

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 Shafer called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag was given.

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

Staff Members Present: Managing Director, John Lindsey

Visitors: Christina Yunker, County Commissioner
Robert Tomilson, Three Rivers Commercial
Paige Willis, White Pigeon
Luis Rosado, County Commissioner

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the Agenda of October 15th meeting and Minutes of September 17, 2025 meeting.

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Christina Yunker: It is my intention that the commissions proceed with the raise that was presented. We have one commissioner that wants incremental steps because the significant increase would look bad to the public. We want to make sure people are aware that there hasn't been an increase in 25 years. It is my intention to move forward with what you came for, I'm not sure what is going to happen. There have been lots of phone calls.

Paige Willis: There is no sign showing a roundabout when you are coming from Centreville to Lutz Road.

Luis Rosado: I received a complaint, coming from the north in the southbound lane about a mailbox right at the entrance to the roundabout, the mail carrier cannot get off the road and they are afraid the mail carrier will get hit. Can the mailbox be moved?

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the September payroll in the amount of \$194,388.55

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the September A/P in the amount of \$820,628.37

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Motion carried.

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to amend the Major Work Rules Policy of the St. Joseph County Road Commission as dated February 1, 2023.

Motion carried.

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Chupp seconded by Commissioner Bippus to amend the Road Commissioner Code of Conduct Policy of the St. Joseph County Road Commission as dated May 1, 2024.

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to award The Daltons, Inc. the contract for Roadside Brush Spraying for the 2026 season, extended from the 2024 bid price as follows:

Roadside Brush Spraying

The Daltons, Inc. \$1.76/Gallon

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Motion carried.

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Bippus to put stop signs at both ends of the Covered Bridge.

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Luis: I brought pamphlets for the 911 mileage renewal for you guys to put out.

Commissioner's Comments:

Dave Miars: Vince and I have written a statement about review of manager conduct. We realize it could go in the Managers Contract but we'd also like a Road Commission Conduct if a situation was to happen.

John Bippus- Nothing

Vince Mifsud- Importance of that policy that Dave and I wrote.

Rodney Chupp- I appreciate the strong support from County Commissioner Yunker and Rosado and a few others on the compensation discussion. Its nice to try and keep things fair and reasonable and I'll get along with whatever you guys come up with.

Eric Shafer- I want to thank all, especially the three liaisons that took on making sure the 2027 failed road/bridge fund was in the budget. Also, appreciate the support we are getting on the compensation stuff. I want to thank Vince and Dave for their work on the policies.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Eric B Shafer, Chairman

Brittany Hinn, Deputy Clerk of the Board
