

GENESEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

August 03, 2021

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dickerson called the meeting of the Genesee County Board of Road Commissioners to order at 10:05 a.m. The meeting was held in the Board Room of the Genesee County Road Commission, 211 W. Oakley, Flint, Michigan 48503-3995.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cloyce Dickerson, Chairperson
John Mandelaris, Vice Chairperson
David Arceo, Commissioner
Cathy Lane, Commissioner
Timothy Elkins, Commissioner

Absent: None

Others Present: Fred Peivandi, Randy Dellaposta, Anthony Branch, Eric Johnston, Donna Poplar, Bonnie Wood, Stephanie Jaeger, Tracy Khan (Genesee County Road Commission Staff), Courtney Clausen, Becky Nemecheck, Cedell Timms, Gerri Hall, Chase Bell, Charles Lee, Wisdom Wagner, E. Wagner Jr., Linda Kossak, Secretary of the Board of Road Commissioners.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Dickerson.

Staff stated the agenda was revised with the removal of the Public Hearing and addition of Discussion Item A-10.

Chairperson Dickerson raised concern that Discussion Item A-10 - Promotion of Randy Dellaposta to Deputy Managing Director was added to the agenda without speaking to the Board first about the promotion. Managing Director Peivandi stated that the Board would need to vote on this discussion item during the Board meeting. Chairperson Dickerson said this position would take more responsibility away from the Managing Director. Mr. Dickerson added that we already created a job for Randy Dellaposta, Director of Operations to assist the Managing Director in his responsibilities. Mr. Dickerson added, that the prior Chairperson felt Mr. Peivandi needed help with his job, so now you want us to pay this person an additional \$12,000 and give him more of the Managing Director's responsibilities. Chairperson Dickerson says he feels that he should have been contacted; he is not being shown any respect by him or some of the other board members and

he requests this item be postponed. Commissioner Elkins stated that the board would need to vote on removing this item from the agenda.

Chairperson Dickerson apologized to the visitors and staff members that are attending the meeting this morning; he said he has concerns on why this position must be filled so quickly and asked if this position has been posted.

With permission from Managing Director Peivandi to speak, Human Resources Director Donna Poplar said that this position has not been posted and Human Resources has not approved the job description. Further, a meeting was held between her, Mr. Dellaposta and Mr. Peivandi and she did not agree with the equivalency calls in the job description. An equivalency call is experience in lieu of education. Ms. Poplar stated that the Managing Director did not agree to include an equivalency call so she did not want to sign the job description. Chairperson Dickerson asked if we are required to post this position. Ms. Poplar said because this is a new position, the Board (because they control the budget) are obligated to approve the new position first, and secondly the position should be posted so other candidates can apply that are qualified. After this Ms. Poplar said, the Managing Director is free to promote whomever he wants to promote.

Chairperson Dickerson asked the other board members if they felt that this is okay to not have this position posted and giving the Managing Director the sole responsibility of hiring this individual. If that is okay, then we can go ahead with this but he is not okay with it.

Vice Chairperson Mandelaris commented that first, he is uncomfortable discussing this issue when the employee is present and secondly we have placed the cart before the horse. This board needs to determine if this position is necessary and whether or not we want to change the table of organization, then we look to the staff and outside employment (if we want to) for qualified applicants. This is the way the county dealt with new positions when he worked for the County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Elkins commented that this (Deputy Managing Director) job description is Randy's current job description with a few additions added. Chairperson Dickerson stated that it also comes with a \$12,000 increase in salary.

Commissioner Lane commented that there is a motion and a support to approve the agenda and we must finalize that before we proceed any further.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

August 03, 2021 – Agenda

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Elkins, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve the August 03, 2021 agenda as amended with the addition of Discussion Item A-10 and removal of the Public Hearing.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Mandelaris, Arceo, Elkins, Lane, Dickerson

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 07, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve the July 07, 2021 board meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Arceo, Lane, Elkins, Dickerson, Mandelaris

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Lane commented that when the Board meetings were held during ZOOM calls, that there was a need for roll calls to be taken after every motion. Commissioner Lane suggested that the board members might want to consider changing that in the future to those motions that only include contracts or policy changes.

