

Regular Meeting

August 19, 2026

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 Deputy Clerk of the Board Sarah Linn

Staff Members Present: Managing Director Garrett Myland

Visitors: Kemp Kotschevar, Robert Tomilson, Christina Yunker, Luis Rosado, Kathie Roberts

Motion by Commissioner Bippus seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the agenda of August 19, 2026.

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Brown seconded by Commissioner Bippus to approve the minutes of August 5, 2026, meeting.

Motion Carried.

Public Hearing for the 2026 Amended Budget began at 5:03 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Public Hearing for the 2026 Amended Budget ended at 5:15 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Bippus seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the July payroll in the amount of \$364,644.84

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the July A/P in the amount of \$716,488.61

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Motion carried.

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to amend the 2026 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Moved by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Bippus to approve the St Joseph County Road Commission 2026 Transportation Asset Management Plan

Whereas: The St. Joseph County Road Commission is a local road-owning agency with more than 100 certified miles.

Whereas: Beginning October 2019 and on a three-year cycle thereafter, certification of a transportation asset management plan must be made for compliance to Public Act 325

Whereas: This Asset Management plan meets the minimum requirements for road, bridge, culvert and traffic signal assets as outlined by Public Act 325.

A roll call vote was taken, Ayes: Brown, Bippus, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Luis: I had a question brought up to me, can Mintdale Rd be chipsealed? I said no because it's gravel, right? You can't put chipseal on top of gravel, can you? Other than that, I have nothing. Great presentation last night.

Kathie: Excuse me for being late. There is one thing I wanted to bring to your attention on Roberts Rd between Broadway and Millard, the 3-way stop at Millard, on the southbound lane there is a top of a small tree sticking out into the southbound lane. It's been there several days, and I meant to call, and I forgot.

Christina: Good job last night, it was a nice presentation. We appreciate it.

Kemp: Do they still have to get dock permits on Crooked Creek for Klinger Lake? Because that issue you are talking about on W Fish Lake that is also Road Commission and that is what they were going to do years ago, they don't have permits is what I understood, so if people brought their stuff out, we were going to start charging permits for docks and people would make sure their stuff was back. Because they were very quiet when the whole thing with Klinger Lake was going down.

Commissioner's Comments:

Rea: I was very impressed with the work that was done on that Transportation Manual and for me being new, it was eye-opening, and I really enjoyed reading it. It was interesting reading and the flow was nice. I was impressed with his work.

John: No additional comments, Thanks.

Dave: Constantine Rd and Fairchild Rd a tree came down, we pushed it off the road, and it's right on the edge of the road. Whose responsibility is it from that point? The landowner? It is very close to the road.

Vince: I have none today.

Rodney: Garrett gave a nice presentation last night. I thought to myself I would hate to be the person that has to give a report that has to follow him because he had very well thought out key points, why we are doing things. It was probably the best report I have heard from a Road Commission to a County Commission. Nice Job.

They did ask him the question, how many grant dollars have you brought in? and Garrett tried to decline to answer and some of us volunteered that it's over 20 million dollars that he is responsible for completing grant applications and bringing it to the County. That is one of the reasons our road system has made better advancements quicker than some of our neighboring Counties. It's a big reason why. That is exclusively a compliment to him.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Rodney D Chupp, Chairman

Sarah Linn, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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