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November 23, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of St. Clair was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 7:05 pm in the St. Clair County Road Commission's Central Service Center, 21 Airport Drive, St. Clair, Michigan. (Per MCL 15.263a, Chairman LaLonde attended the meeting electronically due to a medical condition.)

Present: Chairman William Blumerich, Vice-Chairman Timothy LaLonde, Commissioner Timothy Ward, Managing Director Kirk Weston, Secretary Greg Owens, Deputy Secretary Sandra Clark

Citizens: Greg McConnell, County Commissioner; Doug Nowicki, Greenwood Twp Supervisor; Marvin Roberts, Greenwood Twp Trustee; Todd Siska, Columbus Twp

On a motion by Chairman Blumerich seconded by Commissioner Ward the agenda was amended to add Kilgore Road, Greenwood Township as Action Item #6. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes: Chairman Blumerich stated if there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular meeting of November 2, 2021 the minutes would stand as presented. No corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Citizens wishing to address the Board:

Mr. Siska addressed the Board regarding concerns with ditching and grading on Meskill Road. He also shared his neighbor's question regarding blacktop driveways. Director Weston offered to visit the area in question and review the concerns. Mr. Siska asked if a date had been scheduled for the Belle River bridge project.

VOUCHERS:

		<u>Motion</u>		
		<u>To Approve</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Action</u>
#25053	\$610,656.29	Ward	LaLonde	Carried 3-0
#25054	\$227,443.56	Ward	LaLonde	Carried 3-0
#25055	\$689,139.97	Ward	LaLonde	Carried 3-0
#25056	\$ 80,724.29	Ward	LaLonde	Carried 3-0
#25057	\$228,593.35	Ward	LaLonde	Carried 3-0
#25058	\$ 7,648.16	Ward	LaLonde	Carried 3-0

DUES/CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde the payment of annual Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors membership dues for Richard Newton and Henry Stallmann be approved, and their attendance at the annual Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors conference be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

2022 SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS:

On motion by Commissioner LaLonde seconded by Commissioner Ward the 2022 schedule of board meetings be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

DETROIT BULK STORAGE LEASE AGREEMENT:

On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde the extension of the Marine City Dock lease agreement with Detroit Bulk Storage be approved as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-22, REMOVAL OF ENCROACHMENT, INDIAN TRAIL:

The need for the removal of an encroachment on Indian Trail Road was presented. Chairman Blumerich noted the removal is necessary due to safety concerns as it blocks vision. On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde, Resolution No. 21-22, which orders the property owner at 4711 Indian Trail Road to remove the shrubs encroaching in the right-of-way by December 23, 2021, be approved. Motion carried 3-0. (See exhibit at close of minutes.)

KILGORE ROAD, GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP:

Greenwood Twp Supervisor Nowicki expressed the township's concerns regarding the designation of Kilgore Road as a local road when it had been turned back as a public road from DTE. Director Weston reviewed the history of this section of road: 1) DTE sold off the surrounding property at a public auction; 2) DTE turned back the road and it was accepted as a local road into the county system; 3) Kilgore Road has been designated as a local road on certification maps and on county road maps since that time; and 4) under the state law that governs road commissions, a primary road must be a connecting road, and as Kilgore is not a connecting road, by law it is a local road. Discussion was held regarding replacement of the failed culvert on Kilgore Road. Director Weston noted that while the state law (Act 51) requires the Road Commission to obtain "50% participation by others", this participation is not limited to townships. He recommended approaching DTE for some assistance. Supervisor Nowicki stated he understood the explanation provided, and requested Director Weston attend the township's December 14th board meeting to share the explanation with the other board members. Supervisor Nowicki also agreed that the culvert had to be replaced. Director Weston said a work order with the township could be written once the 2021 budget was amended to add the culvert replacement project. On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Chairman Blumerich the 2021 Road Commission budget be amended to add the replacement of the Kilgore Road culvert. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS:

The Board received the following reports:

- Michigan Transportation Fund Report
- Monthly Accounts Payable Accumulation Report
- Cash Flow Report
- Accounting Report – Balance Sheet
- Accounting Report – Activity Summary
- Monthly Departmental Status Reports
- Monthly Service Request Report

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Chairman Blumerich asked for a report on the trucks that had been previously approved for purchase. Director Weston reported that when the order was placed, Western Star had moved to a new series, which is more expensive. A new request with the updated pricing will be presented for board approval. Director Weston reviewed across-the-board increases in pricing for material and products. He noted that the federal infrastructure bill will only provide a 20% increase in funding, and much of the increase will be lost to inflation.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde the meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

William L. Blumerich, Chairman

Greg A. Owens, Secretary