

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

555 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Minutes of October 2, 2018

Board Present: Road Commissioners Douglas Fuller, Barbara Fuller, Rodrick Green

Staff Present: S. Siddall, J. Harmon, B. Schlack, D. Ackerman, C. Ryan, N. Peterson,
E. Kizer, C. Chumney

Others Present: R. Jamnick, K. Schwartz, P. Greenleaf-Hagen

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

RC18-328 R. Green moved, B. Fuller seconded to approve the agenda as presented.
Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

RC18-329 B. Fuller moved, R. Green seconded, the Board hereby approves the Board Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2018 as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Salem Spring Subdivision – Permit

Ken Schwartz, Superior Township Supervisor, stated that Superior Township is in strong opposition of the Road Commission granting a sewer permit for Salem Springs Subdivision. This would permit approximately 8 miles of sewer throughout Superior Township which will pose increased responsibility on Superior Township.

Boland Corridor

Pamela Greenleaf Hagen stated her opposition to the Border to Border path going through the front of her property and stated that many other residents are also not in favor of this path going in front of their properties.

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION – HAROLD (CHARLIE) CHUMNEY

The Board presented Charlie Chumney with a certificate of appreciation for his retirement after 25 years of service to the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

ISSUED: September 27, 2018
WHERE: Washtenaw County
WHY: Road projects that were halted by a labor dispute resume
WHEN: Washtenaw County projects will resume Friday, September 28th
CONTACT: Emily Kizer, Communications Manager

ISSUED: September 27, 2018
WHERE: Dennison Road Bridge over the Saline River, between Day Road and Mooreville Road
TOWNSHIP: York
WHY: Bridge Repair – Dennison Road closed
WHEN: Monday, October 1, 2018
CONTACT: Kelly Jones, Senior Project Manager

ISSUED: September 26, 2018
FROM: Sheryl Soderholm Siddall, Managing Director
REGARDING: A correspondence was issued by Sheryl Siddall to Gregory and Rose McKenzie regarding a request to quit claim a portion of the Boland Corridor

ISSUED: September 26, 2018
FROM: Sheryl Soderholm Siddall, Managing Director
REGARDING: A correspondence was issued by Sheryl Siddall to Willadean Miles regarding a request to quit claim a portion of the Boland Corridor

ISSUED: September 19, 2018
WHERE: Ford Road between Earhart Road and Dixboro Road
TOWNSHIP: Ann Arbor
WHY: Water main and sanitary sewer crossing installation – Ford Road closed
WHEN: Monday, September 24, 2018
CONTACT: Gary Streight, Project Manager

ISSUED: September 14, 2018
WHERE: Bunton Road south of Willis Road and Rawsonville Road south of Bemis Road at the railroad crossings
TOWNSHIP: Augusta
WHY: Completion of railroad crossing maintenance
WHEN: Friday, September 14, 2018
CONTACT: John Posegay, Permit Coordinator

ISSUED: September 11, 2018
WHERE: Bemis Road between Fosdick Road and Warner Road
TOWNSHIP: Border of York and Pittsfield
WHY: Culvert replacement
WHEN: Wednesday, September 26, 2018
CONTACT: Kenneth Harris, Superintendent of Maintenance

CONSENT AGENDA

The items approved on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

RC18-330 R. Green moved, B. Fuller seconded the approval of the Consent Agenda for October 2, 2018 as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Retirement Resolution of Public Service – Harold (Charlie) Chumney

RC18-331 R. Green moved, B. Fuller seconded

WHEREAS, Harold “Charlie” Chumney has served as a valuable employee of the Washtenaw County Road Commission from October 14, 1993 through October 15, 2018; and has elected to retire on October 15, 2018 to enjoy time with his friends and family; and

WHEREAS Charlie Chumney, in his role as Heavy Truck Driver, has exhibited an exceptional work ethic and steadfast dedication to duty as a Heavy Truck Driver on the State Trunkline, District 2 and 5 Crews. Throughout his 25-year career, Charlie Chumney was an exemplary employee who was always willing to help no matter how bad the weather was or how late the call came, the Road Commission could always count on Charlie. His work has greatly benefited everyone who worked with him, the citizens of Washtenaw County and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, in having provided 25 years of faithful and skillful service to the Washtenaw County Road Commission, we know he will be greatly missed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners, thank, acknowledge and commend Charlie Chumney for his dedicated service, and wish him continued good health and happiness and success in all his future endeavors.

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

Whitmore Lake and Stein Roads Encroachment Removal Order

RC18-332 R. Green moved, B. Fuller seconded

WHEREAS, fill material resulting in a drainage restriction is present at the property of I- 09-08-100-002 (northwest corner of Whitmore Lake Road and Stein Road), in the northwest quarter of Section 8 in Ann Arbor Township, and,

WHEREAS, Stein Road is a 66-foot-wide County road and the action taken by the property owner has created a drainage restriction located within the road right-of-way, and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the County Highway Engineer, this drainage restriction is a detriment to the public roadway, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners orders that the drainage restriction be removed thirty (30) days after service of this Order to the conditions prior to the placement of the fill by the property owner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if this drainage restriction is not resolved within thirty (30) days by the property owner, the fill material will be removed after thirty (30) days by the Washtenaw County Road Commission in such a manner as to cause the least damage to the property or loss to the owner and shall recover from the owner the cost and expenses of such removal as authorized by Statute.