MEETINGS, PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, AND INFORMATION

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

9:00 a.m. – Commissioner’s Budget Workshop

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

9:00 a.m. – Roads & Bridges Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. – Board Meeting

PUBLIC ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ms. Gerri Hall, Congressional Black Caucus, addressed the Board stating that she has been to several of these Board meetings and she does not understand why we cannot just talk to each other in a calm matter and listen to everyone else’s opinion and then the Road Commissioner’s vote on what you really know is the right thing to do. We do not need one or two people trying to control everything. She said she is very hopeful that this board does what is best for the citizens that you represent.

CORRESPONDENCE

INCOMING

Ditching on Ridge Road, Goodrich (Atlas Township) – In an email dated July 25, 2021, Mr. David Jones, 9265 Ridge Road, Atlas Township, thanked staff for the ditching project that was performed south of his property at 9265 Ridge Road in Atlas Township. (Copy of memorandum filed with official minutes.)

OUTGOING

None.

INTERNAL

None.

INFORMATION

None.

Request to Approve Correspondence:

ACTION TAKEN - Motion by Mr. Mandelaris, seconded by Ms. Lane, to receive and file the presented correspondence.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Arceo, Lane, Elkins, Dickerson, Mandelaris,

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS' DECISIONS

DISCUSSION

Abandonment of a portion of Triple-Oak Drive located off Fenton Road as shown in the recorded Supervisor's plat of Triple-Oak Homesites, Liber 17, Page 36, Section 12, Fenton Township – In a memorandum dated July 27, 2021, staff requested the Board approve the resolution for the abandonment of a portion of Triple-Oak Drive in Fenton Township. (Copy of memorandum, township letter, photographs and resolution filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Elkins, to approve the resolution abandoning a portion of Triple-Oak Drive located off Fenton Road as shown in the Supervisor's Plat of Triple-Oak Homesites, Liber 17, Page 36, Section 12, Fenton Township.

Commissioner Lane commented that she drove over to Triple-Oak Drive and said that it is a unique vacating of a road in an old supervisor's plat. She encouraged the homeowners that the only way to be good neighbors is to get a staked survey but it costs a great deal of money to do that. In this area, Commissioner Lane stated the property to the right hand side has a very limited access to get out to the road, and then they are backing into a neighbor's property that has young children. It is a difficult situation between two neighbors.

Vice Chairperson noted that the Township did have a letter in the packet saying they did not object to the abandonment.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Lane, Elkins, Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Local Road Agreement with Davison Township for the reconstruction and widening of Irish Road south of Lippincott Blvd northerly to Structure 2752 - In a memorandum dated July 26, 2021, staff requested the Board approve the Local Road Agreement with Davison Township for the reconstruction and widening of Irish Road south of Lippincott Blvd. northerly to Structure 2752. (Copy of memorandum and agreement filed with official minutes.)

MDOT TED-C	\$598,000.00
Davison Township (Lippincott Approach)	\$ 50,000.00
Davison Township (Sidewalk Constr. +PE/CE)	\$ 75,000.00
GCRC	<u>\$199,000.00</u>
Total Project Cost	\$922,000.00

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Elkins, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve the Local Road Agreement with Davison Township for the reconstruction and widening of Irish Road from south of Lippincott Blvd. northerly to Structure 2752, and the corresponding sidewalk improvements.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Elkins, Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo, Lane
No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Selection of Consultant for Design Services, Irish Road (Lippincott Blvd) to Kearsley Creek Bridge) Road Lane Widening, Davison Township – In a memorandum dated July 26, 2021, staff requested the Board approve assignment of Rowe Professional Services to prepare construction plans for the proposed Irish Road (Lippincott Blvd to Kearsley Creek Bridge) road lane widening project. (Copy of filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Elkins, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve assignment of Rowe Professional Services, a consultant in Group ‘A’ category to prepare construction plans for the proposed Irish Road (Lippincott Blvd. to Kearsley Creek Bridge) road lane widening project and further, to direct the Chairperson to sign the consultant agreement when returned.

Ms. Lane asked for clarification that the assignment of consultants be done on a rotating basis. Mr. Johnston stated that yes we do a rotation, but the project that was postponed is the Grand Blanc Road project from Fenton Road to Dort Highway which Rowe was currently designing, so since we postponed that project and put their design on hold, we ended up transferring this project over to them to fill that gap.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo, Lane, Elkins
No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Local Roadway Agreement for the Approach Slab Replacement for the Gale Road Culvert at the Black Creek, Davison Township – In a memorandum dated July 26, 2021, staff requested the Board approve the Local Road Agreement with Davison Township for the approach slab replacement of the Gale Road Culvert at the Black Creek. (Copy of memorandum filed with official minutes.)

