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February 7, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of St. Clair was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 1:04 pm in the St. Clair County Road Commission's Central Service Center, 21 Airport Drive, St. Clair, Michigan.

Present: Chairman Timothy LaLonde, Vice-Chairman Timothy Ward, Commissioner Michael Lauwers, Secretary Tammy Marquardt-Holzberger, Deputy Secretary Sandra Clark

Virtual: Managing Director William Hazelton (teleconference)

Minutes: Chairman LaLonde stated if there were no corrections or additions to be made to the minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 2023 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>
#25154	\$272,519.54	Ward	Lauwers	Carried 3-0
#25155	\$206,908.23	Ward	Lauwers	Carried 3-0
#25156	\$229,902.99	Ward	Lauwers	Carried 3-0
#25157	\$626,153.79	Ward	Lauwers	Carried 3-0

Commissioner Lauwers inquired into the vehicle maintenance provided by First Vehicle Services, what it covers and how costs are confirmed. Commissioner Ward requested payments include descriptions, instead of only the part numbers.

COUNTY ROAD ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT:

Chairman LaLonde recommended as the candidate John Hunt of Huron County. On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner Lauwers the ballot for the Association of Southern Michigan Road Agencies representative on the County Road Association Board of Directors be cast for John Hunt of Huron County Road Commission. Motion carried 3-0.

EMPLOYEES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTRACT:

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

PONY WALL BUILDING:

The bid for a Pony Wall Building had been awarded to T M G Industrial at the January 17, 2023 board meeting. T M G Industrial will only accept a wire transfer or an electronic funds transfer, and payment must be received prior to their shipment; however, this is against County and Road Commission procedure for this type of purchase. Commissioner Ward noted that while a wire transfer is possible, it is not prudent. It was recommended that the purchase of the Pony Wall Building be awarded to the next lowest bidder. Commissioner Lauwers noted he was familiar with Clear Heights Construction, the next lowest bidder. On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner Lauwers the award of the bid for a Pony Wall Building be withdrawn from T M G Industrial and awarded to Clear Heights Construction for their bid of \$16,500.00 Motion carried 3-0.

CAPITAL OUTLAY PURCHASES:

On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner Lauwers the purchase of a Trail King/Red River lowboy trailer from Michigan Cat for their low bid of \$116,522.49 be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Lauwers and Commissioner Ward inquired into the request for purchase of a Redi-Mix Truck, including type of vehicle and why it is necessary. Director Hazelton explained it is a small cement truck, to be used for small batch projects with high-performance concrete. The cost of renting a cement truck for these projects has proven to be cost prohibitive. On a motion by Commissioner Lauwers seconded by Commissioner Ward the purchase of a Redi-Mix Truck from American Mixers & Plants for a total cost of \$41,000.00 be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-04, BETHUY ROAD AND MARINE CITY HIGHWAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT:

On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner Lauwers Resolution No. 23-04, authorizing the acquisition of five temporary construction easements for the Bethuy Road/Marine City Highway Intersection Improvement Project, be approved. Motion carried 3-0. (See exhibit at close of minutes.)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-05, PA 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT:

On a motion by Commissioner Lauwers seconded by Commissioner Ward Resolution No. 23-05, adopting the Annual Exemption option for the medical benefit plan coverage year March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 as required under 2011 Public Act 152 be approved. Motion carried 3-0. (See exhibit at close of minutes.)

REPORTS:

The Board received the following reports:

- Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) Report
- Cash Flow Report
- Accounting Report – Balance Sheet

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Director Hazelton discussed a report presented at the quarterly Blue Water Highway Council meeting on electric vehicles and the potential loss of transportation funding. Discussion held.

Ms. Holzberger reported on the MTF funding, and the impact on employee wages. Chairman LaLonde reviewed the history of the contract language that tied employee raises to increases in the MTF.

Ms. Holzberger proposed the next board meeting be held on one of the upcoming Annual Township Meeting dates. It was agreed to move the next board meeting to 12:00 noon on Monday, February 20, 2023.

Commissioner Ward noted that previously discussion had been held regarding road commissions offering training for CDL licenses, and asked if this was still being considered. Director Hazelton reported it is being considered for areas that are unable to get licensed candidates, but that St. Clair County Road Commission has not had a problem in attracting

licensed candidates for employment. Commissioner Lauwers noted the increased difficulty and expense in obtaining the CDL license.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner Lauwers to adjourn the meeting at 1:32 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

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Timothy J. LaLonde, Chairman

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Tammy Marquardt-Holzberger, Secretary