

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
555 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Minutes of February 20, 2018

Board Present: Road Commissioners Douglas Fuller, Barbara Fuller, William McFarlane

Staff Present: R. Townsend, S. Siddall, J. Harmon, C. Ryan, M. MacDonell, B. Schlack,
E. Kizer, C. Brochue

Others Present: R. Jamnick, K. Stremmler, I. Gruhl, L. Glapa, R. Sell, T. Spears, M. Chriss,
M. Loy, J. Wainright, L. Huston, S. Holft, S. Bolgos, L. Sargent, G. Sleamon,
J. Schultz, S. Gannon, J. Gannon, J. D'Amour, C. Schneider, W. Raymond

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RC18-044 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded to approve the agenda as presented.
Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

RC18-045 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded, the Board hereby approves the Board Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2018 as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3
NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Michael Chriss – DTE - Variance request – Nexus Pipeline Project

Mr. Chriss addressed the Board regarding a variance letter DTE submitted to the Road Commission regarding work Nexus Pipeline is performing in Washtenaw County. Mr. Chriss stated that there are two roads (Tuttle Hill Road and Coolidge Road) that Nexus pipeline equipment needs to cross to continue work during the frost law period. Mr. Chriss stated that if they cannot cross these roads it could jeopardize approximately \$10 million dollars for this project. Mr. Chriss stated that DTE is willing to make any and all road repairs for any damage to roads being crossed with Nexus equipment including potentially installing steel to enforce the road crossing. Mr. Chriss stated that a bond would also be offered for any deterioration on the roads used.

Mast Road Safety Project

The following citizens addressed the Board with concerns regarding the Mast Road Safety Project which includes various tree removal along Mast Road. These concerns included requests to keep the older, larger established trees along this roadway.

Toni Spears, Leslie Glapa, John Gannon, Lauren Sargeant, James D'Armord, Sally Bolgos, Gretchen Sleamon, Iris Gruhl, Catherine Stark, and Carl Schneider

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

ISSUED: 2/15/18
WHEN: Effective 6 a.m. on Monday, February 19, 2018 until further notice
WHERE: Countywide
WHY: Seasonal Weight Restrictions Imposed
CONTACT: Matt MacDonell, Assistant Director of Engineering

RECEIVED: 2/5/18
FROM: Lisa Moutinho
WHY: Thank you to the road crews for all their hard work during this tough winter season.

ISSUED: 2/5/18
WHEN: 2018/2019 Construction Season
WHERE: Zeeb Road between Ellsworth Road and Waters Road
WHY: Paving of Zeeb Road
TOWNSHIP: Lodi
CONTACT: Mark McCulloch, Project Engineer

CONSENT AGENDA

The items approved on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

RC18-046 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded the approval of the Consent Agenda for February 20, 2018 as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Chubb Road CSX Railroad Crossing Agreement

RC18-047 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves an agreement with Salem Township to pay for all costs associated with upgrading the Chubb Road CSX railroad crossing warning devices which are located between Five Mile Road and Six Mile Road. MDOT has agreed to cover 50 percent of the project cost. The estimated cost to upgrade the warning devices is \$275,000. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

E. Delhi Road & Maple (Foster) Road Bridges Preventative Maintenance – Preliminary Engineering

RC18-048 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby authorizes the Managing Director to sign a purchase order for Great Lakes Engineering Group, LLC for the Preliminary Engineering of the E Delhi Rd & Maple (Foster) Rd Bridges Preventative Maintenance project in Scio Township and Ann Arbor Township, at a cost not to exceed \$19,600. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Border-to-Border TAP Grant Application

RC18-049 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby authorizes the Managing Director to sign and submit for a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant application in cooperation with the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPARC) for the Border-to-Border Trail Segment D2 phase 2 project along the Huron River between Zeeb Road and Delhi Metropark located in Scio Township. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Debt Service – SAD Bond Issue

RC18-050 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane the Board hereby approves Voucher 362-201801 totaling \$422,158.54 for Debt Service SAD Bond Issues. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Payroll & Bills for February 7, 2018

RC18-051 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded the Board hereby approves Voucher 10284 totaling \$296,343.48 for payroll of February 7, 2018, and Voucher 10285 totaling \$1,109,50.16 in payment of bills for February 7, 2018. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

REPORTS**County Commissioner's Report**

County Commissioner Jannick thanked the Board for allowing citizens to voice concerns regarding the tree removal on Mast Road.

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Bill McFarlane

Commissioner McFarlane thanked the public for their comments regarding the Mast Road project. Commissioner McFarlane stated that with the population growth in the Mast Road area, police resources are limited for speed patrol. Commissioner McFarlane also emphasized that a large portion of the grant funding for the Mast Road Safety Project is going towards the culvert replacement which includes a number of trees having to be removed for replacement of this culvert.

Commissioner Barb Fuller

Commissioner Barb Fuller attended the following meetings:

- 2/6 Parks & Recreation Meeting – A Landpres proposal was rejected due to concerns about “Estate Enabling”
- 2/7 MSU Public Policy Forum – Lansing – Discussion about closing the broadband access gap in Michigan.
- 2/13 Parks & Recreation Meeting – Stewardship endowment discussion. The goal is \$15M; \$1.6M x 5 years

Commissioner Doug Fuller

Commissioner Fuller reminded the public of the Public Information Meeting being held this evening at the Webster Township Hall regarding the Mast Road Safety Project.

Commissioner Fuller will be attending the winter MCRC SIP Meeting next week to be held at the Treetops Resort in Gaylord, MI.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

STAFF REPORT – 1-29 to 2-11-18

Jim Harmon, Director of Operations

- Jim Harmon reported that there has been a record amount of payroll and overtime for the crews clearing roads during this very severe winter season.
- Jim Harmon provided an update on salt usage. We have expended 25,000 tons of salt to date this winter season. This is close to 40% above our average. Mr. Harmon stated that for the remainder of the winter season, on average we expend about 2,400 tons of salt. We presently have 5,200 tons of salt in stock.
- We are currently under a flood watch through tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Harmon provided a review of short term road closures due to minor flooding with snow melt and rainfall.
- Mr. Harmon stated that the State Trunkline Highways are rapidly deteriorating with drastic weather changes and thawing.

