

Work Session

October 4, 2023

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

Present: Chairman Eric Shafer, Vice Chairman Rodney Chupp, Commissioner Jack Coleman, Commissioner David Miars, Clerk Julie Mayuiers, Managing Director John Lindsey

Guests present: Garrett Myland, Engineer/Assistant Manager
Robert Tomlinson, Three Rivers Commercial
Brittany Hinn, Accounting Clerk

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the agenda of October 4 Meeting and the Minutes of September 20, 2023, Work Session. Motion carried.

SWOT 5-year plan was discussed. Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to adopt the revised SWOT 5-year plan with the revisions made this morning.

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

I, Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board of County Road Commissioners 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 August 2, 2023.

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Clerk of the Board

2024 Millage – County Clerk Lindsay Oswald will be providing the date the voting will take place once this has been determined. The Board will be reviewing the wording of the Millage request and then sending it to the County Commissioners to approve before placing it on the Ballot. The Board and Manager need to promote this by attending township meetings and presenting at service organizations. They also need to ask the townships to announce when the road commission would be attending their meetings to get more township residents to attend. A brochure needs to be created that can be distributed and posted on various social media channels, including in Village letters, Three Rivers & Sturgis Chamber of Commerce letters, ministerial associations, and churches to name a few.

3rd Qtr. Safety Drawing winners were Jerry Wolgamood, John Lindsey, Richie Ultz and Brian Chapman

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to amend the Fraud Policy of the St. Joseph County Road Commission as dated October 4, 2023.

Motion carried.

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to mark reviewed the Nepotism Policy of the St. Joseph County Road Commission as dated October 4, 2023.

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments: Luis Rosada inquired if we had any more discussions on hiring a consulting firm to assist with the millage. Manager Lindsey replied that we had hired one previously for a millage and it just cost us money and didn't seem to help.

Commissioner Comments:

Chupp - He just received a reply from County Clerk Lindsay Oswald and the Presidential Primary is February or March and the Statewide (Local) Primary is normally in August. There still is some talk of moving it earlier in the year but there are still some items from the County Clerks' meeting regarding Federal Laws that need to be reviewed. The Secretary of State will release a calendar of dates for voting and send it to us. So, we are maybe looking at sometime in June, July, or August. He has heard comments from citizens on why we closed the Covered Bridge before the county fair again this year. Nobody was angry about it, just lots of people happy that the bridge is being refurbished. We should be getting pictures of the progress and posting them to keep the public informed and happy.

Mifsud – all is good, nothing else today.

Coleman – He has been asked if the bridge is going to be lifted by a crane and the response was no. Fall color tours were discussed and various roads within our county were mentioned such as Mint Road would be an excellent one to check out with true colors. Others included Purgatory and various roads in Fabius Township.

Miars – He enjoyed the fund raiser for the Covered Bridge.

Shafer – Sorry to hear about the condition of one of our employees and the Board is keeping him and his family in their thoughts. It's time to think about the Manager's Review again.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Eric B. Shafer, Chairman

Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board
