

Work Session of the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Board Room at the St. Joseph County Road Commission, 20914 M-86, Centreville, Michigan with Chairman Chupp calling the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

The Chairman of the Board 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: Sarah Linn, Human Resources and Payroll Clerk
Nate Taylor, Director of Fleet and Facilities

Visitors: Kathy Roberts, Fabius Township
Robert Tomilson, Three Rivers Commercial

Citizens Comments:

Kathy: I just want you to know that I really appreciate walking into a room where I sense the holy spirit is here. Thank you very much, because with my visits to other meetings, that is not always the case. I saw Eric at the grocery store. He asked how everything was going, he misses everyone.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Bippus to approve the agenda of February 4, 2026 and the Minutes of January 21, 2026, Board Meeting.

Motion carried.

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Bippus to vote Tom Donnellon to the CRA Board of Directors to fill a 4-year Southern Seat

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to purchase from JX Peterbilt through Sourcewell, 3 (three) 2026 Model 567 Peterbilt chassis in the amount of \$182,028.96 (One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Twenty-Eight and 96/100 dollars) each for a total of \$546,086.88 (Five Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Eighty-Six and 88/100 dollars).

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

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to purchase from Truck & Trailer Specialties three Monroe front bumper/plow mounts in the amount of \$10,545.00 (Ten Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and 00/100) each for a total of \$31,635.00 (Thirty-One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and 00/100)

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

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Kathy: I wanted to mention, you were talking about vehicle emissions. I heard President Trump talking, that he was going to push back on that and remove a lot of that. I don't know if he signed an executive order yet, but I think its great. There's a lot of automotive companies coming back to the United States, and he wants to do right by that.

Commissioners Comments:

Vince: Nothing today

Dave: Thank you, Nate, for doing a great job out there. You've got a lot of things happening and its nice to see someone grabbing the bull by the horns. I really appreciate it.

John: Nothing today

Rea: Nate, you covered all the bases that you can, and you don't come here unless you have done that. I've not been here long but I really appreciate it. Thank you

Rodney: My comment centers on something that John told me on his way out the door. While John was here, he was a piece of the team that made a lot of significant changes. He's never tried to take credit for all of that. There are a lot of things that he can be proud of. He told me that the thing he is most proud of is the administrative team that he has assembled, that is in place to run this place as he walks away. He said, I think that the administrative team that the Road Commission has is better than any other administrative team any road commission has in the state of Michigan. He has great confidence in the team, every one of them. Point being, I just took note of it because I know that he was really pleased with the decisions that have been made over the years. That's a big statement, for the record that is what he told me. Kudos to all of you, please share that with the others.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

Rodney D Chupp, Chairman

Brittany Hinn, Clerk of the Board
