

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, Brittany Hinn, Clerk of the Board

Staff Members Present: Garrett Myland, Managing Director  
Nate Taylor, Director of Fleet and Facilities  
Sarah Linn, Human Resources & Payroll  
Kevin Stack, Director of Engineering

Visitors: Kathy Roberts, Fabius Township

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the agenda of June 3, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bippus seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the Minutes of May 20, 2026, Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the Engineering Reimbursement in the amount of Ten Thousand and 00/00 Dollars (\$10,000) to the St. Joseph County Road Commission for Garrett Myland, P.E. as being a licensed professional engineer retained by the St. Joseph County Road Commission.

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

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION**

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to purchase from Truck & Trailer Specialties a stainless steel body, hydraulic system, post puller, and telescoping catwalk for the new sign truck in the amount of \$56,872.00 (Fifty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and 00/100) .

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

**Citizens Comments:**

Kathy: The penny saver, you can get a physical copy, but you can also request an email be sent to you and it is free. I was wondering the weight difference between the stainless steel and regular steel? I had a conversation with someone yesterday, that all vehicles next year will be installed with AI. I thought that's what is installed in them now, what is the difference?

**Commissioners Comments:**

Rea: I think I said everything.

John: Nothing today

Dave: We always complement the employees but the five of us click and work well together. Jack commented to me that he was grateful the board allowed him to speak at the last meeting.

Vince: Nothing to add

Rodney: At the southwest council meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> there were a lot of good topics. Roads + is a political action committee, it is the largest in Michigan. It's \$50 to join for a year, they lobby on our behalf to the legislature. The MI Wetland bank is a predetermined bank of wetlands that we can purchase to offset our projects that impact wetlands. It is the only program in the US. Other states are looking at that as a model. Marijuana lawsuit is still being tried and they have submitted a second lawsuit saying they are exceeding the 6% sales tax. Mileage based user fee-Michigan has a committee and they are working on the pilot program. CRASIF- 46<sup>th</sup> straight year for premium returns and rating factors have decreased. Sept 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> is the commissioner's seminar, put that on your calendar. Linnea Rader wrote a report on the effectiveness of training, 60% is retained after the initial training, after one year it drops to 34%. I am very interested in reading her report. I had a thought on the money flow for MDOT jobs. They want to control the funds so there is no chance the funds come here, and the money gets used somewhere else. I really appreciate Jack speaking; he didn't want the wrong people getting credit for the funding. From a township supervisor to the president's desk, the funding bill was signed. That is really pretty cool and how it should work. Government worked and we are going to get meaningful work out of it. People are frustrated that government doesn't work for them but this did and that needs to be highlighted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

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Rodney D Chupp, Chairman

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Brittany Hinn, Clerk of the Board