

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

555 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Minutes of August 16, 2011

Board Present: Road Commissioners, Doug Fuller, F. Veigel, Ken Schwartz

County Rep Absent: County Commissioner Rob Turner

Staff Present: S. Puuri, R. Townsend, E. Reed, C. Ryan,

Others Present: L. Allmendinger, B. Stein, M. Callegari, G. Lodell, L. Davidge, J. Marion

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Douglas Fuller, Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RC11-230 Schwartz moved, Veigel seconded to approve the agenda as presented.
Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the August 2, 2011 Board Meeting.

RC11-231 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded, the Board hereby accepts the Board Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2011 as presented Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

N. Maple Road

Ms. Lyn Davidge thanked the Board and staff for their efforts to resolve the flooding situation on N. Maple Road between Stein Road and Joy Road. Ms. Davidge stated that she did not agree with the article published on Ann Arbor.com which stated that she requested that all of the flooding problems needed to be corrected, she just wanted to be assured that the improvements would not make the flooding situation worse. Commissioner Fuller stated that staff has prepared response letters to all citizens in this area addressing the project update and an individual response to the email from Mr. Davidge.

Saline Township Limestone Program

Mike Callegari thanked the road crews for a very good job in completing the limestone program within Saline Township.

IT Electrical Upgrade – Bids

RC11-233 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operation, and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves and authorizes the Managing Director to sign the contract with Harper Electric, Inc., 6920 Jackson Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48103 for the electrical upgrade for the computer server room of the IT Department for the cost of \$15,000.00. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 YAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Ypsilanti Township – Third Agreement

RC11-234 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operations and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves and authorizes the Chair and Managing Director to sign the 2011 Ypsilanti Township Third Agreement with the Township's share being \$4,008.34. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Ford Boulevard Bridge – Consultant Contract Services

RC11-235 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer, and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves and authorizes the Managing Director to sign the Engineering Services Agreement with Bergmann Associates for design services related to the Ford Boulevard Bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad in Section 11 of Ypsilanti Township for a not to exceed cost of \$190,000.00. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Preventative Maintenance HMA Overlay Program – Final Plan

RC11-236 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the final plans, specifications, and \$900,400 estimate to overlay the following roads using funding provided by the federal Surface Transportation Program and Economic Development Program:

- Austin Road Dell Road to City of Saline
- Austin Road Schneider Road to Boettner Road
- N. Territorial Road 0.5 mile east of Huron River Drive to 0.1 mile west of Mast Road
- N. Territorial Road 0.1 mile east of Whitmore Lake Road to SB US-23 Off Ramp
- N. Territorial Road 0.1 mile west of NB US-23 Off Ramp to Spencer Road
- Werkner Road M-52 to 0.7 miles north of Waterloo Road

Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Ford Boulevard Resurfacing Project – Final Plans

RC11-237 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the final plans, specifications and estimate of approximately \$306,000, for the milling and resurfacing of Ford Boulevard from Ecorse Road (M-17) to Michigan Avenue (US-12), located in Ypsilanti Township. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Waters Road Safety Project – Final Plans

RC11-238 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the final plans, specifications and estimate of approximately \$500,000, for the safety improvements of Waters Road from Wagner Road to Gallinger Drive, located in Sections 1 & 12 of Lodi Township. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Arkona Road Guard Rail Project – Final Plan

RC11-239 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the final plans, specifications and estimate of approximately \$30,000 for the safety improvements of Arkona Road, located in Sections 26 & 35 of Saline Township. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Jaycees Running The Rails – Road Closure

RC11-240 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board approves the closure of the following roads on Sunday, August 21, 2011 for the Running the Rails race from 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., subject to Road Commission road closure permit conditions and requirements:

- Huron River Drive from Cornell Road to Superior Road
- Superior Road from Huron River Drive to Geddes Road
- Geddes Road from Superior Road to LeForge Road
- LeForge Road from Geddes Road to Clark Road
- Clark Road from LeForge Road to N. River Street.

Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Salem Bible Church Corn Festival – Road Closure

RC11-241 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer, and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the closure of McFadden Street between Six Mile Road and Summit Street located in Section 11 of Salem Township for the annual Salem Community Corn Fest on Saturday, August 20, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., subject to Road Commission road closure permit conditions and requirements. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Run for the Rolls – Road Closure

RC11-242 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the closure of the following roads on Saturday, August 27, 2011 for the Annual Chelsea Fair Parade:

- Pielemeier Drive and Brown Drive from Pielemeier Drive to the Dead End - 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Chelsea Fair Parade – Road Closure

RC11-243 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the closure of the following road on Saturday, August 27, 2011 for the Annual Chelsea Fair Parade:

- Old US-12 from M-52 to Wilkinson Street - 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program – Policy Revision

RC11-244 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the Neighborhood Traffic Management Policy Revision and authorizes the County Highway Engineer to implement procedures in accordance with this Policy Revision, superseding resolution RC98-143 dated March 31, 1998. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

2011 Second Quarter Budget Review & Amendments

RC11-245 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the 2011 Second Quarter Budget amendments as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Payroll & Bills for August 3, 2011

RC11-246 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded the Board hereby approves Voucher 9944 totaling \$262,006.13 for payroll of August 3, 2011, and Voucher 9945 totaling \$850,820.35 in payment of bills for August 3, 2011. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

ACTION ITEMS**Public Act 283 of 1909 – 2012 Road Improvement Plan**

RC11-247 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the 2012 Road Improvement Plan consistent with Public Act 283 of 1909 and authorizes the County Highway Engineer to present this plan to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners for consideration. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

REPORTS**Road Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Fuller welcomed Commissioner Veigel back from a medical leave. Commissioner Fuller also thanked the road crews on their tremendous response during the recent heavy rain events. Commissioner Fuller congratulated Aaron Berkholz on his acceptance as the Assistant Maintenance Superintendent for the Road Commission.

Commissioner Veigel commented on the importance of establishing drainage ditches along the N. Maple Road project, and the need to remove trees within the road right-of-way to allow the drainage ditches to be properly constructed.

County Commissioner's Report

County Commissioner Turner reported that the County is finalizing their budget issues. Commissioner Turner reported that a contract between Sylvan Township and the County has been finalized. The millage was approved by the Sylvan Township Board on Monday, August 15, 2011 and it now will be placed on ballot for the November election. Commissioner Turner also reported that the dispute with three townships over police services has been resolved with two of the townships, a settlement has been reached between the County, Ypsilanti Township and Augusta Township and all payments have been reconciled. Commissioner Turner also reported that one labor contract has been approved, a final budget proposal will be presented to the commission by the end of September.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Staff Report – 7-25-11 to 8-07-11**

Steve Puuri provided an update on activities during this period. Mr. Puuri reported that the county funded chip seal program has begun this week. Mr. Puuri also reported that he attended a "Best Practices for Road Agencies" seminar hosted by State Representative Olson and Representative Schmidt. There were approximately 100 people in attendance for this event which included around 40 road commission staff from around the state. During this meeting, Representative Olson stated that he would be presenting a road funding proposal to the Transportation Commission later this summer.

ADJOURNMENT

RC11-248 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded to adjourn the August 16, 2011 meeting at 1:30 p.m. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
Motion Carried.



Douglas E. Fuller, Chair



Steven M. Puuri, Deputy Clerk

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