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

4450 Valentine Road Encroachment Removal Order

RC18-333 R. Green moved, B. Fuller seconded

WHEREAS, a woven wire fence, posts and gates encroach in the Valentine Road right of way upon a parcel commonly referred to as 4450 Valentine Road, Whitmore Lake, in Section 11 of Webster Township, tax parcel number C-03-11-300-018, and,

WHEREAS, Valentine Road is a 66-foot-wide county road and encroachments exist within two feet of the traveled way, and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Director of Operations, the encroachment is detrimental to maintenance of the public roadway, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners order that encroachments be removed from within the Valentine Road right of way upon said parcel thirty (30) days after service of this Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if this encroachment is not resolved within thirty (30) days by the property owner, the woven wire fence, posts and gates will be removed after thirty (30) days by the Washtenaw County Road Commission in such a manner as to cause the least damage to the property or loss to the owner and shall recover from the owner the cost and expenses of such removal as authorized by Statute.

Property Owner: Mr. Peter Stark & Mrs. Kristina Stark
4450 Valentine Road
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

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

2018 Salem Township Third Agreement

RC18-334 R. Green moved, B. Fuller 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 2018 Salem Township Third Agreement with the Township's estimated share being \$5,500.00. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

2018 Ypsilanti Township Fourth Agreement for Nancy Park Drainage Improvements

RC18-335 R. Green moved, B. Fuller 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 2018 Ypsilanti Township Fourth Agreement for Nancy Park Drainage Improvements with the Township's estimated cost being \$153,900. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried

Payroll & Bills for September 18, 2018

RC18-336 R. Green moved, B. Fuller seconded the Board hereby approves Voucher 10316 totaling \$269,565.42 for payroll of September 18, 2018, and Voucher 10317 totaling \$1,837,460.36 in payment of bills for September 18, 2018. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

REPORTS

County Commissioner Report

No report.

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Barb Fuller

Commissioner Barb Fuller attended the following meetings:

9/27 Huron Waterloo Pathway Initiative donor appreciation reception

Commissioner Doug Fuller

Commissioner Doug Fuller attended a SEMCOG event last Friday on workforce training. One presentation was made by a Ford representative in charge of training initiatives for Ford Motor Company.

Commissioner Rodrick Green

Commissioner Rod Green attended the SEMCOG meeting on September 28th. The WCRC was featured on a study of roundabouts. On October 1-14, SEMCOG will be having a traffic safety campaign.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Work Stoppage Update – Michigan Infrastructure Transportation Association (MITA) and Operating Engineer's Local 324**

Sheryl Siddall, Managing Director, reported that there has been a temporary agreement between MITA and the Operating Engineers Local 324 to resume work and complete projects through the 2018 season. Ms. Siddall stated that most projects impacted by this work stoppage are now resuming.

Textile Road Project

Sheryl Siddall stated that although the vast majority of projects have resumed from the work stoppage, this work stoppage has put the Textile Road project behind schedule. The Textile Road project is a complete reconstruction of 2 miles of road. Ms. Siddall stated that we are working with MDOT on this project to determine how far the contractor can get with construction on this project for this year. The Road Commission and MDOT must determine if this road can be safely opened if not complete and who will be performing winter maintenance on this road. There is also a concern regarding the cost for winterizing this project.

WCRC Community Engagement Policy and Procedure presentation

Sheryl Siddall reported that she and Emily Kizer, Public Relations Manager, attended the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners Working Session to present the WCRC Community Engagement Policy and Procedure and provide an update on millage work.

Road Sub-Committee Meeting

The first Roads Subcommittee meeting with new members will be held on November 1st.

STAFF REPORT – 9-10 to 9-23-18**Jim Harmon, Director of Operations**

- On September 20th, Jim Harmon attended the annual disaster relief exercise.
- The Quarterly Blood Drive was held last week at the Road Commission.
- Jim Harmon provided a project update sheet.
- The Bemis Road Culvert between Fosdick Road and Warner Road was successfully placed today. Crews are continuing work and Bemis Road should reopen by early next week weather dependent.

Brent Schlack, Assistant Director of Engineering

- Mast Road is now reopened.
- Harris Road is scheduled to open this week, weather dependent.
- Bemis Road and Moon Road will be paved and reopened soon.
- Dennison Road was closed on Monday for bridge repairs. This project should take approximately 30 days to complete.
- Sharon Valley Road Bridge – staff is working with MDOT for proper fixes to the underground water issues at this location.
- Pavement markings for chip sealed roads is scheduled for this week.
- Engineering is planning for 2019 projects.

Dan Ackerman, Director of Finance & IT

- Michigan Transportation Fund Receipts is projected to be a little over \$27 million.

Finance Report

- Tracy Balkwell, Finance Clerk is currently out on maternity leave. The Finance Department is covering her duties while she is out. Lori Hackbarth, Payroll Clerk, has been handling a large majority of Tracy's functions and Tiffany Lobbestael, Operations Clerk, has also been assisting the Finance Department.
- Staff is working on the budget for 2019 projects.

IT Report

- Staff is working on cell phone upgrades.
- The fuel master database was recently updated.
- The SAW Grant is providing some funding for new laptops

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RC8-337 R. Green moved, B. Fuller seconded to move into Executive Session at approximately 1:47 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: D. Fuller, B. Fuller, R. Green
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
Motion Carried.

RC8-338 R. Green moved, B. Fuller seconded to move out of Executive Session at approximately 2:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: D. Fuller, B. Fuller, R. Green

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

RC18-339 R. Green moved, B. Fuller seconded to adjourn the October 2, 2018 meeting at 3:00 p.m. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
Motion Carried.

Douglas E. Fuller, Chair

Sheryl Soderholm Siddall, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: _____