

GENESEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

October 19, 2021

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dickerson called the meeting of the Genesee County Board of Road Commissioners to order at 10:01 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: Cloyce Dickerson, Chairperson
John Mandelaris, Vice Chairperson
David Arceo, Commissioner
Timothy Elkins, Commissioner
Cathy Lane, Commissioner

Absent: None

Others Present: Randy Dellaposta, Eric Johnston, Tracy Khan, Angie Carpenter, Donna Arden, Stephanie Jaeger (via ZOOM), (Genesee County Road Commission Staff), Shirley Kautman-Jones, Mary Ann Price, Karyn Miller, A.C. Dumas, Frederick Flowers, James O. Shelley, Jolena Sims, Greg Easons, D. Antwan Kemp, Gerri Hall, Cerese Simpson, Tim Kirkland, Regina Williams, Attorney Cha’Ris Lee, Bishop Bernadel Jefferson, Lathan Jefferson, Jolena Sims, Willie Mae Thomas, Johnnie Lacy, Frederick Howard, Linda Mayfield, John Perkins, Harold Tull, Debbie Donaldson, James Larr, Carolene Tyos, E. Stephens, Toby Harris, Shaun Williams, William Evans, Mirayh Williams, D. Kemp, Narusha Lane, Pastor Alfred Harris, County Commissioner Bryant Nolden, County Commissioner Charles Winfrey, Attorney Devin Sullivan, Attorney Andrew Cascini, Linda Kossak, Secretary of the Board of Road Commissioners

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Dickerson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

October 19, 2021 – Agenda

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Mandelaris, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve the October 19, 2021 agenda with the addition of a closed session to review the complaint filed by Ms. Donna Poplar and a legal written opinion by legal counsel, Attorney Andrew Cascini, Henn Lesperance PLC (MCL 268)(h); MCL (267(1)

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Mandelaris, Arceo, Lane, Elkins, Dickerson
No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 21, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Mandelaris, seconded by Mr. Elkins, to approve the September 21, 2021 board meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Arceo, Lane, Elkins, Dickerson, Mandelaris
No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MEETINGS, PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, AND INFORMATION

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

GCRC Annual Safety Day – Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint
Two sessions: 7:00 am – 12:00 pm or 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Tuesday, November 02, 2021

10:00 a.m. – Board Meeting

PUBLIC ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ms. Regina Williams, 12958 Pasadena, Flint, MI addressed the Board regarding the racial issues at the Genesee County Road Commission and the discrepancy in director salary increases.

Ms. Cerese Simpson, G-3064 Miller Road, Flint, MI addressed the board regarding the racial discrepancies at the Genesee County Road Commission and the administrative leave imposed on Ms. Donna Poplar.

Mr. Charles Winfrey, Genesee County Commissioner 2nd District, introduced himself to the board and staff members at the Road Commission. Commissioner Winfrey stated that since the county commissioners appoint the road commissioners to this board, they have a responsibility to look into whatever complaints arise at the Road Commission and are seriously looking into these [racial] allegations. Commissioner Winfrey said as a member of the county commission he will not tolerate racial injustice.

Mr. Bryant Nolden, Genesee County Commissioner 1st District, addressed the Board regarding Ms. Poplar's suspension and the county mask mandate and said the situation that arose with Ms. Poplar really bothers him. Commissioner Nolden stated that a formal letter has been sent to the

Road Commission from the County Board for information that they are requesting from the Managing Director and the GCRC Board to make sure the Road Commission is being fair and equitable with all employees.

Mr. Daryl Kemp, Genesee County resident, addressed the board regarding Ms. Poplar's suspension and the discrepancies in salary increases at the Road Commission.

Mr. Lathan Jefferson, 2812 Lewis St., Flint, MI, addressed the Board regarding racism at the Road Commission and animosity in the workplace.

Bishop Bernadel Jefferson, Genesee County resident, addressed the Board regarding racial discrimination at the Road Commission, Ms. Poplar's suspension and discrepancies in salary increases.

Ms. Mary Hughes, 3256 Pine Run Dr., Clayton Township, MI, addressed the Board regarding racial discrimination at the Road Commission, discrepancies in salary increases and a biased budget.

Ms. Lela McGee-Harvey, 1309 Riverdale Road, Flint, MI, addressed the Board regarding racism in the workplace.

Pastor Alfred L. Harris, Concerned Pastors for Social Action, addressed the Board regarding racism and injustice at the Genesee County Road Commission.

Lindsey Spiewak, 2218 Lily Ct., Davison Township, MI, addressed the Board regarding the discrepancies in salary increases and racism at the Genesee County Road Commission.

Holger Spiewak, 2218 Lily Ct., Davison Township, MI, addressed the Board stating that we are all equal no matter our race or gender and discrepancies in salary increases at the Road Commission.

