

Regular Meeting

September 1, 2021

Regular Session of the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held with Polycom access at 5:00 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag was given.

Present: Chairman Dave Allen, Commissioner Vince Mifsud Commissioner Rodney Chupp (arrived 5:20 pm), Commissioner Jack Coleman, Clerk Julie Mayuiers

Absent: Vice Chairman Eric Shafer,  
Staff Members Present: John Lindsey, Managing Director  
Nate Taylor, Director of Fleets & Facilities

Motion by Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the agenda as presented and Minutes of August 18 Work Session. Motion carried.

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Coleman to purchase Three (3) 2022 GMC Sierra 2500HD Double Cab 4x4 Pickups; in the amount of \$35,266.55 (Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six Dollars and 55/100) each for a total of \$105,799.65 (One Hundred Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars and 65/100) through Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of Westland, Michigan.

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

I, Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of St. Joseph, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of September 1, 2021.

*Julie A. Mayuiers*

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Clerk of the Board

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

Motion by Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to purchase One (1) 2022 GMC Sierra 3500HD Regular Cab 4x4 Pickup; in the amount of \$31,905.55 (Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars and 55/100) through Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of Westland, Michigan.

AND

One (1) ITB custom flatbed with drop sides and tailgate in the amount of \$8,039.00 (Eight Thousand Thirty Nine Dollars and 0/00) through Truck & Trailer Specialties to be mounted on above 2022 GMC Sierra 3500HD Regular Cab 4x4 pickup.

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

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**MOTION**

Motion by Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Chupp that St. Joseph County Road Commission Chairman David Allen is authorized to submit a letter to St. Joseph County Commission Chairman Dennis Allen, requesting that the deficit of \$758 thousand the Road Commission encountered due to the significant decrease in vehicle travel, resulting in a decrease in fuel usage, from the estimated MTF (Michigan Transportation Fund) for fiscal year 2020 be reimbursed from the \$11 million that the county is receiving from their portion of the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA). This loss of funding will have an impact on the strategies the Road Commission has planned for improvements to the St. Joseph County Road network in 2022. In addition, the Road Commission is requesting to be reimbursed for the \$34,173.58 in actual lost wages and supplies due to COVID in 2020. Motion carried.

**MOTION**

Motion by Commissioner Chupp seconded by Commissioner Coleman to deny the 15 day Leave of Absence request by employee Josh Himebaugh. Motion carried.

Commissioners Comments:  
Coleman: None

Chupp: Very impressed that during the recent wind storm he attempted to call 911 and they were very busy and all he could reach was voicemail so he called the office to report trees down and office staff was available to take live calls and not have to leave a voicemail. This shows that the office staff is available when things are happening. During the clean up, our staff was at work doing their job when they probably wanted to be at home cleaning up their own storm damage. This shows dedication by our employees.

Mifsud: Agrees with Chupp’s comments. The staff had the primary roads open as quickly as possible.

Allen: Compliments to the staff for working with the utility companies to determine what trees could be moved safely. A lot of effort and patience goes into storm clean up. Appreciates the communication of utilities and road commission on knowing when downed wires were clipped and it was safe for trees to be removed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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David H. Allen, Chairman

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Julie Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board

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