

GENESEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

February 06, 2018

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Mandelaris called the meeting of the Genesee County Board of Road Commissioners to order at 10:02 a.m. The meeting was held in the Board Room of the Genesee County Road Commission, 211 W. Oakley, Flint, Michigan 48503-3995.

ROLL CALL

Present: John Mandelaris, Vice-Chairperson
Robert Johnson, Commissioner
David Arceo, Commissioner
Cloyce Dickerson, Commissioner

Absent: Shirley Kautman-Jones (excused)

Others Present: John Daly, Fred Peivandi, Anthony Branch, Coetta Adams, Randy Dellaposta, Felicia Ivey, Donna Poplar, Stephanie Jaeger, Genesee County Road Commission Staff; Arthur Woodson, Ron Polk, Norm Bryant, James O'Shelley, Ray Childs, Darrell Price, Margaret Perry, Jackie and Arrow Barnes, Linda Mayfield, Ray Fields, Fred Poplar, Calvin Blake, Alvin Spearman, Kayla Spearman, Jettie Beasley, Joyce Wilson, Terri Green, Arthur Rowland, Cynthia Beasley, Tyrone Kirkland, Tim Kirkland, Sheri Kirkland, Derico Cooper, Kelvin Powell, Regina Williams, Joyce Murdock, Michael Miller, Dior Riley-Houston, Melvin Summers, Maurice Ratcliff, Kevin Cook, Jean Johnson, Nate Pierce, Ladon McNeal, Theresa Kendrick, Kerry Nelson, (Genesee County Residents), Mike Killbreath (Morning Gazette Radio Show), Brad Jenks (ABC12), Mary Laetz, (Genesee County Clerk's office), Linda Kossak, Secretary of the Board of Road Commissioners

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairperson Mandelaris.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

February 06, 2018 – Agenda

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the agenda for February 06, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 09, 2018 – Board Meeting

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the minutes for January 09, 2018, as printed and presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

MEETINGS, PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, AND INFORMATION

Thursday, February 15, 2018

4:00 p.m. – Special Board Meeting – Customer Service Workshop with Staff and Township Supervisors

Monday, February 19, 2018

GCRC Closed (non-essential operations) in observance of President’s Day

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

9:00 a.m. – Roads & Bridges Advisory Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. – Board Meeting

PUBLIC ADDRESS THE BOARD

Several Genesee County residents addressed the Board this morning concerning the proposed early retirement of Manager-Director, John Daly, as well as emails that had surfaced regarding the plowing and salting operations during the ice storm on January 12, 2018, under the direction of Maintenance Director, Anthony Branch.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, a Genesee County resident, was the first speaker to address the Genesee County Board of Road Commissioners. Ms. Wilson stated that she has some serious concerns she would like to express this morning. Ms. Wilson said she was never aware that the County Commissioners had anything to do with the day to day operations of the Road Commission. Nor does Ms. Wilson understand why the opinions, attitudes and desires of County Commissioners, take precedence over what is in the best interests and desires of the Road Commission or the residents of Genesee County.

Secondly, Ms. Wilson stated, why should we, the citizens of this county, get together any money for Mr. John Daly to retire early. We don’t have that type of money. Our roads are torn up. In Flint we have a water crisis, the pipes are torn up, and we don’t even have clean drinking water. Mr. Daly’s contract is not up until next year, let him finish out his contract next year.

This sounds and reeks of a personal issue. Ms. Wilson stated that people can dislike you, but they do not have a right to fire you.

Mr. Arthur Woodson echoed all of Ms. Wilson's concerns. He also questioned the appointment of Road Commissioners without having to file an application with the county. Mr. Woodson said that the residents of Genesee County are tired of this. Mr. Woodson asked if the residents could get a commitment from the Road Commissioners that they will not force Mr. Daly into an early retirement. Vice-Chairperson Mandelaris stated that they cannot give that commitment right now.

Ms. Regina Williams, Mr. Tyrone Kirkland, Mr. Tim Kirkland (GCRC Retiree) and Ms. Sheri Kirkland also showed their support to the Board regarding Mr. John Daly and Mr. Anthony Branch.

Dodge Road, Montrose Township - Mr. Ronald Polk, 10200 Dodge Road, Montrose Township resident addressed the Board regarding a speed limit concern on Dodge Road in Montrose Township. Mr. Polk stated that a year ago the Road Commission put in a 45 mph speed limit on Seymour Road from M57 to Dodge Road. By doing that half of the traffic has been diverted to Dodge Road. Mr. Polk stated that he has lived here for over 80 years and the speed of the traffic on Dodge Road is getting excessive. Could the Road Commission consider putting a 45 mph speed limit on Dodge Road? County Highway Engineer, Mr. Fred Peivandi, stated that we would do a speed study. Mr. Peivandi told Mr. Polk to go to his township and request a speed study be done on this section of Dodge Road. He wants this speed limit request to come from the Township Supervisor to an email to our Traffic Engineering Manager. Mr. Polk added that he has voiced his complaint to his District County Commissioner four or five times but it was never relayed to the Road Commissioners.

