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September 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of St. Clair was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 6:03 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, Managing Director William Hazelton, Secretary Tammy Marquardt-Holzberger, Deputy Secretary Sandra Clark

Citizens: Edward Luca, East China Township

Minutes: Chairman LaLonde stated if there were no corrections or additions to be made to the minutes of the regular meeting of September 5, 2023 the minutes would stand as presented. No corrections or additions, the minutes approved as submitted.

Citizens wishing to address the Board:

Mr. Edward Luca addressed the Board regarding agenda item #4, Resolution No. 23-28, Removal of Encroachment, 4247 Fred Moore Highway, East China Township. Mr. Luca had installed a fence within the road right-of-way. Mr. Luca noted the existence of other potential violations nearby.

VOUCHERS:

		Motion		
		<u>To Approve</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Action</u>
#25202	\$323,517.90	Ward	Lauwers	Carried 3-0
#25203	\$251,566.39	Ward	Lauwers	Carried 3-0
#25204	\$185,899.25	Ward	Lauwers	Carried 3-0

Commissioner Lauwers inquired about an item described as "beam". Director Hazelton explained this was bridge beams for the Cove Road project.

DUES/CONFERENCE REQUEST:

On a motion by Commissioner Lauwers seconded by Commissioner Ward the renewal of Michael Clark's American Society of Civil Engineers membership and the participation of Tammy Holzberger in three CPA webinars be approved. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-27, PROPERTY ACQUISITION, MARINE CITY HIGHWAY AND PALMS ROAD:

On a motion by Commissioner Ward seconded by Commissioner Lauwers Resolution No. 23-27, for the acquisition of four parcels as described therein, be approved. Motion carried 3-0. (See exhibit at close of minutes.)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-28, REMOVAL OF ENCROACHMENT, FRED MOORE HIGHWAY, EAST CHINA TOWNSHIP:

On a motion by Commissioner Lauwers seconded by Commissioner Ward Resolution No. 23-28, for the removal of a fence installed in the right-of-way at 4247 Fred Moore Highway, East China Township, be approved. Motion carried 3-0. (See exhibit at close of minutes.)

REPORTS:

The Board received the following reports:

- Cash Flow Report
- Accounting Report – Balance Sheet

- Service Requests Report
- Engineering Department Report
- Permits Report

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Director Hazelton had the following:

- Reported on the challenge to MDOT's decision to cease payments for acceptance of state roads into county systems. A letter from MDOT to Senator Carl Levin had been found stating payments for road takeovers are perpetual.
- Discussed a possible change in union representation.
- Reviewed an issue with mud from a farming operation obstructing a road.
- Noted the only contact to use impending ARPA funds for roads has come from County Commissioner Dave Rushing.

Commissioner Ward had the following:

- Inquired about the culvert replacement on Norman Road, and the crane set in place. Director Hazelton reported the crane is for MDOT's project on Norman Road, and that the Road Commission's culvert replacement is on hold until the MDOT project is completed.
- Noted the issues Mr. Luca had raised earlier. Chairman LaLonde directed that those in violation should be sent notices.

Commissioner Lauwers asked when the bridge project at Goodells Park would be complete.

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 6:27 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

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Timothy J. LaLonde, Chairman

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Tammy Marquardt-Holzberger, Secretary