

Public Hearing regarding Millard & Roberts Road Intersection & Regular Session of the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held with Polycom access at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman Eric Shafer, Vice Chairman Rodney Chupp, Commissioner Vince Mifsud, Commissioner David Miars, Commissioner Jack Coleman, and Clerk Julie Mayuiers

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

Visitors: Robert Tomlinson, Three Rivers Commercial News
Luis Rosado, White Pigeon
Ray Martin, Sturgis
Phil Hartman, 68028 Klinger Lake Road, Sturgis
Robert Christiansen, 59792 Van Selous Road, Three Rivers
Ed Griffin, 60120 Krull Road, Three Rivers
TJ Baker, Sturgis

Chairman Shafer called the Public Hearing regarding the Millard and Roberts Road intersection to order at 5:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Shafer followed by welcoming guests and introducing the staff. He then turned the meeting over to John Lindsey.

Garrett Myland gave a Power Point presentation on the Millard and Roberts Road project followed by a question-and-answer period.

Public Hearing adjourned at 5:25 pm and the Board Meeting was called to order at 5:26 pm by Chairman Shafer

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve Agenda as amended to include Review and update of Strategic Plan under Unfinished Business and Consent Agenda of April 5, 2023 Work Session. Motion carried

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

I, Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2023.

Julie A. Mayuiers

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Clerk of the Board

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the March Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$277,608.75.

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

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the March A/P vouchers in the amount of \$170,517.25

Roll Call Vote taken: Ayes: Coleman, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp, Shafer

Absent: None Abstained: None

Nays: None

Motion carried

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Motion

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars allowing Chairman Shafer to sign the Engagement Letter from Rehmann Robson for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Change Order for estimated additional fees of One Thousand five hundred dollars and 00/00 (\$1,500.00) for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Chupp, Coleman, Miars, Mifsud, Shafer

Absent: None Abstained: None

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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Certified Resolution

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Road Commission (SJCRC) has determined that under Act 451, Section 324.30111b of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act that the SJCRC does not have the authority to permit a dock at a public road end and that authority is specifically given to townships, cities, and villages.

WHEREAS, SJCRC has determined that under MCL 247.171 that the Road Commission has the authority and may order the removal of encroachments in the right of way if such encroachments interfere with the purpose of the highway easement or the core function of the Road Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, at this time SJCRC has made a good faith judgement and does not believe the presence of a publicly used dock encroachment, not to exceed 4' X 20', centered at the end of Brighton Road interferes with the purpose of the highway easement or the Road Commissions core function.

A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Coleman, Chupp, Mifsud, Miars, Shafer

Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None Motion carried.

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Citizens Comments:

TJ Baker – Thank you to the Board and staff for their time and consideration put into this Resolution.

Phil Hartman- Thank you to the Board. The Board has to do what’s right for everyone. He has become more aware of riparian rights and feels the Board made the decision accordingly and appreciates that and agrees with their decision.

TJ Baker – Thank you again to everyone for the work put into the dock situation at Brighton Road. He realizes this is not perfect, but a solution.

Phil Hartman – Whether we all agree or not, he appreciates the decision and we will all move forward with the decision.

Commissioners Comments:

Miars: Talked with Garrett about guardrails near Covered Bridge Area and there are no Grants available, but thank you for looking into this. Again, thank you to the staff for doing a heck of a job.

Coleman: Thank you to Julie for posting on social media about the lowering of the river for the dam and our project. I was contacted by an individual regarding the intersection of Fulton/Michigan and a possibility of a LED stop sign. So this will be upcoming on their agenda. Really appreciate what the county has done to help out with the Covered Bridge project. I have forwarded some of the slides from some of the speakers at the CRA Highway Conference to township members giving projections on road funding.

Mifsud: I received 2 compliments on the presentation of Lutz Road presentation, they can’t believe how organized the presentations are.

Chupp: Excellent job John and staff on that Resolution and appreciate Mr. Hartman’s comments too. I’m proud of how we conducted ourselves working through that and I’m confident we will have more opportunities to do so. Thanks to Garrett for working on the Covered Bridge roof removal issue, appreciate that. Kudos to the staff, we go through winter and buckle up for chip seal season.

Shafer: Thank you so much to the County Commission for helping us out with the Covered Bridge. Thank you to Garrett and John for the way you prepare for a Public Hearing. Garrett puts together a great presentation that explains the how, where and when.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40

Eric B. Shafer, Chairman

Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board

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