Manager-Director John Daly stated that while we can get a speed limit reduced, it is up to law enforcement to enforce this lower speed limit. Mr. Polk assured Mr. Daly that he will get law enforcement to enforce a lower speed limit. Manager-Director Daly also stated that we have to follow state statutes to get the speed limit reduced. Mr. Tyrone Kirkland added that this is an excellent example why Manager-Director should not leave, based on how he handled Mr. Ronald Polk's complaint. "That's expertise at its best".

Ms. Jackie Barnes and her service dog, Arrow attended this morning's meeting to voice her concerns regarding Manager-Director John Daly's proposed early retirement and email concerning the ice storm on January 12, 2018 and Maintenance Director Anthony Branch. Ms. Barnes stated that she is appalled that these two men, who have been in their positions for so long and the Board says they are doing nothing wrong, yet they need to go or have their heads put on a platter. She stated that this is shameful.

Secondly, she addressed the fact that she parked in a handicapped spot, yet there is no ramp in the front of the building. She was unaware of any signage stating the ramp is in the back of the building.

Calvin Blake addressed the Board and asked if Mr. John Daly and Mr. Anthony Branch have been apologized to, for the assassination of their character. Vice-Chairperson Mandelaris said emails were sent out in a moment of frustration after pressure from the County Board regarding the ice storm on January 12, 2018.

Vice-Chairperson John Mandelaris clarified that we will not be going into closed session today. On Friday, February 09, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., we will be going into closed session at the Special Board Meeting to consider the legal opinion of our attorney, regarding a document the Board members received on January 17, 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE

INCOMING

Email Correspondence from MCRSCIP Attorney William (Bill) Henn, Henn Lesperance PLC – In an email dated January 26, 2018, MCRSCIP Attorney Bill Henn responded to an email from Mr. Dugan, which was forwarded to him by Manager-Director John Daly, concerning traffic citations for truck traffic on Maple Avenue in Mundy Township. Attorney Henn stated that the Road Commission’s position on the matter is that Mundy Township’s truck route ordinance is unreasonable, and therefore unenforceable. Attorney Henn suggested that anyone who has received a ticket for driving a truck on Maple Avenue – challenge the citation. (Copy of email filed with official minutes.)

OUTGOING

(None)

INTERNAL

(None)

INFORMATION

Press Release, Office of the Mayor of San Jose, Sam Liccardo, “Citing Predetermined Outcome, San Jose Mayor Resigns from Key FCC Committee, Broadband Deployment Too Important To Sell Out to Industry”, January 25, 2018 – In an article dated January 25, 2018, San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo announced that he has submitted his resignation from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC), citing the pervasive and overwhelming influence of big telecom and industry interests over the body, and the predetermined, industry-favoring outcome. (Copy of article filed with official minutes.)

Mr. Ronald DeCook, Lobbyist, Governmental Strategy Policy Reports for December 2017 – Included in the Board Packet, were copies of the weekly reports (December 2017) from Mr. Ronald DeCook, GCRC Lobbyist, concerning Michigan Legislative Committees as they pertain to road funding issues. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

Issue Reporting and Resolution Assessment, Comparison Among Counties, written by Mr.

Michael Lewis, GCRC Network Administrator – Network Administrator, Mr. Michael Lewis, submitted an undated report entitled “*Issue Reporting and Resolution Assessment, Comparison Among Counties*” detailing methods of issue reporting and processing, both common and uncommon among Michigan Road Commissions. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

County Road Association of Michigan Introduced Legislative Recommendations – In correspondence dated January 29, 2018, Mr. Ed Noyola, Assistant Director, The County Road Association of Michigan provided a list of Introduced Legislation Recommendations to its members. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

American Public Works Association (APWA) Washington Report, January 29, 2018 – Included in the Board packet was a copy of the January 29, 2018, American Public Works Association Washington Report as it pertains to Funding Principles. (Copy of report filed with official minutes.)

Request to Approve Correspondence:

ACTION TAKEN - Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to receive and file the presented correspondence.

MOTION CARRIED.

**BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS’ DECISIONS
DISCUSSION**

MDOT Contract No 17-5564 – Chevy Commons Non-Motorized Trail, City of Flint – In a memorandum dated January 29, 2018, staff requested the Board of County Road Commissioners approve Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 17-5564 for the construction of the Chevy Commons Non-Motorized Trail from Chevrolet Boulevard to General Motors Factory #1, City of Flint. (Copy of memorandum and contract filed with official minutes.)

