

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 (arrived 5:20 pm), Commissioner Vince Mifsud, Commissioner David Miars, Commissioner Jack Coleman, and Clerk of the Board Julie Mayuiers

Staff Members Present: Managing Director, John Lindsey
Kemp Kotschevar

Visitors: Luis Rosado, St. Joseph County Commissioner Liaison
Rebecca Shank, 385 S. Washington St., Constantine
Lyal & Kelly Ward, 10426 Dutch Settlement, Marcellus
Andy Brant

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the Agenda of August 21 and Minutes of August 7, 2024, Meeting. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Kelly Ward: She is running for Probate Judge in St. Joseph County and wanted to introduce herself. She has been a resident of SJ County for 41 years, an attorney practicing in probate law. She represents Veterans in Battle Creek that are involuntarily placed there. She is a judicial officer for Van Buren County. She has been attending various township meetings and it was great to see representation from the road commission at those meetings as well.

Rebecca Shank: Thank you for the great job being done on all the county roads, they are much better than the state highways.

Luis Rosado: Good job on the budget presentation to the county commission last night.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve the July payroll in the amount of \$222,408.41.

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

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the July A/P in the amount of \$1,437,700.00.

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

Citizens Comments:

Luis Rosado: asked about a rule of eating at the meetings. Felt the eating by another person in the audience was a disturbance in the meeting.

Rebecca Shank: Centreville Police department has been closed Constantine Police Department is now taking over and someone from the SJ Sheriff's Department will now be monitoring the Centreville schools.

Commissioner's Comments:

Mifsud: Feels the meetings in local restaurants he and Jack have done in the past have been beneficial in keeping the public informed of happenings at the road commission. The millage brochure was always receptive.

Coleman: He ran into Garrett Myland and Ed Klein out on Roberts Road doing some touch ups today when he was making a FedEx delivery. He inquired about having AEDs in our building since we are a public entity.

Miars: He and Jack had a meet and greet at Yoder's, and it worked out well. The new stop signs at Fairchild stick out clearly.

Chupp: He asked Andy Brant about the list of reports he gave out. He has met with MCRCSIP, and they are all super to deal with and a cost savings for us by belonging to the pool. We pay lower premiums, and the refund checks we receive if things are good are just more savings.

Shafer: Reminded the group of John's annual evaluation coming up. Asked that they think of any changes to the form previously used.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Eric Shafer, Chairman

Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board

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