

Board Meeting 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, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Sarah Linn

Absent: Commissioner Rea Brown

Staff Members Present: Managing Director, Garrett Myland and Director of Fleet and Facilities, Nate Taylor

Visitors: Andrew Casini, Jason Trosper, Kemp Kotschevar, Robert Tomilson, Kathie Roberts, Luis Rosado

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the agenda of July 15, 2026.

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Bippus to approve the minutes of June 17, 2026, meeting.

Motion Carried.

Citizens Comments:

Jason Trosper: On Lima Rd where the trees took the railroad crossing signs down the trains have been using that more is that the county's or does the railroad need to put them up?

Jason Trosper: And the brush that was pushed back from the road is that the property owner's responsibility to clean that up? on Lima Rd where it turns into Tomahawk Trl, the intersection right where the train tracks were, some people along there called about that because a lot of it was pushed back in there and I know most of that is the railroad right-of-way they have the easement through there and that's what they called and asked about.

Kathie Roberts: I just want to say the pea gravel on Roberts Rd and Millard Rd is adhering and getting pressed down nicely and it is very much appreciated. It's getting a lot of traffic too.

Kemp Kotschevar: recalled a past incident on Correll Road where hazardous trees were not removed after the property owner objected. A tree fell about three weeks later during a storm and was involved in an accident. The property owners who refuse the removal of hazardous trees should sign a form accepting responsibility for them.

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to go to closed session consider a written legal opinion from our legal counsel. This written legal opinion is material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

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

Absent: Brown

Abstained: None

Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Closed session began at 5:11pm

Closed session ended at 6:02pm

Board meeting resumed at 6:04pm

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Bippus to approve the June payroll in the amount of \$245,107.84

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

Absent: Brown

Abstained: None

Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the June A/P in the amount of \$2,006,106.56

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

Absent: Brown

Abstained: None

Nays: None  
Motion carried.

#### **CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Bippus to purchase blades for plow trucks from St. Regis in the amount of \$39,933.32 (Thirty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Three and 32/100 Dollars).

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

Absent: Brown

Abstained: None

Nays: None  
Motion carried.

#### **CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to purchase carbide blades for plow trucks from Equipment Blades Inc. in the amount of \$83,500 (Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars).

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

Absent: Brown

Abstained: None

Nays: None  
Motion carried.

#### **CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Bippus to purchase One (1) 2027 John Deere 644P loader from AIS in the amount of \$358,990.00 (Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety and 00/100), with a trade-in of a 2018 JD 644-K Loader, value of \$115,000.00 (One

Hundred Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 for a total amount due of \$243,990 (Two Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety and 00/100).

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

Absent: Brown

Abstained: None

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Bippus to purchase One (1) 2027 John Deere 672P Motor Grader from AIS in the amount of \$396,950.00 (Three Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty and 00/100).

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

Absent: Brown

Abstained: None

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **MOTION**

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Bippus to accept Letter of Understanding for SEIU Contract effective April 1, 2026.

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

Absent: Brown

Abstained: None

Nays: None

Motion carried.

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Safety Drawing Winners: Matt Avery, Majed Qazzaz, Nate Taylor, Jerry Wolgamood

Commissioner's Comments:

Rea: (Absent)

John: None

Dave: I need to back out of the Mt Pleasant meeting next week health reasons and Garrett and Ed thank you for getting the stop sign up on the other sides of the bridge.

Vince: None

Rodney: I appreciate you enduring the closed session, sometimes there are things that take a while to work your way through the process, you have to respect the process, and we are trying to do our due diligence in all aspects of the Road Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37p.m.

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Rodney D Chupp, Chairman

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Sarah Linn, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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