

HILLSDALE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
May 11, 2022  
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Meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Godfrey on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the road commission office.

Members present: Bob Godfrey, Mike Parney & Gary Leininger.

Staff present: Marilyn Kilpatrick, Clerk.

Visitors present: Doug Ingles, County Commissioner.  
Allan Andrews  
Nicholas Bentley.  
Lisa Wallace.  
Dennis Frantz.  
Chris Myers.  
Kelley Mapes.  
Ron Sweinhager.  
Todd Miller.  
Mark Stemen.  
Eric Closson.  
Annette.  
Doug Tripp.  
Mark Nichols.  
Joseph Kormos.

**Agenda Approved**

Having reviewed the agenda for this date, three 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 gave the board a list of items that needed to be addressed in Reading Township.

Lisa Wallace started with a prayer. Addressed the resignation of the manager and advised the board that she has applied for the manager's position and or interim positions.

Chris Myers presented the board with pictures of gravel roads in Scipio Township and discussed that we need a permanent fix for gravel roads.

Mark Stemen discussed the direction of the road commission.

Todd Miller addressed the board regarding Scipio Township Road Agreements that the board approved.

Mark Nichols addressed the constitution, windmill damage to the roads and that the road commission is headed toward progress.

Karla Adams reviewed County Road Association laws regarding commissioners.

Kelley Mapes reviewed road commissioner's responsibilities and the vehicle accident.

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

**#22-051** At 10.30 a.m., Gary Leininger moved, Mike Parney seconded, to go into closed session to discuss labor contract negotiations. Mike Kluck was placed on speaker phone.

**Regular Session Reconvened at 11:01 a.m.**

At 11:01 a.m., the chair reconvened the regular session.

**Limited Public Comment Continued**

Eric Closson asked how much limestone will be spread thorough out the county, GPS and who will maintain the roads at Lake Diane.

Nick Bentley advised that they are working with management and addressed windmill issues.

Karla Adams asked for the policies for road commissioners.

Joseph Kormos addressed the board regarding Litchtec road product and showed a short video.

Commissioner Ingles advised the board that a motion was made by the county board of commissioner's to not transfer the authority of the road commission to the county board.

**Minutes Approved**

Having reviewed the minutes of the May 5, 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**

**#22-052** Gary Leininger moved, Mike Parney supported, to confirm the bills in the amount of \$51,354.71 and the electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$48,236.76 for a total amount of \$99,591.47 per Accounts Payable Check Registers dated 5/11/22 as authorized by the staff. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

**#22-053** Payroll in the amount of \$107,519.89 per Payroll Check Register dated 5/12/22 were presented for board approval. Mike Parney moved, Gary Leininger supported, 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:

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Beginning Balance-Cash & Investments	\$2,733,350.74
Receipts	\$ 0.00
Disbursements:	( 207,111.36)
Ending Cash & Investments Balance	\$2,526,239.38
Less: Bonds in Escrow	(\$ 24,590.00)
CD reserved for 2 trucks	(\$ 601,639.35)
Ending Available Fund Balance	\$1,900,010.03
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**

Salt Building – met with MDOT paperwork was not filled out for reimbursement.  
Timber Bridge for Camden Road – permit needs to be applied for and will need to be bid.  
Lake Diane Project – meeting on Monday with Michigan Paving regarding bad spots.  
Somerset Township – limestone hauled, scraping and brine coming tomorrow.  
Moscow Township – hauling gravel.  
Scipio Township – finish hauling today.  
Gravel crushing – will need to be bid.

**The Governor’s Open Meeting Act**

Beginning in August all meetings will have to be recorded and kept for one year.

**MEETING RECESSED FOR PARK MEETING**

#22-054 At 12.05 p.m., Gary Leininger moved, Mike Parney seconded, to recess the road meeting for the scheduled park meeting.

**Regular Session Reconvened at 1:13 p.m.**

At 1:13 p.m., the chair reconvened the regular session.

**STUMP GRINDER TO REPAIR OR REPLACE**

Discussion followed on repairing or replacing the stump grinder.

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**22-055** Gary Leininger moved, Mike Parney seconded, to authorize the chair to bid on a stump grinder with a maximum bid of \$43,000.00. Carried.

**TOWNSHIP AGREEMENTS APPROVED**

The following township agreements were presented for board approval:

<u>Township</u>	<u>Work Type</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	<u>Twp. Share</u>
Moscow	Road stabilization – Once	\$ 10,434.00	\$ 4,173.60
Moscow	Gravel patch – 300 cyd.	\$ 2,055.00	\$ 2,055.00

**#22-056** Gary Leininger moved, Mike Parney supported, that the township agreements be approved and signed, pending approval of full board. Carried.

**BLANKET DUST CONTROL PERMIT APPROVED**

**#22-057** Mike Parney moved, Gary Leininger supported, to authorize the chairman to sign the following blanket dust control permit:

2022-029 Salt Solutions, LLC

Carried.

**CANCEL MAY 18, 2022 ROAD MEETING**

**#22-058** Mike Parney moved, Gary Leininger supported, to cancel the May 18<sup>th</sup> road meeting. Carried.

**Limited Public Comment**

Mark Nichols encouraged to see the progress at the road commission. He also addressed gravel road and cold patching.

Chris Meyers discussed bringing the townships in for a meeting. Gravel roads and GPS were also addressed.

Nick Bentley addressed Cellars Road.

Lisa Wallace addressed Lake Diane Cellars Road base and the Yost Road water issue.

Karla Adams addressed road commission policies.

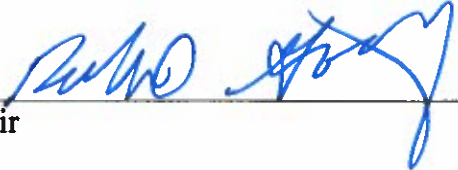
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**Meeting Adjourned – 1:46 p.m.**

As there was no further business, the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

  
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Chair

  
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Clerk