

Work Session 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 with Clerk of the Board Brittany Hinn calling the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

The Clerk of the Board led the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Present: Commissioner Rodney Chupp, Commissioner Vince Mifsud, Commissioner Dave Miars, Commissioner John Bippus, Commissioner Rea Brown and Clerk of the Board Brittany Hinn

Staff Members Present: John Lindsey, Managing Director  
Nate Taylor, Director of Fleet & Facilities  
Don Preston, Director of Operations  
Sarah Linn, Human Resources & Payroll Clerk  
Ed Klein, Engineering Tech and Safety Director  
Majed Qazzaz, Engineer in Training

Visitors: Kathy Roberts, Three Rivers  
Eric Shafer, Three Rivers  
Robert Tomilson, Three Rivers Commercial

The Clerk of the Board asked for nominations for the Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners of St. Joseph County for the year 2026.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mifsud nominating Commissioner Chupp to act as the Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners of St. Joseph County for the year 2026 seconded by Commissioner Miars.

Clerk Hinn stated that a Motion was made by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars nominating Commissioner Chupp to act as the Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners of St. Joseph County for the year 2026 and asked if there were any additional nominations. There were no other nominations.

Vote was unanimous in favor of Commissioner Chupp as the new Chairman. Chupp abstained.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Miars motioned to nominate Commissioner Mifsud for Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners of St. Joseph County for the year 2026 seconded by Commissioner Bippus.

Chairman Chupp stated that a Motion was made by Commissioner Miars and seconded by Commissioner Bippus nominating Commissioner Mifsud to act as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners of St. Joseph County for the year 2026 and asked if there were any additional nominations. There were no other nominations.

Vote was unanimous in favor of Commissioner Mifsud as the new Vice-Chairman. Mifsud abstained.

Motion carried.

#### Citizens Comments:

Eric: The real reason I am here today is assuming you approve the minutes from the last meeting I am going to be here to sign that, and it is the end of my official duties. But as long as I can still stick my nose in it a little bit, I'd like to make a suggestion to the board that John's name get put up there on the wall and suggest it happen at his retirement party. He is well deserved to put his name up there and the timing would

be perfect. The fact that he is still an employee is a little divergent from the norm, but my name is up there from when I was still serving on the board. It is just a suggestion but thank you. Congratulations to Rodney and Vince on your appointments, it is well deserved.

Kathy: I just want to say I'm new at going around and participating in the different community meetings, boards and what not. I would like to suggest that you put a camera up and record video your sessions because this would be a great education and would be good for other boards that I have been to. Thank you, for they way you function and please consider the camera. Appreciate the upkeep and progress on the roads.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the agenda of January 7, 2026, Board Meeting and the Minutes of December 17, 2025 Board Meeting.

Motion Carried.

4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. Safety Drawing winners: Colin Tetzloff, Keith Triezenberg, Don Preston, Brittany Hinn

Commissioner's Comments:

Vince: Welcome Rea. Thanks for a good year. Welcome Majed.

Dave: A lot of changes from last year to this year will be interesting but I think we can go forward like we have in the past. Welcome aboard and we will miss you, Eric.

John: Thank you and welcome Rea.

Rea: I have felt very welcome by everyone. When I came to the luncheon everyone welcomed me. Board has kept be up to date on what is going on and John has been really helpful. I am really looking forward to it.

Rodney: Welcome Majed. I already thanked Brittany & Sarah. Former commissioner Shafer, appreciate you coming in to sign your last papers. Thank you for your idea. I really appreciate Nates report today. Thank you for your confidence in Vince and me for your leadership for 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 am

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Rodney Chupp, Chairman

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Brittany Hinn, Clerk of the Board