

Work Session

September 21, 2022

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 at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman Eric Shafer, Vice Chairman Rodney Chupp, Commissioner Vince Mifsud, Commissioner Jack Coleman, Clerk Julie Mayuiers (on Polycom), Manager John Lindsey

Absent: Commissioner David Miars

Guests present: Garrett Myland Engineer/Assistant Manager, Don Preston Director of Operations, Nate Taylor Director of Fleets and Facilities, Brittany Hinn Accounting Clerk
Robert Tomlinson, Three Rivers Commercial

Motion by Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented of the September 7, 2022, Board Meeting and September 6 Public Hearing.

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mifsud seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve the August Payroll vouchers in the amount of \$313,174.67.

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

Motion by Vice Chairman Chupp seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve the August A/P vouchers in the amount of \$2,711,377.66.

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

RESOLUTION

Motion by Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Mifsud that Eric Shafer, Chairman; Rodney Chupp, Vice Chairman; Vincent Mifsud, Member; Jack Coleman, Members of the Board, authorize John Lindsey, Managing Director to sign documents and represent the best interest of the road commission with the following sale of land following the St. Joseph County Road Commission Board approval on September 21, 2022 in the amount of \$229,900.00 (Two hundred twenty nine thousand nine hundred and 00/dollars):

Tax Description: NE FRL 1/4 SEC 3 T6S R12W. EXC N 50 A OF W 1/2 NE 1/4 & EXC THAT PRT LYG E OF C/L OF RUGGLES RD. 34.0 A, a 34.46 acre parcel of land located in Fabius Township and recorded as Parcel ID 00400300110 Mohney Lake Road.

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

I, Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board of County Road Commission of the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, certify that the above is a true and correct copy as recorded in the minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2022.

Julie A. Mayuiers

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Clerk of the Board

Citizens Comments: None

Commissioners Comments:

Coleman: He attended the CRASIF Conference last week. Some of take aways were on some of the illegal products out there and how people are using it to get high such as synthetic forms of heroin that you can buy at convenience stores. An analysis on road funding was done by one of the road commissions on new electric vehicles, talking about the gap between the sales of new electric vehicles versus gasoline engines. They did a study that by 2030 if 15% of new vehicles were electric or if 25% were electric vehicles, the solution they came up with to get rid of the deficit gap was to make all Michigan roads toll roads. Some of them have talked about other circuits such as GPS tracking, pay per mile on what type road you are on, register mileage incurred at SOS for your renewal, pay per Kilowatt hours, things like that. Also in the Crossroads magazine, the ARPA Funding article, 3 out of the 4 RC's spoke about great things that they teamed up with their county commission and township and doing some pretty good things. Three road commissions shared how their county commissions were giving them more than just the ARPA Funds. One of the counties did a bigger matching program and between the road commission, county commission and townships they are making up for the loss, not only are they making up for loss, but they are getting ahead and going to be about 10-15 years ahead. When it comes to the way ARPA funds were distributed, we are pretty much in the minority on how the funds were distributed. There is only one other county that didn't receive their share and that was a rare situation, but their county commission didn't get enough money to make them whole from my understanding.

Mifsud: Congratulations to Don for the Director of Operations position and looking forward to having the new guy on board. Hope there isn't hard feelings from Kalamazoo with borrowing on their trained guys.

Chupp: Congratulations to Don on the Director of Operations position, thanks to Julie for what you contributed there too that brings us up to speed.

Shafer: Congratulations to Don Preston and thank you for stepping up to take the position and to Garrett Myland to getting to that \$7M marker. I thought last night's presentation went well.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 am.

Eric B. Shafer, Chairman

Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board

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