

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 David Allen, Vice Chairman Eric Shafer, Commissioner Jack Coleman, Commissioner Vincent Mifsud, Deputy Clerk Brittany Hinn, Manager John Lindsey

Present via Polycom: Commissioner Rodney Chupp

Guests present: Garrett Myland, Assistant Manager, Project Engineer
Nate Taylor, Shop Foreman

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve the agenda as presented and the Consent Agenda consisting of minutes of the May 5, 2021 Board meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Shafer seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the April Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$249,167.68. Roll Call Vote taken: Ayes: Coleman, Chupp, Mifsud, Shafer, Allen

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

Motion by Commissioner Shafer seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the April A/P vouchers in the amount of \$382,623.37. Roll Call Vote taken: Ayes: Chupp, Mifsud, Shafer, Coleman, Allen

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

Commissioners Comments:

Coleman: Attended SW Council, Appreciative to attend, lots of good information. Heard about employee shortages in other counties, we do not have those issues. Attended Lockport Township meeting, discussed this with John. Attended Park Township meeting, they are working on a .5 mill road millage to be approved/voted on.

Chupp: Thank you for all the good reports. I am going to email Senator Kim Lasada and Representative Steve Carra to see about increasing the engineering reimbursement counties receive. Excited to see the work being done. Appreciate the update on the bridges. Keep up the good work.

Mifsud: Attended meeting with Jack & Julie. It was nice to attend. attended a budget meeting on the second day for the department of transportation. A report was given on where funds go. Asked price on cost per mile of the extra work done on Mintdale Rd to get a good hard base (calcium chloride for hard surface). The road is hard, I have talked with a few citizens, good comments and feedback, they notice how hard the road is. Asked about the extension of life on the road, not sure at this time but we are hopeful. Attended a lunch with some commissioners from Road Commission of Kalamazoo County. Comments were made on how good Kalamazoo County roads are, in his opinion they are not but they have a lot of roads to maintain. Lots of interesting discussion at the lunch. They made comments on how good St. Joseph County roads are vs their good roads. Keep on the good track.

Shafer: John mentioned the Haybridge Road Abandonment, I have gotten a few calls about this as well. Once I explained the why, people were happy and understanding. John will get you the Zoom like for tomorrow's meeting. Thank you for attending the SW Council, I tried to connect via Zoom but could not, I knew you guys had it covered.

Allen: Appreciation for the commissioners attending programs and meetings. Helps keep a good reputation, Thank you. Appreciate Jacks work and good posts/comments on the road commission. Appreciation for staff and their hard work. It feels like a family around here, we care about each other, and it contributes to our success. We are innovative. keep up the good work, it is recognized by the board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am

David H. Allen Chairman

Brittany Hinn, Deputy Clerk

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