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December 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of St. Clair was held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 7:04 pm in the St. Clair County Road Commission's Central Service Center, 21 Airport Drive, St. Clair, Michigan.

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

Minutes: Chairman Blumerich stated if there were no corrections or additions to be made to the minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 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>
#25063	\$886,339.36	LaLonde	Ward	Carried 3-0
#25064	\$169,520.98	LaLonde	Ward	Carried 3-0
#25065	\$262,192.07	LaLonde	Ward	Carried 3-0

Commissioner Ward inquired about payments made to MDOT; these were for rail crossings.

ELECTION OF 2022 OFFICERS:

On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner Blumerich the nomination of William Blumerich as Chairman and Timothy LaLonde as Vice-Chair be approved. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot was cast for this slate of officers for 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

The following appointments were made:

- Retirement Board of Trustees – William Blumerich
- Parks & Recreation Commission – Timothy LaLonde with Timothy Ward as alternate.

ENGINEER I REPLACEMENT:

The opening for an Engineer I was reviewed. On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde the request to hire a replacement for the Engineer I position be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES:

On a motion by Commissioner LaLonde seconded by Commissioner Ward the contract for Geotechnical Consulting Services be awarded to PSI for their low bid of \$13,850.00 (total). Motion carried 3-0.

AMENDMENT OF 2021 ROAD COMMISSION BUDGET:

Mr. Owens presented the proposed amended budget. On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde the amended 2021 Road Commission Budget be approved as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-25, MDOT CONTRACT, JEDDO ROAD BRIDGES:

On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde Resolution No. 21-25, MDOT Contract for capital preventative maintenance work on the structure #10120, which carries Jeddo Road over the Mill Creek, Sections 4 and 9, and on the structure #10121, which carries Jeddo Road over the Mill Creek, Sections 3 and 10, T08N, R14E, Brockway Township, St. Clair County, Michigan, including cleaning and coating of structural steel and replacement of steel diaphragms; and all together with necessary related work, be approved. Motion carried 3-0. (See exhibit at close of minutes.)

PURCHASE OF PLOW TRUCKS:

The Board had approved the purchase of three plow trucks. The Road Commission has now been informed that the Western Star model previously approved is no longer available for purchase. The cost of outfitting will remain the same. On a motion by Commissioner LaLonde seconded by Commissioner Ward the request to purchase three cabs and chassis from Grand Traverse Diesel at a total price of \$459,000.00 for the three units 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
- Accounting Report – Activity Summary
- Monthly Departmental Status Report
- Monthly Service Requests Report

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Director Weston had the following:

- Reported on a meeting Commissioner Ward had scheduled with State Rep. Beeler and Road Commission staff where road funding and gas tax indexing were discussed.
- Inquired if the Board would consider holding the Annual Township Meetings by Zoom, due to the increase in Covid-19 cases. The Board agreed the 2022 Annual Township Meetings should be held virtually.
- Discussed management staffing. On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner LaLonde the position of Deputy Managing Director be offered to William Hazelton. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Ward noted he would not be able to attend the January board meeting, but would call in.

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 7:25 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

William L. Blumerich, Chairman

Greg A. Owens, Board Secretary