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Sanilac County Road Commission  
April 8, 2015

A special meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Sanilac County, Michigan was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Ronald Gerstenberger at the Road Commission Office in Sandusky, Michigan, with Commissioner Ronald Gerstenberger, Commissioner Randy Horst, and Commissioner Don Rickett, Jr., being present.

Guests: Carol Seifferlein, Sanilac County News.

Motion by Commissioner Rickett, seconded by Commissioner Horst, to approve the agenda as presented. Yeas: Gerstenberger, Rickett and Horst. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Gerstenberger, seconded by Commissioner Horst, to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2015, regular meeting as printed. Yeas: Gerstenberger, Rickett and Horst. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bills in the amount of \$495,521.62 covered by voucher #1345 covering accounts payable checks #44685 through #44778, and payroll voucher #1344 in the amount of \$109,581.33 were presented for approval. Motion by Commissioner Rickett, seconded by Commissioner Horst, to approve the vouchers as presented. Yeas: Gerstenberger, Rickett and Horst. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reports on Operations were given by the Finance Director and Engineer Manager.

Motion by Commissioner Rickett, seconded Commissioner Horst, to approve the hiring of Kurtis Steeb, as a Mechanic, effective April 6, 2015. Yeas: Gerstenberger, Rickett and Horst. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following travel request was presented for approval:

- a. For R.Jay Henderson to attend the Fleet Maintenance Conference, May 18<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, at Shanty Creek in Bellaire, Michigan.

Motion by Commissioner Rickett, seconded by Commissioner Horst, to approve the travel request as presented. Yeas: Gerstenberger, Rickett and Horst. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Robb Falls, Engineer-Manager, presented for board approval, a request for Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Training for Deputy Christopher Kravitsky, who will be performing motor carrier/weigh master duties for the Sanilac County Road Commission. Motion by Commissioner Horst, seconded by Commissioner Rickett, to approve the Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Training for Deputy Christopher Kravitsky of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$1,585.00. Yeas: Gerstenberger, Rickett and Horst. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Robb Falls, Engineer-Manger, presented for board approval the following price quotes from Krause Electric Company, for new lighting at the Road Commission's Sandusky Truck Parking Garage.

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| Lithonia Lighting Fixtures | Phillips Lighting Fixtures |
| \$15,500.00                | \$12,350.00                |

Motion by Commissioner Rickett, seconded by Commissioner Horst, to approve the price quotes from Krause Electric Company and to allow Robb Falls, Engineer-Manager to determine which light fixtures will be installed. Yeas: Gerstenberger, Rickett and Horst. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Robb Falls, Engineer-Manager, presented for board approval a price quote from Shults Equipment for a Swenson Cross Conveyor Spreader. Motion by Commissioner Rickett, seconded by Commissioner Horst, to purchase a Swenson Cross Conveyor Spreader at the cost of \$5,209.00 from Shults Equipment. Yeas: Gerstenberger, Rickett and Horst. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Robb Falls, Engineer-Manager, reported to the board that Truck and Trailer notified him that equipment for a new tandem truck is on back order. He further recommended that if we ordered the equipment now it wouldn't be available until the fall of 2015. Motion by Commissioner Rickett, seconded by Commissioner Horst, to order the equipment necessary for a new tandem truck from Truck and Trailer. Yeas: Gerstenberger, Rickett and Horst. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Horst, seconded by Commissioner Rickett, to open the public hearing for the Reconstruction of Robinson Road from Hoadley Road to M-53 (1.01 miles), located in Evergreen Township. Yeas: Gerstenberger, Rickett and Horst. Nays: None. Motion carried.

No public comments were received during the public hearing. Motion by Commissioner Rickett, seconded by Commissioner Horst, to close the public hearing at 9:10 A.M.

The following township agreements were presented for board approval:

- a. Elmer Township – Berm Removal on various roads.
- b. Watertown Township – Berm Removal on various roads.
- c. Argyle Township – Brush Spraying by Owen's Tree Service.
- d. Argyle Township – 2<sup>nd</sup> Mowing by C & M Farms.
- e. Wheatland Township – 2<sup>nd</sup> Mowing by C & M Farms.
- f. Wheatland Township – Brush Spraying by Owen's Tree Service.
- g. Minden Township - Road Reconstruction on Polk Rd from Bay City Forestville Rd to Huron Line Rd.
- h. Watertown Township – CMP Replacement on Walker Rd e/o Banner Rd.
- i. Lexington Township – CMP Replacement on Stilson Rd w/o Black River Rd.
- j. Moore Township – General Gravel Patch on various roads.
- k. Custer Township – General Gravel Patch on various roads.
- l. Elmer Township – General Gravel Patch on various roads.
- m. Lexington Township – General Gravel Patch on various roads.
- n. Fremont Township – General Gravel Patch on various roads.
- o. Watertown Township – General Gravel Patch on various roads.

Motion by Commissioner Rickett, seconded by Commissioner Horst, to approve the agreements as presented. Yeas: Gerstenberger, Rickett and Horst. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Horst, seconded by Commissioner Rickett, to send the Township Supervisors in Sanilac County the memo and outline for Proposal 1. Yeas: Gerstenberger, Rickett and Horst. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following Resolution of Support for Proposal 1 was presented for approval.

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WHEREAS, Michigan Drivers deserve a safe and reliable road and bridge network. Investing more in our roads will improve safety, giving residents peace of mind that roads will see their families safely to work and school; and

WHEREAS, 38 percent of Michigan's state-and locally-owned urban roads and 32 percent of the state's state-and locally-owned rural roads are in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has relied on Band-Aid, short-term fixes for our roads instead of investing enough money to fix our roads for the long term; and

WHEREAS, Michigan invests less per capita in transportation than any state in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Every \$1 invested today to keep our roads in good condition will save \$6 to \$14 later as conditions deteriorate. The longer we wait to fix Michigan's roads, the more it will cost; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's roads are vital to business and economic development, to families and schools, to public safety and health care, to agriculture and tourism, and to every aspect of our lives; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot would provide sorely needed revenue to fix roads with funds that politicians can't divert somewhere else – while also supporting Michigan's long-term future by investing in our public schools and local communities. Every penny paid at the pump for taxes will be guaranteed in the constitution to go to transportation.

WHEREAS, The Sanilac County Road Commission will receive \$3.6 Million in new revenue within three years if Proposal 1 is adopted by Michigan voters.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; While the Sanilac County Road Commission cannot offer an official position on the ballot proposal, a document is to be prepared to detail how new revenues would be spent.

Motion by Commissioner Gerstenberger, seconded by Commissioner Rickett, that the Sanilac County Road Commission approves the Resolution of Support for Proposal 1. Yeas: Gerstenberger, Rickett and Horst. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 A.M.

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Ronald Gerstenberger  
Chairman

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Suzanne Shagena  
Board Secretary