Terry Nelson, 7058 Addison St., Flint, MI, addressed the Board regarding discrimination at the Road Commission and the Donna Poplar's administrative leave.

A.C. Dumas, 533 E. Rankin St., Flint, MI, addressed the Board regarding Black Lives Matter, racial injustice and Donna Poplar's administrative leave.

Chairperson Dickerson thanked the residents and County Commissioners for attending this morning's board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

INCOMING

None.

OUTGOING

None.

INTERNAL

None

INFORMATION

None.

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS’ DECISIONS

DISCUSSION

Hogan Road Bridge over Shiawassee River – In a memorandum dated October 11, 2021, staff requested the Board approve and sign the duplicate originals of the local road agreement for construction of the Hogan Road Bridge over the Shiawassee River, Fenton Charter Township. (Copy of memorandum and agreement filed with official minutes.)

MDOT	\$1,193,200.00
GCRC	\$ 188,400.00
Fenton Charter Township	<u>\$ 188,400.00</u>
Total Project Cost	\$1,570,000.00

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Elkins, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve and sign the duplicate originals of the local road agreement for construction with Fenton Charter Township for the reconstruction of the Hogan Road Bridge over the Shiawassee River.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Lane, Elkins, Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Bid Results and Award of Contract for Misty Meadows Drive, The Meadows of Grand Blanc Subdivision, Grand Blanc Charter Township – In a memorandum dated October 11, 2021, staff requested the Board accept the low bid and authorize the award for the rehabilitation of Misty Meadows Drive in Grand Blanc Charter Township.. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

Commissioner Lane asked if this was a private road or public road. Staff stated that this is a public road. Vice Chairperson Mandelaris asked if Grand Blanc Township approved this project. Staff stated that yes, they did approve the project and it is below the engineer’s estimate.

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Elkins, to accept the low bid of \$246,843.00, authorize the award and sign the construction contract after staff has received and accepted the contract, bonds and insurance submitted by Asphalt and Concrete, LLC for the rehabilitation of Misty Meadows Drive, located in The Meadows Subdivision in Grand Blanc Charter Township.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Elkins, Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo, Lane
No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Local Road Agreement for Roadway Rehabilitation of Enid Boulevard, Fenton Charter Township
- In a memorandum dated October 11, 2021, staff requested the Board approve and sign the Local Road Agreement for the roadway rehabilitation of Enid Boulevard, Fenton Charter Township. (Copy of memorandum and bid sheet filed with official minutes.)

Fenton Charter Township (Construction)	\$280,000
GCRC (Engineering & Inspection)	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
Total Project Cost	\$305,000

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve and sign the duplicate originals of the local road agreement for the roadway rehabilitation of Enid Boulevard in Fenton Charter Township.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo, Lane, Elkins
No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Local Road Agreement for Roadway Hard Surfacing, (Initiation of Preliminary Engineering) on Green Road from Gale Road to Ridge Road, Atlas Township – In a memorandum dated October 13, 2021, staff requested the board approve and sign the duplicate originals of the Local Road Agreement for Hard-Surfacing (initiation of preliminary engineering) of Green Road in Atlas Township. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

Atlas Township	\$ 600,000
GCRC (Atlas Township Allocation)	<u>\$ 600,000</u>
Total Project Cost	\$1,200,000

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve and sign the duplicate originals of the Local Road Agreement (initiation of preliminary engineering) with Atlas Township for the hard surfacing of Green Road from Gale Road to Ridge Road in Atlas Township.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Mandelaris, Arceo, Lane, Elkins, Dickerson
No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Addendum to Contract for the 2021 HMA Resurfacing Proposal B-1 – In a memorandum dated October 11, 2021 staff requested the Board approve the increased work associated with the 2021 HMA Resurfacing Proposal (Copy of memorandum and bid sheet filed with official minutes.)

Perry Rd@Belsay Road intersection
Torrey Rd - North of Hill Rd N'y 0.2 miles
Irish Rd – North of Potter Rd to Richfield Rd
Dodge Rd – Saginaw E'ly 240' east of the Dort Intersection
Baldwin Rd – Fenton Rd E'ly 250'

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Mandelaris, to approve the increased work associated with the 2021 HMA Resurfacing Proposal contracted with Pyramid Paving and Contracting Company. The final project cost is estimated to be \$1,663,853.40, which is 48.65% over the original contract amount due to the addition of five projects.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Arceo, Lane, Elkins, Dickerson, Mandelaris
No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Addendum to Purchase Order #84647 for Tree Removal Services – In a memorandum dated October 11, 2021, staff requested the Board approve the amendment to Purchase Order #84647 to Owen Tree Service, Inc., due to environmental requirements for miscellaneous 2022 GCRC Construction Projects. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Mandelaris, to approve the amendment of Purchase Order #84647 to Owen Tree Service, Inc. reflecting an increase of \$25,000, raising the total amount to \$275,000. The Director of Engineering requested an increase due to environmental requirements for miscellaneous 2022 GCRC Construction Projects.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Lane, Elkins, Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Issuance of a Purchase Order for Stainless Steel Automotive Parts – In a memorandum dated October 05, 2021, staff requested the Board approve the issuance of a Blanket Purchase Order to SnoDepot for Stainless Steel Automotive Parts. (Copy of memorandum filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Mandelaris, seconded by Mr. Elkins, to approve the issuance of a Blanket Purchase Order to SnoDepot for stainless steel automotive parts to be purchased on

