

Work Session

March 16, 2022

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 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Vince Mifsud

Guests present: Garrett Myland Engineer/Assistant Manager, Mike Harris Director of Operations, Nate Taylor Director of Fleets & Facilities, Don Preston Safety Tech., Robert Tomlinson, Three Rivers Commercial

Citizens Comments: None today

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Vice Chairman Chupp to approve the agenda and minutes of the March 2, 2022, Board Meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Vice Chairman Chupp to approve the February Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$193,861.54.

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

Motion by Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the February A/P vouchers in the amount of \$210,063.07.

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

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Motion by Coleman seconded by Commissioner Miars to accept and have Garrett Myland sign the contract regarding the MDOT Contract Number: 22-5049 (Category CFDA No. 20.205 Highway Research Planning & Construction).

Hot mix asphalt overlay, aggregate shoulders and pavement markings along Fawn River Road from Approximately 500 feet east of Mill Pond Road to Balk Road; and all together with necessary related work.

A roll call vote was taken: Aye votes cast: Chupp, Coleman, Miars, Shafer

Nay votes cast: None Abstained: None Absent: Mifsud 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 March 16, 2022.

Julie A. Mayuiers

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Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION

Motion by Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Miars that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of St. Joseph wishes to relinquish jurisdiction of the following street;

E. Lafayette Road, located on the boarder of Sherman Township and Fawn River Township, from N Lakeview Road easterly to the intersection of E. Lafayette Road and N. Franks Avenue, a distance of 0.53 Miles.

WHEREAS, it is understood that the Attorney General has ruled, a certain portion of the road, to be relinquished to an incorporated city or village, must be surrounded by city or village property, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis does have enough abutting property to comply with the standards, as set forth by the Attorney general, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis accepts the transfer of said streets to its jurisdiction,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Data Inventory & Integration Division of the Michigan Department of Transportation, requesting that this jurisdictional transfer be allowed.

Motion carried. Resolution Adopted.

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CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State and Federal Governments have made money available in the Local Bridge Program for use by State, County, City, and Village agencies, and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Road Commission has reviewed and approved the Local Bridge Program for the following bridges, and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Road Commission is actively seeking participation in the replacement of the following bridges, and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Road Commission will commit the necessary local funds for the design and construction engineering in addition to a **ten** percent funding match for the construction phase of the bridges listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Road Commission submit the necessary documentation to have these bridges included for funding through this program:

1. Farrand Road over the St. Joseph River (SN 10324) replacement at a Ten (10) percent match estimated at \$5,900,000.
2. Fawn River Road over the Fawn River (SN 10289 replacement) at a Ten (10) percent match estimated at \$1,200,000.
3. Prairie Corners Road over the St. Joseph River (SN 10377 replacement) at a Ten (10) percent match estimated at \$3,300,000.
4. Carls Road over the Fawn River (SN 10336 replacement) at a Ten (10) percent match estimated at \$1,200,000.

MOTION by Vice Chairman Chupp seconded by Commission Coleman that the above bridge have applications submitted for **2025 MDOT Local Bridge Program Funding** in the above priority.

Motion Carried:
Ayes: Miars, Chupp, Chupp, Shafer
Nays: None
Absent: Mifsud
Abstained: None

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CERTIFIED MOTION

Motion by Vice Chairman Chupp seconded by Commissioner Miars to accept the bids and award the 2022 Pulverizing Projects to JL Milling Inc. in the amount of \$28,166.04 (Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Four Cents).

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

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CERTIFIED MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Coleman to accept the bids and award the 2022 Local Paving Projects to Michigan Paving & Materials Co. in the amount of \$3,416,428.99 (Three Million Four Hundred Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents).

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Coleman, Chupp, Miars, Shafer
Nays: None

Absent: Mifsud

Abstained: None

Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE COUNTYLINE ROAD AT
GRAND TRUNK WESTERN RAILROAD CROSSING NI#283448B**

FLOWERFIELD TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the railroad crossing at Countyline Road and the Grand Trunk Western Railroad was identified by MDOT as a public safety risk due to the low traffic volume, the angle of the crossing and the speed of the trains that use the railroad.

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 right of way be preserved for utility purposes or easements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in the interest of public safety and upon assurance of incentive funding available from MDOT and Grand Trunk Western Railroad, the St. Joseph County Road Commission hereby elects to permanently close Countyline Road at the Grand Trunk Western Railroad NI#283448B.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that County Line Road from Chamberlain Road east for 1,380 ft, County Line Road from Creglow Road West 3,700 ft and Creglow Road from Flowerfield Road to County Line Road will be hard surfaced using the incentive funding that is available from MDOT and Grand Trunk Western Railroad.

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

By: *Eric Shafer*
Eric Shafer

Its: Chairman

MOTION BY Commissioner David Miars seconded by Commissioner Jack Coleman.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Aye Votes Cast: Rodney Chupp, David Miars, Jack Coleman, Eric Shafer
Nay Votes Cast: None Absent: Vince Mifsud Abstained: None
Motion passed. Resolution carried.

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Commissioners Comments:

Miars: Attended the CRA Highway Conference last week and learned a lot of good information. Thank you to the staff sitting in on the meeting today, they are the unseen people within the organization that make things happen.

Coleman: He has been talking with most of the township supervisors to try and see what we can do to get the ARPA fund disbursed to the townships and road commission. He has many good friends on the township boards, road commission commissioners as well as the St. Joseph County Commission.

Chupp: Good process on the County Line RR crossing closing. Good integrity on working on this and thank you to all the commissioners and staff that attended the CRA Highway Conference last week.

Shafer: Attended the CRA Highway Conference last week and very good sessions. He attended one session on Emergency Crisis and dam failures and how the one road commission responded to the dam failure. He understands we participate in a Plan with the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department Emergency Management Team. He was just making sure the rest of our Board was aware that we were participating in a county wide plan. He also asked the commissioners to pass along all questions they receive to the same person at the road commission (manager) so that the same answer is given to everyone. Might be useful down the road for all commissioners to sit down and discuss how to manage distributing information to the public. Another example of communications that need to come from the same source are roads closed, bridges shut down, different communication being given when roads will be open again, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am

Eric B. Shafer, Chairman

Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board

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