

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, Brittany Hinn, Clerk of the Board

Absent: Commissioner Rea Brown

Staff Members Present: Garrett Myland, Managing Director
Nate Taylor, Director of Fleet and Facilities
Sarah Linn, Human Resources & Payroll
Don Preston, Director of Operations

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

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the agenda of May 6, 2026.

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the Minutes of April 15, 2026, Board Meeting.

Motion carried.

CERTIFIED MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Bippus to accept the bids and award the 2026 Additional Paving Projects to Lakeland Asphalt Company in the amount of \$845,720.05 (Eight Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars and Five Cents).

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bippus, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp
Absent: Brown Abstained: None

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Don Preston: There is a retirement party for Teresa Belote tomorrow at the ISD 3:30 to 5:30. She's been my main contact for snow plowing and that kind of stuff with all the schools in the county. She's been a great help to us. I hope the next one is as good as she is.

Kathy: I have a question, the steel beams on the bridges, the beams are crowned, and the weight pushes them down. How do they know when to stop? What is the diameter of the cables and how to they corrode?

Commissioners Comments:

Vince: Nothing

Dave: Back to the horse I've been beating on, do you have an update on the stop sign on the covered bridge? People are actually stopping on the south side and only one vehicle at a time is going through.

John: Good meeting. Thank you for all the updates. I appreciate extra discussion on the construction and processes of how bridges are built.

Rodney: Back to what I was asking Garrett about, watch for an email from me about expense reports. How to fill them out. We've never really gone over that and there were a couple things that weren't done the way that we can do them. Garrett and Brittany do a good job making sure we stay within the parameters of what the state allows but also our policies. I think you guys continue to do a good job. There are a lot of good things going on. It's exciting. We got good bids on paving. Thank you, Garrett, for seeing the opportunity and pivoting to jump on it and get more work done.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Rodney D Chupp, Chairman

Brittany Hinn, Clerk of the Board
