

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 Jack Coleman, Commissioner Dave Miars, Commissioner Vince Mifsud and Deputy Clerk of the Board Brittany Hinn

Staff Members Present: Managing Director, John Lindsey

Visitors: Jason Trospen- White Pigeon Township  
Rusty Baker- County Commissioner  
Luis Rosado- County Commissioner  
Robert Tomilson- TR Commercial

Motion by Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the Agenda of February 19 meeting as presented and Minutes of February 5, 2025, Meeting.

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Rusty Baker- John, Leonidas are you going to talk with them? They are wanting change.

Jason Trospen- Is Indian Prairie between Kalamazoo and Marl Lake class A or B road? There is a lot of truck traffic going down it. I'm getting questions with frost laws coming.

Luis Rosado- Nottawa Township Rainbow Drive is private, the issue is who owns the road. According to GIS the property owners own up to the road but not the road itself. (Answer is those who live on it own it). No one pays taxes on that land that is the road.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the January payroll in the amount of \$203,708.65

Roll Call Vote taken: Ayes: Coleman, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp, Shafer  
Absent: None Abstained: None

Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Motion by Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve the January A/P in the amount of \$412,564.60

Roll Call Vote taken: Ayes: Mifsud, Coleman, Miars, Chupp, Shafer  
Absent: None Abstained: None

Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Coleman that Garrett Myland, PE at the St. Joseph County Road Commission, is authorized to sign the contract regarding the MDOT Contract Number: 25A0273 (Category CFDA No. 20.205 Highway Research Planning & Construction);

The removal and replacement of the structure #10377 with 18-inch steel tub girders and cast-in-place concrete slab on concrete substructure, which carries Prairie Corners Road over the St. Joseph River, Section 33, T05S, R10W, Mendon Township, St. Joseph County, Michigan; including earthwork, subbase and aggregate base, hot mix asphalt approaches, concrete curb and gutter, steel sheet piling,

bridge railing, guardrail, drainage, riprap, and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

A roll call vote was taken: Aye votes cast: Miars, Coleman, Mifsud, Chupp, Shafer  
Nay votes cast: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Motion carried.

I, Brittany Hinn, Deputy Clerk of the Board of County Road Commission 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 February 19, 2025.

*Brittany Hinn*

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Deputy Clerk of the Board

Citizens Comments:

Luis Rosado- I have a question, I got calls from people complaining about plowing, Lutz Road was a sheet of ice. Did you put sand down, did it blow off?

Rusty Baker- I drive like my insurance company is watching.

Commissioner's Comments:

Vince Mifsud- I went to the new commissioner's conference yesterday; everyone should go every other year or something. Like a safety training for the guys, it's a good refresher. He gave a report of the key take aways from the conference- we should have board rules on posting opinions on public domains (social media). When you are on a board, like a road commission board you wear that hat 24/7. So, wherever you go watch what you are saying. This guy said to just stay off public domains, because it can cause legal problems. This guy said to all road commissioners to watch yourself, be careful before you do anything on social media. The board should have rules of conduct written. If we have one, I've forgotten that I signed it so I'm saying we need to go over it again. The way I took it, rules like posting opinions on social media. I drove back roads all the way to the conference, none of the roads were as good as St Joe County, people need to leave the county then come back when we have snow like this.

David Miars- The guys do a heck of a job. Use common sense when driving.

Jack Coleman – To pick up on what Vince and Dave said, over the last couple of days, I got stuck 3 times in Cass, 2 in Kalamazoo, and none in St Joe County. That's what its like in the delivery world.

Rodney- Not much today, we need to do our best effort, and we do. We don't want slippery roads, but we do our best and people need to remember that. Its Michigan, its wintertime. I appreciate the work everyone does.

Eric Shafer- I chose the right time to be out of Michigan. Thank you, Rod, for going to the Flowerfield Township meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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Eric Shafer, Chairman

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Brittany Hinn, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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