

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 Vice Chairman Chupp calling the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

The Chairman of the Board 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 David Miars, Commissioner Jack Coleman, and Clerk of the Board Julie Mayuiers

Staff Members Present: John Lindsey, Managing Director
Garrett Myland, Assistant Manager / PE
Brittany Hinn, Accounting Clerk

Visitors: Robert Tomlinson, Commercial News
Andrew Brant
Sheila Kroupa
Julia Lindsey

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the agenda as presented and the Minutes of September 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

Citizens Comments: Andrew Brant - Two to three weeks ago a gentleman in a little green John Deer thing went by his house with chemicals coming out of the sprayer. He has 3-4 signs indicating no spraying or cutting back brush. He was not aware of when this was going to be happening. The road commission has now spread invasive species all over the county. Now all this invasive species is going into his water supply and poisoning him and it's problematic. What is the road commissions policy on this. Several years ago, Mr. Mostrom showed him something that the road commission doesn't own the land to 33' to center of the road so why do we do this. He would like it known that going forward he does not want anything sprayed or mowed in front of his property. He will provide his address after the meeting for our files for the future.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars that Eric Shafer, Chairman; Rodney Chupp, Vice Chairman; Vince Mifsud, Member; Jack Coleman, Member; and David Miars, Member authorize John Lindsey, Managing Director to sign documents and represent the best interest of the road commission with the following purchase of land following the St. Joseph County Road Commission Board approval on October 2, 2024:

Tax Description: Subject to land split for 17.15 acres of the following legal description: Com 763 FT S NW COR NE ¼ SW ¼ SEC 27 T7S R9W TH S 520 FT TH E 1166 FT TH N 743 FT TH W 916 FT TH S 223 FT TH W 250 FT TO POB. 18. 61A. Parcel of land located in Burr Oak Township and recorded as Parcel ID 001 027 007 01 Robinson Road in the amount of Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$216,000.00) due at closing. The Road Commission shall pay the cash sale by either Cashier Check, Certified Check or Wire Transfer.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Coleman, Chupp, Mifsud, Miars, Shafer
Absent: None Abstained: None

Nays: 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 October 2, 2024.

Julie A. Mayuiers

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Clerk of the Board

Citizens Comments: Sheila Kropa, there are several new board members on the White Pigeon Township Board and have questions on how the township handles signs and road striping.

Andrews Brandt: He has seen a lot of the double stop signs and stop ahead signs and asked what kind of costs per intersection incur. Who reads the contracts from the Federal Government on obtaining the funds to pay for these signs?

Commissioners Comments:

Mifsud – The Roads Committee Meeting is usually in November, and he hasn’t heard a date announced yet.
Coleman – Nothing today.

Miars – Outstanding Commissioners Conference last week, especially the asphalt discussions. Highly recommends the other commissioners attend in the future.

Chupp – Talking about the ROW and mowing, he keeps his ROW mowed back except the last few years the road commission as kept it trimmed back. Regarding N. River Road, the mapping software sends trucks down it. Finds a “Constitutionalist” wants the road commission to limit trucks. We have to balance safety and common sense. He errors on the side of safety following accidents he has had in his lifetime.

Shafer – Condolences to Brittany on the loss of her father.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Chupp seconded by Commissioner Miars to go into closed session at 9:05 am to discuss land acquisitions.

Came out of Closed Session at 9:15 am
Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am

Eric B. Shafer, Chairman

Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board
