

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 5:00 pm.

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

Guests present: Garrett Myland, Engineer/Assistant Manager
Nate Taylor, Director of Fleets & Facilities
Robert Tomlinson, Three Rivers Commercial
Luis Rosado, St. Joseph County Commissioner
Dennis Allen, St. Joseph County Commissioner
T.J. Baker, Sturgis

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the Agenda as amended adding 1st Qtr. Safety Drawing and Consent Agenda of the March 15, 2023, Board Meeting & Public Hearing on Lutz Road Roundabout. Motion carried.

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Vice Chairman Chupp that Garrett Myland, PE at the St. Joseph County Road Commission, is authorized to sign the contract regarding the MDOT Contract Number: 23-5090 (Category CFDA No. 20.205 Highway Research Planning & Construction);

Permanent edge line pavement markings, up to 1,745,357 feet, along various federal-aid and nonfederal-aid routes countrywide; and all together with necessary related work.

A roll call vote was taken: Aye votes cast: Coleman, Chupp, Miars, Mifsud, Shafer
Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: 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 April 5, 2023.

Julie A. Mayuiers

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Clerk of the Board

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Coleman that Garrett Myland, PE at the St. Joseph County Road Commission, is authorized to sign the contract regarding the MDOT Contract Number: 23-5074 (Category CFDA No. 20.205 Highway Research Planning & Construction);

Hot mix asphalt overlay, aggregate shoulders and permanent pavement marking along Silver Street from East Z Avenue to Michigan Avenue and along Michigan Avenue from Silver Street to M-60; and all together with necessary work.

A roll call vote was taken: Aye votes cast: Miars, Chupp, Coleman, Mifsud, Shafer
Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None Motion carried.

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CERTIFIED MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Coleman supported by Commissioner Miars to accept the bids and award the 2023 Local Gravel Projects to Swarhout Excavating in the amount of \$65,120 and 00/00 dollars (Sixty-five thousand, one hundred twenty and 00/00 dollars) for 23A gravel and \$77,280 and 00/00 dollars (Seventy-seven thousand, two hundred eighty and 00/00 dollars) for 22A gravel for a total of \$142,400 and 00/00 (One hundred forty-two thousand, four hundred and 00/00 dollars).

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

Nays: None
Motion carried.

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CERTIFIED MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to accept the bids and award the 2023 Pulverizing Projects to JL Milling Inc. in the amount of \$29,415.50 (Twenty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Fifty Cents).

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

Nays: None
Motion carried.

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The 1st Qtr. 2023 Safety Drawing winners were: Tom Scott, Danny Schragg, Kevin Norton and Brittany Hinn

John Lindsey and Garrett Myland prepared a statement regarding the Brighton Road dock situation which the Board reviewed. A Policy will be prepared and reviewed at the next meeting.

Citizens Comments: Louis Rosado said he is very impressed with the fantastic job of planning, the presentation Garrett Myland presented at the Lutz Road Roundabout meeting and how clear and well prepared Garrett was obviously. Keep up the good work and keeping the public informed is all very much appreciated.

Commissioner Comments:

Rodney Chupp – The statement presented today regarding Brighton Road dock situation in three parts is good and the first two parts talk about a case-by-case basis and will make a good policy. Good work guys.

Let’s keep the situation on Wasepi Road on our radar as I’ve driven it and it is in need of some attention.

Vince Mifsud – Going to the CRA event I experienced politics at its best. We went to our representative and got zero information and dollars out of him and then back to the conference and got zero information and dollars out of the two gals there. The message is we have a long way to go for road funding.

Eric Shafer – We asked Representative Carra was to support a study funding a study to figure out what to do about the loss of MTF funds because of EV’s....people not buying gas. We are truly seeing a loss of funding in gas tax because of EV’s and it’s only going to get worse. There are about 19 states that have figured out what they are going to do to address this. There were 3 people from the media and all three said road funding is no longer a priority for this administration.

Jack Coleman – Bridges are going to close and roads being converted to gravel. We are not going to get help from the state or the feds, we have to take care of it right here.

Dave Miars – I enjoyed the CRA Conference last week.

Eric Shafer – Congratulations to Garrett and Don on the Impress Award. That project saved us \$255,000 because we did it in-house. Those are the kind of solutions we are going to have to come up with over the next few years. The CRA Conference items I wrote down was Road Funding 101. I think it would be good for all of us to go through this. Remind everyone about the new CRA Handbook that is full of information. Dustin Early went through the CRA Toolkit is. There is tons of information in there. That would be another thing for training that we all could do for more information for us.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Eric B. Shafer, Chairman

Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board
