

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

Citizens Comments:

Kathy Roberts: I want to say thank you for being here. I am glad I can be here too. I have a couple comments about the roads. Roberts Road has had some work done to it; I appreciate that. More than the patch I spoke about last time I was here. Thanks everyone for the good work that you do, I appreciate it.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the agenda of September 2, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the Minutes of August 19, 2026, Board Meeting. Motion carried.

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Bippus seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to amend the Purchasing Policy of the St. Joseph County Road Commission as dated September 2, 2026.

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

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Bippus seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to accept Letter of Understanding for SEIU Contract effective April 1, 2026.

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

Citizens Comments:

Kathy Roberts: There is a lot going on, you are all dealing with new things, figuring stuff out. It's very interesting. The new techniques for road cover, the new money the state is passing out, that might be withdrawn. It's all about managing money will and being accountable and I see that here. Sometimes I think the state is falling short of that. Thank you for letting me speak.

Motion by Commissioner Miars seconded by Commissioner Brown to go to closed session consider a written legal opinion from our legal counsel. This written legal opinion is material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Roll Call Vote taken: Brown, Bippus, Miars, Mifsud, Chupp

Absent: None Abstained: None

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Closed Session began at 8:50a.m.

Closed Session ended at 9:30a.m.

Board meeting resumed at 9:30a.m.

Commissioners Comments:

Rea: Nothing

John: Nothing

Dave: Nothing

Vince: Nothing

Rodney: Garrett has been doing a nice job for us. Record amounts of work, record amounts of progress. There have been a few additional challenges along the way. He's doing a great job.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Rodney D Chupp, Chairman

Brittany Hinn, Clerk of the Board