

HILLSDALE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
May 25, 2022  
MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Godfrey on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the road commission office.

Members present: Bob Godfrey & Gary Leininger.

Member absent: Mike Parney.

Staff present: Marilyn Kilpatrick, Clerk.

Visitors present: Doug Ingles, County Commissioner.  
Allan Andrews  
Nicholas Bentley.  
Dennis Frantz.  
Chris Myers.  
Kelley Mapes.  
Ron Sweinhager.  
Mark Stemen.  
Annette.  
Mark Nichols.  
Robert Eichler.  
Chris Smith.  
Don Hobbs.  
Shaun Stukey.  
Glenn Fobel.  
Andy Thomas.  
Ben Thomas.  
Larry Brown.  
Stanley Clingerman.

**Agenda Approved**

Having reviewed the agenda for this date, two additions were requested. The chair declared the agenda to stand approved as revised.

**Limited Public Comment**

At 10:05 a.m., the chair opened the meeting to limited public comment. Allan Andrews thanked the board Ridge Drive is complete. He addressed tree stumps on Crawford Road. Karla Adams addressed the manager's severance and contract negotiations. Andy Thomas addressed the road gravel placed in Litchfield Township. Don Hobbs addressed a PERA request and Montgomery Road West of 49. Bob Eichler addressed employees being held accountable and purchased gravel. Mark Nichols sent a tree hazard to the chair, and it was addressed immediately. Kelley Mapes addressed policies and the accident.

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Ben Thomas addressed a road issue on County Road Line in Litchfield Township. Glenn Froebel inquired which township's Mike Parney is responsible for. Stanley Clingerman recommended Larry Brown as a consultant. He informed the board he is to emotionally attached to return as interim manager.

**Minutes Approved**

Having reviewed the minutes of the May 11, 2022 regular meeting, there were no additions, deletions or corrections to be noted. The chair declared the minutes to stand approved as presented.

**CONFIRMATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AS AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT BY THE STAFF**

#22-059 Gary Leininger moved, Bob Godfrey seconded, to confirm the bills in the amount of \$208,649.15 and the electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$228.29 for a total amount of \$208,877.44 per Accounts Payable Check Registers dated 5/19/22 as authorized by the office manager and accounts payable clerk. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

#22-060 Payroll in the amount of \$90,377.47 per Payroll Check Register dated 5/26/22 were presented for board approval. Gary Leininger moved, Bob Godfrey seconded, that payroll be allowed and orders drawn for the same. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report Presented**

The treasurer's report was presented by the clerk as follows:

Beginning Balance-Cash & Investments	\$2,526,239.38
Receipts	\$ 713,701.53
Disbursements:	( 299,254.91)
Ending Cash & Investments Balance	\$2,940,686.00
Less: Bonds in Escrow	(\$ 24,590.00)
CD reserved for 2 trucks	(\$ 601,639.35)
Ending Available Fund Balance	\$2,314,456.65

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Note: Outstanding Accounts Payable = \$ 22,270.16

As there were no questions or comments regarding the report, the chair declared the report to stand approved as read.

**Discussion Followed on Various Subjects**

Montgomery Road Bridge – Deck is poured, and contractor is a little ahead of schedule.  
Camden Road Culvert– The permit had not been applied for. Options were discussed on how to repair or replace.

Brining – Somerset Township complete and moving into Moscow Township.

Killybigs – Michigan Paving does not have a contract with HCRC. Working on getting us a quote.

Discussion followed on several roads at Lake Diane.

**LARRY BROWN FROM L.W. BROWN CONSULTING LLC.**

Mr. Brown introduced himself and gave history on his background. He is willing to help us on an interim basis.

#22-061 Gary Leininger moved, Bob Godfrey seconded, to negotiate with Larry Brown as a Consultant Engineer for HCRC at \$200.00 hour while needed. Carried.

**TOWNSHIP AGREEMENTS APPROVED**

The following township agreement was presented for board approval:

<u>Township</u>	<u>Work Type</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	<u>Twp. Share</u>
Camden	Road stabilization – Once	\$ 16,095.00	\$ 6,438.00

#22-062 Gary Leininger moved, Bob Godfrey seconded, that the township agreement be approved and signed. Carried.

**Tandem Truck(s) Replacement**

Discussion followed on purchasing tandem trucks. We need to get them ordered because of the timeframe to receive them. The garage foreman will work on this.

**One Ton Truck Replacement**

Discussion followed on buying used or leasing one ton trucks.

**SEASONAL EMPLOYEES**

Discussion followed on the rate of pay for seasonal employees.

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#22-063 Gary Leininger moved, Bob Godfrey seconded, to increase seasonal labors from \$13.00 to \$15.00 and roadside mowers from \$14.00 to \$16.00 per hour. Carried.

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF LIMESTONE**

Discussion followed on the pile of limestone on Addison Road East of Knowles Road.

#22-064 Gary Leininger moved, Bob Godfrey seconded, to contact the property owner for the purchase of the limestone. Carried.

**PERMISSION TO ROTATE PICKUP TRUCKS**

#22-065 Gary Leininger moved, Bob Godfrey seconded, to transfer the rotation of the pickup trucks. Carried.

**BLANKET DUST CONTROL PERMIT APPROVED**

#22-066 Gary Leininger moved, Bob Godfrey seconded, to authorize the chairman to sign the following blanket dust control permit:

2022-024      McConnell & Scully, Inc.

Carried.

**Discussion on Several Roads**

Montgomery Road near Frontier Road drainage issue.  
M99 and Doty Road water issue.  
Montgomery Road paving.  
Paver patching will begin in Somerset Township.

**Limited Public Comment**

Kelley Mapes addressed the responsibilities of the employees.  
Chris Meyers addressed the need for a permanent fix on gravel roads and scraping for brining.  
Ben Thomas addressed Genesee Road and paver patching.  
Shaun Stukekey addressed gravel crushing.  
Don Hobbs addressed a meeting for negotiations.

**CLOSED SESSION RE: STATUS OF LABOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

#22-067 At 1:10 p.m., Gary Leininger moved, Bob Godfrey seconded, to go into closed session to discuss labor contract negotiations.

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Yeas: Godfrey, Leininger

**Regular Session Reconvened at 1:35 p.m.**

At 1:35 p.m., the chair reconvened the regular session.

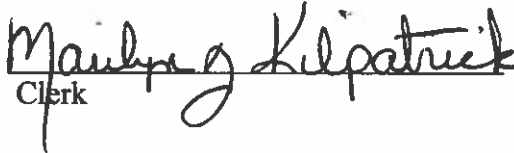
**Set Meeting Date to Meet with Association, Legal Counsel and Representative Regarding Contract Negotiations**

Reach out to all parties to set a date to meet regarding contract negotiations.

**Meeting Adjourned – 1:45 p.m.**

As there was no further business, the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

  
Chair

  
Clerk