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February 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of St. Clair was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 7:05 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 February 2, 2021 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:

		<u>Motion</u>		
		<u>To Approve</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Action</u>
#24996	\$408,760.24	LaLonde	Ward	Carried 3-0
#24997	\$282,603.94	LaLonde	Ward	Carried 3-0

RELEASES:

On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde the release of a \$10,000.00 Surety Bond held for Northern A-1 Services, Inc. be approved. Motion carried 3-0. (See exhibit at close of minutes.)

CONFERENCE REQUEST:

On a motion by Commissioner LaLonde seconded by Commissioner Ward the requests for Erik Gouin to attend the Density Control Certification Course and a webinar on Construction Quality of Asphalt Paving be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN MICHIGAN ROAD AGENCIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT:

On a motion by Commissioner Ward the vote for ASMRA Board of Directors – commissioners be cast for Larry Brown of Allegan and David Solmes of Barry. Commissioner LaLonde suggested the ASMRA Board of Directors – staff ballot be cast for Mark Worden of Kalamazoo and Ken Harris of Washtenaw. Commissioner Ward amended his motion to include Commissioner LaLonde’s recommendation. It was seconded by Commissioner LaLonde. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-04, MDOT CONTRACT, FLAMINGO ROAD BRIDGE:

On a motion by Commissioner LaLonde seconded by Commissioner Ward Resolution No. 21-04, MDOT Contract for the removal and replacement of the structure #10143, which carries Flamingo Road over an unnamed canal, Section 1, T2N, R15E, Clay Township be approved. Motion carried 3-0. (See exhibit at close of minutes.)

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTRACT EXTENSION:

On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde the extension of the contract with Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan to provide the Employee Assistance Program be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS:

The Board received the following reports:

- Monthly Accounts Payable Accumulation Report
- Monthly Cash Flow Report
- Accounting Report -- Balance Sheet
- Monthly Departmental Status Reports – Commissioner Blumerich noted the amount of data on bridges and culverts that is now required. Director Weston provided a review, and noted the challenges in funding replacement of large culverts. Commissioner Blumerich inquired, after the initial data is collected by a professional engineer, if a foreman could perform the subsequent inspections.
- Monthly Service Request Reports (December and January)
- Annual Township Meeting Presentation

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Director Weston had the following:

- Reported a meeting is scheduled with the in-coming Undersheriff.
- Provided an update on the latest winter storm event. He commended the drivers on their efforts. Commissioner Ward inquired about the salt supply.

Commissioner Ward inquired about the plowing of rest areas on I-94. Director Weston explained that the rest areas are maintained by a contractor hired by MDOT.

It was noted that the State of the County will be virtual this year, on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Commissioner LaLonde seconded by Commissioner Ward to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

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William L. Blumerich, Chairman

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Greg A. Owens, Board Secretary