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May 18, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of St. Clair was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 7:06 pm by conference call, per PA 254 of 2020 and St. Clair County Resolution #21-03.

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 the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 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>Second</u>	<u>Action</u>
		<u>To Approve</u>		
#25015	\$242,153.21	LaLonde	Ward	Carried 3-0
#25016	\$ 27,177.36	LaLonde	Ward	Carried 3-0

RELEASES:

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

- \$1,935.82 Cash Deposit DP Schwehofer Excavating
- \$12,000.00 Surety Bond DP Schwehofer Excavating

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

DUES REQUEST:

On a motion by Commissioner LaLonde seconded by Commissioner Ward the request for payment of Henry Stallman's membership dues to the National Society of Professional Surveyors be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-15, MDOT ENGINEERING REIMBURSEMENT:

On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde Resolution No. 21-15 authorizing the certification and request for reimbursement as specified by Act 239 for the employment of a professional engineer be approved and staff authorized to sign the reimbursement form. Motion carried 3-0. (See exhibit at close of minutes.)

DISCUSSION:

Large Culvert Replacement Program – Director Weston reviewed the on-going issue of funding for structures that are less than twenty feet (the required length for a bridge designation). Staff suggested that, should funding be available under the federal Covid Relief programs, it be used to institute a program for replacement of these large culverts, as these funds would not be subject to the same restrictions as Act 51 funds. The program would follow the same lines as the Local Road Funding Assistance Program. Chairman Blumerich recommended the cost share to be 50/50 with the townships, in order to spread the money further, and if the projects would be

completed within the time constraints imposed on the federal funding. Commissioner Ward suggested the percentage be determined by the amount of interest in the program, and on how many projects could be done per year. Director Weston noted that the federal funds would be seed money for the initial program. Commissioner LaLonde recommended emphasizing with the townships that this would be a limited program, and the initial percentages would have to revert by law to 50/50 if the program continued with Act 51 funding. He also suggested that there be limits imposed on awarding projects, so that all townships have opportunities to participate. Director Weston also noted there may be other funding opportunities for structure replacements. Chairman Blumerich urged that plans to establish this program proceed, as the townships would also be receiving federal funds they could use to participate.

#### REPORTS:

The Board received the following reports:

- Monthly Accounts Payable Accumulation Report
- Cash Flow Report
- Accounting Report – Balance Sheet
- Accounting Report – Activity Summary
- Monthly Departmental Status Reports
- Monthly Service Request Report
- Winter Maintenance Report – Chairman Blumerich requested elaboration.
- Staffing Report – Promotions and New Hires

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Director Weston had the following:

- Noted the Road Commission could return to in-person meetings. The Board concurred that the June 1 meeting will be at the Road Commission's Central Service Center.
- Reported on the status of various projects. He noted there is a delay on obtaining materials for the Flamingo Road Bridge project. Commissioner Ward complimented the work done on Fairway Drive.

#### 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 7:27 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

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William L. Blumerich, Chairman

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Greg A. Owens, Board Secretary