an as needed basis in an amount of \$40,000.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Elkins, Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo, Lane
No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Issuance of a Purchase Order to Purchase Survey Equipment - In a memorandum dated October 05, 2021, staff requested the Board approve the issuance of a Blanket Purchase Order to Seiler Instrument Mfg. Co. for a Trimble S5 3 Robotic DR Plus & TSCS System (Survey Equipment). (Copy of memorandum and sales quotation filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Arceo, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve the issuance of a Blanket Purchase Order to Seiler Instrument Mfg. Co. for the purchase or surveying equipment, Trimble S5 3” Robotic DR Plus & TSCS System in an amount of \$30,741.30.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo, Lane, Elkins
No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Issuance of a Blanket Purchase Order to M&K Truck Centers for HD Equipment Repair – In a memorandum dated September 22, 2021, staff requested the Board approve the issuance of a Blanket Purchase Order to M&K Truck Centers for HD Equipment Repair Services & Parts. (Copy of memorandum filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Mandelaris, to approve the issuance of a Blanket Purchase Order to M&K Truck Centers for HD Equipment Repair Services & Parts on an as needed basis in an amount of \$130,000.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Mandelaris, Arceo, Lane, Elkins, Dickerson
No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Ratification of Vouchers totaling \$1,154,751.49 – (Copies filed with official minutes.)

Voucher #V-40725

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Ms. Elkins, to ratify Voucher #40725 in the amount of \$557,781.20.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes Arceo, Lane, Elkins, Dickerson, Mandelaris

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Voucher #V-40726

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Elkins, to ratify Voucher #40726 in the amount of \$596,970.29.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Arceo, Lane, Elkins, Dickerson, Mandelaris

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT

None.

Chairperson Dickerson requested a motion be made to go into closed session with Attorney Andrew Cascini to discuss a written legal opinion regarding the complaint from Ms. Donna Poplar.

ACTION TAKEN - Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to go into closed session with Attorney Andrew Cascini, Henn Lesperance PLC, to discuss a written legal opinion regarding the complaint from Ms. Donna Poplar. MCL 15.268(h); (MCL 15.267(1);MCL 15.243(1)(g)

VOTE ON MOTION

Yes: Lane, Elkins, Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

At 10:32 am, Chairperson Dickerson requested a 10-minute recess before the start of the closed session.

(At 10:42 am, the Board of County Road Commissioners went into closed session).

(At 1:45 pm, the Board of County Road Commissioners reconvened into open session).

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Operations Director, Mr. Randy Dellaposta stated that GCRC Safety Training is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at the Holiday Inn at Gateway Centre in Flint. There will be two sessions, one from 7:00 am – 12:00 pm and the afternoon session will be held at 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Mr. Dellaposta added that our Nationwide representative, Mr. Ken Kelbel would be at the safety training in a separate room if anyone would like to meet with him as well as Hubbard Supply to purchase additional safety gear. Employees will need to wear masks while attending the safety training to minimize risks for all employees. Lunch will be provided to employees attending the

morning session and a snack for those attending the afternoon session.

Mr. Dellaposta handed out a COVID-19 handout updating the board on the total employees at the GCRC affected by the virus. Mr. Dellaposta added that to date the COVID virus has impacted 81 employees.

Mr. Dellaposta announced that Fessler & Bowman Inc., a leading national concrete and earthwork contractor, will be relocating to the Grand Blanc Township area and are building a \$10 million corporate headquarters off of Baldwin Road in Grand Blanc Township. Mr. Dellaposta added that the Michigan Department of Transportation awarded a Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) grant in the amount of 1.7 million dollars for road improvements. The grants will help fund infrastructure improvements related to Fessler & Bowman, Inc.'s new and expanded national headquarters in Grand Blanc Township.

COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Ms. Lane commented that she respects everyone on this Board and said she will do all that she can to serve the residents of Genesee County.

Mr. Elkins commented that he would like to try to develop a better relationship with the Chairperson and have a conversation to clear up any misconceptions that are circulating in the community.

Mr. Mandelaris and Chairperson Dickerson wanted to thank the Board members, attorneys and secretary for attending today's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:57 pm, Chairperson Dickerson adjourned the meeting.

JOHN J. GLEASON
Clerk/Register

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