

Public Hearing and 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 Vince Mifsud, Commissioner Jack Coleman, Commissioner Dave Miars and Clerk of the Board Julie Mayuiers

Staff Members Present: Managing Director, John Lindsey

Visitors: Robert Tomlinson, TR Commercial
Max Kruse, Constantine Township Trustee
Dave Mostrum, Mostrum Surveyors

Chairman Shafer welcomed guest and introduced staff.

The Public Hearing on the Abandonment of a section of Berry’s Lane began with Dave Mostrum presenting the Abandonment request that he prepared on behalf of Karen Ramroop. Discussions took place and the Public Hearing was closed at 5:10 pm

Chairman Shafer called the Board Meeting to order.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the Amended Agenda of January 15, 2025, adding under Unfinished Business Road Abandonment of Berry’s Lane and Minutes of January 8, 2025, Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve the December payroll in the amount of \$404,948.57
Roll Call Vote taken: Ayes: Coleman, Chupp, Mifsud, Miars, Shafer Nays: None
Absent: None Abstained: None Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the December A/P in the amount of \$371,798.46.
Roll Call Vote taken: Ayes: Chupp, Coleman, Miars, Mifsud, Shafer Nays: None
Absent: None Abstained: None Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ABANDON A PORTION OF BERRY’S LANE
FLOWERFIELD TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Section 18, of the Michigan County Road Law, being MCL § 224.18; MSA § 9.118, as amended, provides for the absolute abandonment and discontinuance of any highway or part of highway under the jurisdiction of a county road commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of St. Joseph County, Michigan, has further determined that it is to the best interests of the public that the highway or portion of highway described in this resolution shall be absolutely abandoned and discontinued.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following described highway or portion of highway be and hereby is absolutely abandoned and discontinued as a public highway:

Permanent and absolutely abandonment and discontinue the west end of Berry's Lane as shown on the plat of Berry's Lewis Lake Subdivision as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 30 and is located in Section 18 of T5S, R12W, Flowerfield Township, St. Joseph County, Michigan. The portion of the right of way to be permanently and absolutely abandoned and discontinued, is described as follows:

All that part of the Berry's Lane in Berry's Lewis Lake Subdivision lying west of the line between Lots 1 & 2 extended north to the north right of way line of Berry's Lane which is near the West edge of Section 18 and contingent on any associated costs as allowed in accordance with MCL 224.18 Act 283 of 1909.

RESERVING HOWEVER, an easement for public utilities over the full width and length of the highway hereby being abandoned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this abandonment be given as required by law.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN

By: _____
Eric Shafer
Its: Chairman

MOTION BY Vice Chairman Chupp Seconded by Commissioner Coleman

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Aye Votes Cast: Coleman, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp, Shafer

Nay Votes Cast: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None:

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

I, Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board of County Road Commissioners of St. Joseph County, State of Michigan, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of January 15, 2025.

*Julie A. Mayuiers
Clerk of the Board*

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Rod Chupp seconded by Commissioner Vince Mifsud to vote CRA Board of Directors for Larry Brown to fill a 3-year Southern Seat and Scott Merillat to fill a 4-year Southern Seat on the Board.

Motion carried

Visitors Comments: None

Commissioner's Comments:

Chupp – The roads have snow packed on them and a little slippery but they are passable. Our crews are doing a good job with sanding and salting them. People just need to slow drive and drive according to road conditions.

Coleman – Same comments as Commissioner Chupp.

Miars – The roads look good.

Shafer – It is kind of a coast year following the millage last year and other projects in recent years. He has a couple of things he would us to work on this year. He suggests a road summit in the Fall at Glenn Oaks Community College or wherever like we did several years ago to give the public and education about what is going on with the roads and concentrating on educating the public on St. Joseph County Road Commission and all the other counties around us and what that expense means. Think about anything else that is not part of our normal that we might need to do. Another thing is the fact we are going to be finishing up with the SS4A Grant and that will put us in the line for the possibility for a big Grant. Thinking it would be a good idea to sit down with our local representatives and share this with them.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Eric Shafer, Chairman

Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board

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