

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 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 Rodney Chupp, Vice Chairman Vince Mifsud, Commissioner Dave Miars, Commissioner John Bippus, Commissioner Rea Brown, Sarah Linn, Deputy Clerk

Staff Members Present: Garrett Myland, Managing Director
Nate Taylor, Director of Fleet and Facilities
Don Preston, Director of Operations

Visitors: Kathy Roberts, Fabius Township
Robert Tomilson, Three Rivers Commercial

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the agenda of March 4, 2026, and the Minutes of February 18, 2026, Board Meeting.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars that the following resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of St. Joseph at the meeting held on March 4, 2026, the following resolution was proposed and approved by the board:

WHEREAS, Kevin Stack, Director of Engineering of St. Joseph County Road Commission is to be issued a business credit card and authorized signer on such business expense credit card with Sturgis Bank and Trust on behalf of the St. Joseph County Road Commission; and

WHEREAS, that the total credit limit to be \$10,000.00 on the business credit card, and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Joseph County Board of County Road Commission is in full support of this business credit card for Kevin Stack.

A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Brown, Bippus, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp

Absent: None Abstained: None Nays: None Motion carried.

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 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. Constantine Road over the St. Joseph River (SN 10358 replacement) at a Fifteen (15) percent match estimated at \$7,000,000
2. Nottawa Road over the Wood Lake Drain (SN 10318 replacement) at a Five (5) percent match estimated at \$2,000,000.
3. Blue School Road over the White Pigeon River (SN 10328 replacement) at a Five (5) percent match estimated at \$3,100,000

MOTION by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars that the above bridge have applications submitted for **2029 MDOT Local Bridge Program Funding** in the above priority.

Aye votes cast: Brown, Bippus, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp

Nayes: None Absent: None Abstained: None Motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Kathy: Yes, I need to mention my name and address. Kathy Roberts 60351 Roberts Road, Three Rivers. I noticed yesterday that Roberts Road from Gleason, Southward, on the southbound lane. There's quite a bit of breakup in 2 to 3 places in that lane. It actually comes into even halfway in. So, just informing you. And then I was just wondering, since the courthouse, the meeting's there are gonna be moved, and there's gonna be some meetings held here from the county. How are you gonna handle the parking? There are a significant amount of people that participate in that executive meeting.

Commissioners Comments:

Vince: I don't have anything. Sounds like you're doing fine, so I'm good.

Dave: Okay. I got a couple things. Frugal Five, are we still going to be doing those roles? Emails, Vince ran into the same problem. The one that you just put out about the gentleman getting hurt, employee. Did you put that out last Friday? April 1st meeting. Melissa surprised Sue with a trip to New Orleans because of all the crap she's gone through. So, I won't be at that meeting and then Vince and I were talking, and he won't be. We just wanted to make sure that you guys were informed. Everybody's doing a good job. And these nomination forms, I put down what I thought. I didn't follow the form that you got. So, I just put down what I thought, everybody knows me so, it's how I felt. I'm pretty well done with them, so I will just finish and turn them in. Other than that, I think things are going good, and I will pass it on to John.

John: Thank you. I don't have anything to add.

Rea: I have a question. We brought it up in the meeting, January 7th, that we were gonna make a chart for the safety, and write how many days it's been, and put their names so that we could keep track of that. Did that go anywhere? I think it's good morale. And it keeps you knowledgeable.

Rodney:

I just say I appreciate the communications. I know that Friday's update came on Tuesday. That's okay. You know, you're going to miss one once in a while, but I feel like Garrett's been doing a good job of communicating. I think things have been going well. I had somebody recently contact me again and just

tell me that they felt like we were doing a better job keeping the roads cleaned off after the last substantial snow that we got, I think we're doing a good job. I enjoy things like this well thought through suggestion on the bridge resolution, on "I think we should go after this bridge at this time because," and there's a whole bunch of reasons why. That's well thought through well run. That's what we need. Great job. I say kudos to that.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Rodney D Chupp, Chairman

Sarah Linn, Deputy Clerk of the Board
