

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 Shafer 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 Eric Shafer, Vice Chairman Rodney Chupp, Commissioner Vince Mifsud, Commissioner David Miars, Commissioner Jack Coleman, and Clerk of the Board Julie Mayuiers

Staff Members Present: John Lindsey, Managing Director
Garrett Myland, Assistant Manager / PE
Don Preston, Director of Operations
Nate Taylor, Director of Fleets & Facilities
Brittany Hinn, Accounting Clerk

Visitors: Luis Rosado, County Commissioner
Robert Tomlinson, Three Rivers Commercial
Andrew Brant

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve the agenda as presented and the Minutes of July 17, 2024, Board Meeting.

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Coleman supported by Commissioner Chupp to vote for 3 (three) candidates to serve on the 2024 CRASIF Board of Trustees.

- The nominations are Darrell Cass, Jesse Campbell, and George Smith.

Motion carried.

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Miars to amend the Cost Share for Preservation, Reconstruction, & Rehabilitation Policy of the St. Joseph County Road Commission as dated June 5, 2019.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye votes cast: Coleman, Chupp, Miars, Mifsud, Shafer

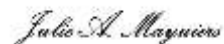
Nay votes cast: None

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 August 7, 2024.



Julie A. Mayuiers
Clerk of the Board

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to adopt the amended Safety Policy with the wording change of should to shall under the Face and Eye Protection section of the St. Joseph County Road Commission as dated August 7, 2024.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye votes cast: Coleman, Chupp, Miars, Mifsud, Shafer

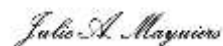
Nay votes cast: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Chupp seconded by Commissioner Coleman to rescind the Safety Incentive Policy the St. Joseph County Road Commission dated December 31, 2007, on August 7, 2024.

A roll call vote was taken:

Aye votes cast: Miars, Coleman, Chupp, Mifsud, Shafer

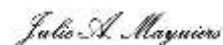
Nay votes cast: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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Citizens Comments:

Andrew Brant: Would like to know when the other committees on the agenda meet. Where does all the gas tax money go? Doesn't think the unlimited support for spending money on renewal millage, I think people don't show up to vote and that is what we are dealing with here. There is mention of protecting the integrity of Covered Bridge structurally and how do we do that, with a sign only one car going over the bridge. I think a great idea would be to put an article in the paper about that, the structurally integrity of the bridge and mention to the Chambers especially if they are going to have a meal there and people don't know that, there's been a thing on tv about that, I think if the private people in the community mention that, word will get around locally at least and this is mostly who uses our bridge. I wanted to mention chip and seal because there is a lot of that going around. It would be great if somebody could figure out how to get those extra stones off the edges because that could be very dangerous to bikers and walkers. We had our windshield chipped the other day going down Featherstone, so I don't know what a solution there is but all that extra stone on the edges is pretty dangerous especially for bikers which hug the edge. If you are going down one of those that was just done, it's pretty dangerous. I'm definitely opposed to roundabouts. I wanted to mention mowing common ways. That has spread invasive species in this county like you can't believe. I understand cutting on the edge but with the invasive species that has spread it is incomprehensible. We have

woods that need taken down. Unless we fence woods in and put goats in there, we got out of control on invasive species that didn't start happening until they started mowing the edges of the roads. Thank you for what you have been doing. I talked with Jack earlier about getting some financials, sounds like there is going to be a meeting upcoming at the county and hopefully I can get what I am looking for.

Louis Rosado: Regarding the chip seal on US12 it is beautiful, what are they doing different that the county is? Response was more sweeping and fog sealing. Noticed orange rumble strips on the opposite side of the road. Orange strips are for paving season.

Commissioners Comments:

Miars: Great news on the renewal millage. Everybody here is doing a great job.

Coleman: Nothing today

Mifsud: Educating people on the millage really helped. About 2 years ago he and Jack would go to local restaurants and talk to people about the road commission business. I think we need to all do that again. It's one way to receive positives on the things we do. He keeps some of the brochures in his car to hand out when he's out in the county.

Chupp: Years ago, we had a couple, Road Summits; one here and one at ISD to try and make the public aware of things we are doing and have done and thinks it's time for another one. We should provide the public with where the money goes that we receive from gas taxes. People think we are getting funds from COVID reimbursements, marijuana dispensaries, etc. and we aren't. We are very fortunate to have Robert Tomlinson attend our meetings and report to the public the activities we have going on. We are still doing partnering with the County Conservation District to not spread the invasive species. Last week there was a fatality at Bogen and S. Nottawa of an 18-year-old and he happens to own the house at that intersection. He spoke with the guy living there and said it is used as a racetrack there, there is a youth car club that races on that road frequently. It is used for that because of the open stretch and close to the county line. He was driving in Indiana last weekend and noticed chip seal on SR9 and US120 and this tells me that we are out in front on chip seal.

Shafer: Congratulations to Luis Rosado on being re-elected and being our liaison. Thank you to the operations department for the clean-up in Flowerfield Township yesterday following the storm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am

Eric B. Shafer, Chairman

Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board
