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January 5, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of St. Clair was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 7:04 pm by conference call, per PA 254 of 2020.

Roll Call: (All attendees being in St. Clair County, Michigan) Chairman William Blumerich attending from Berlin Twp, Vice-Chairman Timothy LaLonde attending from St. Clair Twp, Commissioner Timothy Ward attending from Fort Gratiot Twp

Staff: Managing Director Kirk Weston, Secretary Greg Owens, and Deputy Secretary Sandra Clark (all attendees being in St. Clair County, Michigan)

Minutes: Chairman Blumerich stated if there were no corrections or additions to be made to the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2020 the minutes would stand as presented. No corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Citizens wishing to address the Board:

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board.

VOUCHERS:

		Motion		
		<u>To Approve</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Action</u>
#24986	\$252,860.33	LaLonde	Ward	Carried 3-0
#24987	\$ 90,984.14	LaLonde	Ward	Carried 3-0
#24988	\$ 56,091.89	LaLonde	Ward	Carried 3-0
#24989	\$176,675.51	LaLonde	Ward	Carried 3-0
#24990	\$283,824.64	LaLonde	Ward	Carried 3-0

RELEASES:

On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde for approval of the following releases:

- \$25,000.00 Surety Bond Nationwide Construction Group
- \$1,685,804.08 Surety Bond Ace-Saginaw Paving Company

Motion carried 3-0. (See exhibits at close of minutes.)

CONFERENCE REQUEST:

On a motion by Commissioner LaLonde seconded by Commissioner Ward the request for Richard Newton to participate in the Annual Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors Virtual Convention be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

2021 CAPITAL OUTLAY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES:

On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde the purchase of three arrow boards from Safeware at a price of \$4,423.25 per arrow board be approved Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Blumerich asked for an update on the mowers previously purchased. Director Weston provided a positive report. On a motion by Commissioner LaLonde seconded by Commissioner Ward the purchase of two mowers from Osentoski Farm Equipment for a total cost of \$24,490.00 be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde the purchase of a hot water natural gas pressure washer from Erie Pro Power Cleaning & Equipment for \$6,330.00 be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Blumerich inquired about the purchase request for a utility trailer. Director Weston reported it would be used by the Sign Shop. He noted that utility trailers in the size required are difficult to find. On a motion by Commissioner LaLonde seconded by Commissioner Ward the purchase of a utility trailer from Swartz Trailer Sales for \$3,900.00 be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Weston reported that the model of waste oil furnace currently at the Avoca Warehouse is no longer available. Commissioner Ward inquired about the amount of waste oil generated for use in the furnace. On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde the purchase for the Avoca Warehouse of a waste oil furnace from EDI Equipment Distributors for \$14,751.75 be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

“AS-NEEDED” TESTING SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION:

Commissioner Ward inquired about the original bid. On a motion by Commissioner LaLonde seconded by Chairman Ward extensions of the contracts with SSI and CTI to provide as-needed testing services be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

ECOLOGICAL CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT EXTENSION:

On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Chairman LaLonde the extension of the contract with Niswander Environmental to provide as-needed ecological consulting services be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS:

The Board received the following reports:

- Monthly Cash Flow Report
- Accounting Report – Balance Sheet

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Director Weston had the following:

- Reported that St. Clair County Road Commission is scheduled to host the next Blue Water Highway Council meeting. It will be held virtually, on Zoom, at 9 am on January 21st.
- Reported he had been in contact with Truck & Trailer on the equipment being processed.

Commissioner Ward inquired about efforts to provide 5G in the area. Director Weston reviewed the history of small cell providers in the right-of-way, and how legislation enacted is detrimental to road commissions. He also noted recent interaction with an internet provider had been positive for both parties.

Chairman Blumerich had the following:

- Commended Road Commission crews on their response to recent winter storm events.
- Requested practice runs be held for the commissioners on the use of Zoom.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

William L. Blumerich, Chairman

Greg A. Owens, Board Secretary