrett about the report you give me for my meeting? Do you guys get involved with the Mottville Dam at all?

Kathy: Thank you for communicating so well. You have a great reputation for yourselves. I respect that highly.

Reggie: I live at Moorepark and Wilbur Road I've never seen so many snowplows in one day. Just want to thank whoever has been doing it. Great job whoever has that area.

Commissioner's Comments:

Vince: I got a call recently and I got one question. Snowplow came up Storms Road, he backed up on Shimmel, she couldn't see any of the lights on the truck. Are there heated lights or anything to help with that? I said I'd bring it up.

Dave: I went to the VA today, I could tell when I left St. Joseph County. Our roads were great compared to theirs. Guys are doing a great job this week.

John: Things are looking good out there. Thank you.

Rea: It looks really good on my road, it's been amazing. I know they are out and about because I live on a gravel road and it looks good. I could have gone somewhere if I wanted to, I appreciate it.

Rodney: It seems like they've been putting a lot of material down the last couple of days. I think they are doing a lot of good work. Happy to see them taking advantage of the weather. I can't go without saying that I'm going to miss you, John. Garrett, you'll do great. A bunch of the changes that have taken place over the years were under John's supervision. We have no debt, good equipment, we aren't throwing money at junk trucks, the facilities are in great shape, the budget is 1/2 million dollars better per year because of efficiencies that John and previous board members have completed. We are set up for 50 years. He's done a good job sitting in that chair. For all the naysayers, this place runs efficiently thanks to those changes. Brittany thank you for the packet, that was put together nicely.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Rodney D Chupp, Chairman

Brittany Hinn, Clerk of the Board

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