Regular Meeting October 21, 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 Clerk of the Board Brittany Hinn

Staff Members Present: Managing Director Garrett Myland

Visitors: Tom Johnson
Kemp Kotschevar
Kathy Roberts
Jason Trosper
Robert Tomilson

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Bippus to approve the agenda of October 21, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Brown seconded by Commissioner Bippus to approve the minutes of October 7, 2026 meeting. Motion Carried.

Comments:
Tom Johnson: What is the plan for Burg Road because it wasn't done this year? Are you going to be crack sealing it? I don't think the rubberized will fill the cracks. It's been 6 years since it was last cracked, there are 1 inch or better gaps in some of the cracks. I was wondering if you guys have taken any steps, so what happened with the accident earlier this year doesn't happen again.

Kathy Roberts: While we are having that discussion, I did read that article. You all have big hearts here. I hope he gets the help, encouragement and support he needs. I was glad to see Garrett at the Fabius and Park Township meetings. I don't know if that is something he does once a year or something you are starting to do, but I was glad to see him there. I hope John was reappointed at the county commission meeting, I wasn't able to stay and hear that discussion. I was able to watch the road commission scrape Roberts Road, that was fun. It was good to see progress happening.

Kemp Kotschevar: When I was the sign guy, when I got a call in the early morning, I had to come in get the truck, drive to the sign location and drive back to the shop. It would take an hour or more. The on-call guy and sign guy should have a temp sign in their vehicles so if we get a call one can quickly be put up. There was a lawsuit in Cass County over a stop sign missing and fatal accident. The foreman should also have a portable in their truck.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Bippus to approve the September payroll in the amount of $226,120.05
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 September A/P in the amount of $2,112,527.27
Roll Call Vote taken: Brown, Bippus, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp Nays: None

Absent: None Abstained: None Motion carried.

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud Seconded by Commissioner Brown to accept the 2026-2026 SWOT Plan.
Roll Call Vote taken: Brown, Bippus, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp Nays: None
Absent: None Abstained: None Motion carried.

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Brown to amend the Cost Construct, Operate, and/or Use Within the County ROW Policy of the St. Joseph County Road Commission as dated April 1, 2026

Roll call vote taken Ayes: Brown, Bippus, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp Nay votes cast: None
Abstained: None Absent: None Motion carried.

Commissioner's Comments:
Rea: I am very pleased. I was confused about a few things, but it has already been explained.

John: I am please also.

Dave: I am pleased as well.

Vince: All good.

Rodney: I am pleased too. I appreciate the list of bridges, that was interesting. We will see how many more pop up on that list after they do inspections this year. We have over 100 bridges, so do the math on it, we are going to be doing bridges every year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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Rodney D Chupp, Chairman Brittany Hinn, Clerk of the Board

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