

Budget Hearing & Work Session called to order at 8:00 am of the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Board Room at the St. Joseph County Road Commission, 20914 M-86, Centreville, Michigan at 8:00 a.m. via Polycom.

On Zoom present: Chairman Dave Allen, Vice Chairman Eric Shafer, Commissioner John Bippus, Commissioner Vince Mifsud, Commissioner Rodney Chupp (joined 8:01)

Absent: None

SJCRC in office present: Clerk Julie Mayuiers, Manager John Lindsey, Director of Fleets & Facilities Nate Taylor

Guests on Zoom &/or phone: Engineer/Asst. Manager Garrett Myland Dave Vago, Watershed Voice Robert Tomlison, TR Commercial, Jack Coleman

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Vice Chairman Shafer to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Vice Chairman Shafer seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the consent agenda with December 2, 2020 Board Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Vice Chairman Shafer to approve the November Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$158,714.35. Roll Call Vote taken: Ayes: Bippus, Mifsud, Shafer, Allen Nays: None Absent: Chupp Abstained: None Motion carried.

Motion by Vice Chairman Shafer seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the November A/P vouchers in the amount of \$974,612.49. Roll Call Vote Ayes: Shafer, Bippus, Mifsud, Allen Nays: None Absent: Chupp Abstained: None Motion carried.

CERTIFIED MOTION

Motion by Bippus seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to accept the bids and award the 2021 Klinger Lake Bridge over Sherman Mill Creek Replacement Project to Hoffman Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$413,349.68 (Four Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollars and Three Hundred Forty-Nine and 68/00 dollars).

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

I, Julie A. Mayuiers, 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 December 16, 2020.

Julie A. Mayuiers

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Clerk of the Board

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Chupp seconded by Vice Chairman Shafer to adopt the amended 2020 Revenue and Expenditure Budgets as presented.

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

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Certified Resolution of 2021 Budget

Motion by Vice Chairman Shafer supported by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the 2021 Budget Resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be both the general appropriations resolution and the budget adoption resolution of the St. Joseph County Road Commission for the year ended December 31, 2020. This resolution adopts proposed revenues and expenditures as presented in the accompanying budget document. Total revenues are adopted as \$12,528,101.00 expenditures as \$13,122,000.00 with expenditures exceeding revenues at December 31, 2020 by (\$593,899.00), and;

WHEREAS, no St. Joseph County Road Commission member or employee of the commission shall expend any funds or obligate any expenditures except pursuant to appropriations authorized by the budget document. Changes in amounts appropriated by the Commission shall require approval of the Commission, and;

WHEREAS, John W. Lindsey, Managing Director, is hereby charged with the general supervision of the execution of the budget adopted by the Commission, now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Managing Director be allowed to adjust the budget after December 31, 2020 to modify the various revenue and expenditure accounts which cannot be accurately projected prior to year-end, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is to take effect immediately.

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

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Commissioners Comments:

Shafer: Today is Commissioner Bippus' last meeting with us, thank you John for all you have done and welcome Jack Coleman to this group in 2021. John has led us through times that were tumultuous and his leadership has been great. Information gathered from the last 10 years while John has been on the board was put into a little presentation. Presentation was presented by Commissioner Shafer. Thank you very, very much John for everything.

Allen: John has been a good friend to myself and my family over the years as well as a great mentor and I appreciate the leadership that John and the entire Bippus family have shown to this county. I look forward to working with you in the future. John has made a huge impact on St. Joseph County and his servant leadership is appreciated. Thank you to the staff for an epic year and all your hard work. Now it is time to relax over the holidays and take a little mental break. Thank you to the board members and media in helping the public understand things better at the road commission. Thank you to other staff not present today Mike Harris, Nate Taylor, and Garrett Myland.

Mifsud: Eric's presentation pretty much says it all. My relationship with John has grown over the past couple of years and we have come to understand each other. Thank you for all the right things you have done on this board and again Eric's presentation was over the top on John's accomplishments.

Chupp: Thank you Eric for putting the presentation together. Cannot say anything better than what Eric has already said. There are a lot of good people at the road commission and on this board. John has a couple of very good characteristics I would like to highlight. 1) John has served in so many ways to better the community. His willingness to serve being one of the biggest. 2) John's biggest quality is his courage. He makes good decisions. I hate to lose him on the board and enjoyed serving with him but like John commissioners must rotate or else I would not have had the opportunity to serve on this board either. Great budget hearing today. We have a good team working on things right now and proud to be associated with this team.

Bippus: This has been the best board he has ever served on. This group really gets things done. Great staff also gets things done. Lots of courageous actions and doers. Rodney and Vince add a lot to the board and sure that Jack Coleman will also. It is time to move on to new adventures...not sure what those are yet. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you. The budget is conservative, and he would like to see it spent down even more. We do not spend more than what we have, are debt free and do not borrow money. Great board and thank you for all the comments.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 am.

David H. Allen, Chairman

Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board

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