

Public Hearing started at 8:00 am followed by the Work Session at 8:11 am 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. via conference call

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

Absent: Chairman Dave Allen, Commissioner John Bippus

Guests present: Michel Harris, Director of Operations
Nate Taylor, Shop Manager

Visitors on phone: Dave Vaga, Watershed Voice
Robert Tomlison, TR Commercial

The meetings began with the Public Hearing on the Abandonment of a portion of Union Street, Mottville Township. Discussions took place and Public Hearing closed at 8:10 am.

Work Session began at 8:11 am

Motion by Commissioner Chupp seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Chupp to approve the consent agenda with September 2, 2020 Board Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Chupp to approve the August Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$173,837.26. Roll Call Vote taken: Ayes: Chupp, Mifsud, Shafer

Nays: None Absent: Allen, Bippus Abstained: None Motion carried.

Motion by Vice Chairman Shafer seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the August A/P vouchers in the amount of \$2,320,551.51. Roll Call Vote taken: Mifsud, Chupp, Shafer

Nays: None Absent: Allen, Bippus Abstained: None Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ABANDON A PORTION OF UNION STREET
MOTTVILLE TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Section 18, of the Michigan County Road Law, being MCL § 224.18; MSA § 9.118, as amended, provides for the absolute abandonment and discontinuance of any highway or part of highway under the jurisdiction of a county road commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of St. Joseph County, Michigan, has further determined that it is to the best interests of the public that the highway or portion of highway described in this resolution shall be absolutely abandoned and discontinued.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following described highway or portion of highway be and hereby is absolutely abandoned and discontinued as a public highway:

Commencing at the South edge of the right of way line of Union Street located in Section 6, Mottville Township, St. Joseph County, Michigan; thence South, approximately 636 feet to the dead end at the point of the parcel line of said parcel 75-011-007-008-10 known as Township of Mottville Cemetery.

RESERVING HOWEVER, an easement for public utilities over the full width and length of the highway hereby being abandoned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this abandonment be given as required by law.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN

By: 
Eric Shafer
Its: Vice Chairman

MOTION BY Commissioner Chupp Seconded by Commissioner Mifsud

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Aye Votes Cast: Vince Mifsud, Rodney Chupp, Eric Shafer

Nay Votes Cast: None Absent: Dave Allen, John Bippus Abstained: None

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

I, Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board of County Road Commissioners of St. Joseph County, State of Michigan, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2020.

*Julie A. Mayuiers
Clerk of the Board*

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Chupp to accept the proposed September 2020 Amendment to the MCRCSIP By-Laws:

Proposed:

To amend Article IV, Section 2 of the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool By-Laws to allow a county that has assumed the powers, duties and functions of its road commission under MCL 46.11(s) or MCL 224.6(5) to apply to become an Association member of the Pool. Associate Members shall not have voting rights, nor shall they be eligible to serve as Directors on the Pool Board. Associate Members shall be able to be terminated by a 2/3 vote of the Pool Board.

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

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RESOLUTION

Motion by Commissioner Chupp seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to begin the process of Smith Road in Mendon Township becoming a Failed Local Road as presented. According to the Failed Local Road Policy adopted by the St. Joseph County Road Commission (SJCRC) on May 18, 2016;

WHEREAS.....Smith Road between McClish Road and Kalamazoo counties 34th Street (approximately .75 Miles) in Mendon Township, Section 1 has been determined by SJCRC to be in a failed condition and become unsafe for the traveling public.

WHEREAS.....this portion of Smith Road has exceeded its useful life and can no longer be repaired/maintained in a reasonably safe manner.

WHEREAS.....for a maximum of six (6) months the road commission will post a reduced speed limit, close the road to thru traffic/or sign the road appropriately with (Rough Road/Advisory Speed) and continue to provide minimal routine maintenance in an effort to sustain the infrastructure as reasonably safe at the reduced speed and traffic levels;

WHEREAS.....SJCRC staff will host a public meeting with the Mendon Township board and residents along the failed local road to discuss possible options for improvements.

WHEREAS.....if within six (6) months a solution has not been reached, the SJCRC will crush and shape the road to an aggregate base. The road commission will pay for the crushing, shaping and additional gravel if needed with funds taken from current or future road match monies (SJCRC monies only) offered to each township.

WHEREAS.....this policy does not impede the road commission in the exercise of its responsibilities in regards to the road system nor extend to the township, residents or other entities or parties any rights associated with the maintenance or rebuilding of the road system;

WHEREAS.....this policy does not apply to emergency situations.

Roll Call Vote taken: Ayes: Mifsud, Chupp, Shafer Nays: None
Absent: Allen, Bippus Abstained: None Motion carried.

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Citizens Comments:

Doug Kuhlman: It has been a pleasure to work with John Lindsey and appreciates the cooperation.

Chupp: Lots of good work. He continues to learn a lot. He knows a lot of the agriculture community and it is interesting to learn from people about how the heavy equipment is tearing up the roads. We are fortunate to have a great agriculture community, but not fortunate that the agriculture community is tearing up our roads.

Mifsud: The phone calls he is receiving are more positive lately.

Shafer: No comments

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am

Eric B. Shafer, Vice Chairman

Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board

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