Federal Transportation Alternative Program Funds	\$1,184,200.00
Genesee County Parks	\$ 267,600.00
Genesee County Road Commission	\$ _____ 0.00
Total Project Cost	\$1,451,800.00

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 17-5564 for the construction of the Chevy Commons Non-motorized Trail from Chevrolet Boulevard to General Motors Factory #1 and further, to direct both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to sign the duplicate original contracts for and on behalf of the Board of County Road Commissioners.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consultant Selection, Material Testing Services, 2018/2019 Bi-Yearly Contract – In a memorandum dated January 29, 2018, staff requested the Board accept pricing from CTS, TEC, PSI and SSI to perform design and construction testing services on an as needed basis throughout the 2018 and 2019 calendar year. (Copy of memorandum and testing fee schedules filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to accept pricing from CTS, TEC, PSI and SSI to perform design and construction testing services on an as needed basis throughout the 2018 and 2019 calendar year; and that these services will be utilized to the best advantage of the Genesee County Road Commission.

MOTION CARRIED.

Selection of Consultant for Design Services, Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Federal/State Funded Road and Bridge Construction Projects, Genesee County – In a memorandum dated January 29, 2018, staff requested the Board of County Road Commissioners approve assignment of the listed consultants in Group “A” or “B” category to prepare construction plans for the proposed Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Federal/State Funded Road and Bridge Construction Projects. (Copies filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Arceo, seconded by Mr. Dickerson, to approve assignment of the listed consultants in Group “A” or “B” category to prepare construction plans for the proposed Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Federal/State Funded Road and Bridge Construction Projects, and further to direct the Chairperson to sign the Consultant Agreements when returned.

MOTION CARRIED.

Selection of Consultant for Design Services, Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Locally Funded Road & Bridge Construction Projects – In a memorandum dated January 29, 2018, staff requested the Board approve assignment of the listed consultants in Group “B” or “C” category to prepare construction plans for the proposed Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Locally Funded Road and Bridge Construction Projects. (Copies filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the assignment of the listed consultants in Group “B” or “C” category to prepare construction plans for the proposed Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Locally Funded Road and Bridge Construction Projects and further, to direct the Chairperson to sign the Consultant Agreement when returned.

MOTION CARRIED.

Issuance of a Purchase Order to Rotary Lift for six (6) Hydraulic Portable Truck Lifts with four (4) Extensions and setup/training – In a memorandum dated January 17, 2018, staff requested the Board approve the issuance of a purchase order to Rotary Lift for six (6) Hydraulic Portable Truck Lifts with four (4) Extensions, including setup and training. (Copy of memorandum, Contract Quotation and brochure filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Rotary Lift in an amount of \$66,737.95 for six (6) Hydraulic Portable Truck Lifts with four (4) Extensions, and set-up and training.

MOTION CARRIED.

Authorization to pay Precision Computer Solutions, Inc. for Annual Maintenance Fees – In a memorandum dated January 23, 2018, staff requested the Board authorize the payment of annual maintenance fees to Precision Computer Solutions, Inc. (Copy of memorandum and invoice filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Johnson to authorize the payment of annual maintenance fees in the amount of \$17,651.00 to precision Computer Solutions, Inc.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ratification of Vouchers totaling \$1,182,282.06 – (Copies filed with official minutes.)

Voucher #V-40337

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Dickerson, to ratify Voucher #40337 in the amount of \$599,506.20.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Dickerson, Arceo, Johnson, Mandelaris

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Voucher #V-40338

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Dickerson, to ratify Voucher #40338 in the amount of \$517,385.54.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Dickerson, Arceo, Johnson, Mandelaris

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Voucher #V-40339

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Johnson, seconded by Mr. Dickerson, to ratify Voucher #40339 in the amount of \$64,390.32

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Dickerson, Arceo, Johnson, Mandelaris

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT

Temporary Traffic Control Order (TCO) Controlling Parking – In a memorandum dated January 29, 2018, staff requested the Board of County Road Commissioners adopt the Resolution to approve the temporary Traffic Control Order (TCO) controlling parking on either side of Brobeck Street, Flint Charter Township. (Copy of memorandum, resolution and map filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to adopt the Resolution to approve the temporary Traffic Control Order (TCO) controlling parking on either side of Brobeck Street, in Flint Charter Township from 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, February 07, 2018 until a permanent Traffic Control Order (TCO) can be obtained from the Michigan State Police or further action by this Board.

MOTION CARRIED.

Work request for Aggregate Resurfacing on Washburn Road from the Village of Otter Lake going north to Willard Road, Forest Township – In a memorandum dated January 17, 2018, staff requested the Board approve the work request for aggregate resurfacing on Washburn Road from the Village of Otter Lake going north to Willard Road, Forest Township. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve the work request for aggregate resurfacing on Washburn Road from the Village of Otter Lake going north to Willard Road, in Forest Township. The Township will be using their available matching allocation funds for the project. The Township is paying \$4,623.90 and the Road Commission is paying \$4,623.90, for a total cost of \$9,247.80.

MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER-DIRECTOR REPORT

(None)

COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

(None)

Vice-Chairperson Mandelaris, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

JOHN J. GLEASON
Clerk/Register

Linda B. Kossak, Secretary of the
Board of Road Commissioners
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