

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. via conference call

Present: Chairman Dave Allen, Vice Chairman Eric Shafer, Commissioner John Bippus
Commissioner Vince Mifsud, Commissioner Rodney Chupp, Clerk Julie
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Guests present: Garrett Myland, Assistant Manager, Project Engineer
Michel Harris, Director of Operations
Nate Taylor, Shop Manager
Robert Tomlison, TR Commercial
Elena Meadows, Sturgis Journal

Visitors on phone: Dave Vaga, Watershed Voice

Motion by Vice Chairman Shafer seconded by Commissioner Bippus to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bippus seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the consent agenda with
August 5, 2020 Board Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vice Chairman Shafer seconded by Commissioner Bippus to approve the July Payroll vouchers in
the amount of \$190,565.00. Roll Call Vote taken: Ayes: Bippus, Chupp, Mifsud, Shafer, Allen
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None Motion carried.

Motion by Vice Chairman Shafer seconded by Commissioner Mifsud to approve the July A/P vouchers in the
amount of \$1,735,866.89. Roll Call Vote taken: Chupp, Mifsud, Shafer, Bippus, Allen
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None Motion carried.

Commissioners Comments:

Chupp: Great job on the chip seal this season. The reality is that we do have to learn and to do that
by trial and error is how we learn. He sent a personal letter to the five county commissioners that
they have committed to the \$114,500.00 for road commission projects and that the road commission
has in turn committed to using those funds for projects. He also expressed to the county
commissioners that they have a really really tough job right now. He thanked them for what they do
and is appreciative of them for making the tough decisions. Appreciation to John and the team for
getting far more work done this year than other counties.

Mifsud: All my questions have been answered.

Bippus: Nothing today

Shafer: Great job on chip seal this year. He has received calls from Tamrac residents about the great
job that was done on their roads, but they are not happy about the fresh stone that is being put over
it. He suggested that John and Garrett provide some hard figures to share about what that layer of
stone will do to save roads and show comparisons between putting the stone layer down and not
putting it down.

Allen: We used to deal with a lot of complaints and now we are not getting that. The team is working well together. The organization is doing a great job and working effectively as a team. He appreciates the job the staff and road commissioners are doing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 am

David H. Allen, Vice Chairman

Julie Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board

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