Genesee County Road Commission	\$10,000.00
Davison Township	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
Total Project Cost	\$40,000.00

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Elkins, seconded by Mr. Mandelaris, to approve and sign the Local Road Agreement for the approach slab replacement of the Gale Road Culvert at the Black Creek, Davison Township. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Mandelaris, Arceo, Lane, Elkins, Dickerson
 No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Issuance of a Purchase Order to GM & Sons., Inc. for providing hard surfacing of the Hill/Elms Road Roundabout Island, Mundy and Gaines Townships – In a memorandum dated July 26, 2021, staff requested the Board approve the issuance of a Purchase Order to GM & Sons, Inc. for providing the hard-surfacing of the Hill/Elms Road roundabout center island hard surfacing, Mundy Charter Township and Gaines Township. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

GM & Sons, Inc.	\$18,850.00
Ed White Construction	\$24,738.00
Zito Construction	Did not bid

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Elkins, to approve the issuance of a Purchase Order to GM & Sons, Inc., for providing hard surfacing of the Hill/Elms Road roundabout center island in Mundy and Gaines Townships.

Commissioner Arceo asked if there are there any other roundabouts with this same issue. Mr. Johnston stated that no, this was the first roundabout constructed in the county and we have learned that fieldstone is not appropriate in this instance for center islands. Commissioner Lane asked if the Road Commission has ever considered putting vegetation (perennials) in this area. Mr. Johnston said the reason we use concrete is due to safety reasons as well as lower maintenance costs and as a Road Commission we don't have extra funding in the budget. Managing Director Peivandi stated that GCRC did ask the Township before they built the Hill Road/Belsay Road Roundabout but there was no support at the Township level for plantings. Commissioner Arceo stated that if you go down to I-75 onto M-57 in Clio, a group of business people formed a committee supporting the cost of projects like this and it does pay off in the long run.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Arceo, Mandelaris, Dickerson, Lane, Elkins
 No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Elms Road Bridge over the Pine Run Reconstruction, Vienna and Montrose Townships – In a memorandum dated July 26, 2021, staff requested the Board accept the low bid submitted for the bridge reconstruction of the Elms Road over the Pine Run in Montrose and Vienna Townships. (Copy of memorandum and bid sheet filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to accept the low bid of \$917,968.88, authorize the award and sign the construction contract after staff has received and accepted the contract, bonds and insurance submitted by J.E. Kloote Contracting, Inc. for the bridge reconstruction of the Elms Road over the Pine Run, Montrose and Vienna Townships.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Mandelaris, Arceo, Lane, Elkins, Dickerson
No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Genesee County Street and Road Map – In a memorandum dated July 28, 2021, staff requested the Board review and select a preferred style for the back of the new Genesee County street and road map. (Copy of memorandum and map styles filed with official minutes.)

Traffic Engineering Manager, Ms. Bonnie Wood, provided a brief presentation for the Board providing different styles of the reverse side of the back of the map to consider. The front side will remain basically the same with the exception being name changes, road updates and mileage. Ms. Wood stated we will be ordering smaller quantities than we have in the past.

Finance Director Khan asked if we sell these maps. Ms. Wood stated in the past we have sold the maps but with the age of the map (2009) we stopped that practice a few years ago.

Commissioner Lane and Vice Chairperson Mandelaris both agreed that even with all of the new technology they prefer a hard copy of the maps over an electronic version. Commissioner Lane added if there were a way to contact the local Chamber of Commerce's' in the county so they can order the maps for residents in their communities it would be very helpful.

ACTION TAKEN – None. Per the Board's preference, staff will keep the map back as presented on the 2009 map, include the City of Flint and street index, new artwork, and add a QR code that will take users to the website to access an online map and index. Staff will provide the cost estimates/quotes to the Board once they are received.

Ratification of Vouchers totaling \$2,255,969.03 – (Copies filed with official minutes.)

Voucher #V-40706

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Mandelaris, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to ratify Voucher #40706 in the amount of \$687,760.97.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Elkins, Lane, Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Voucher #V-40707

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Mandelaris, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to ratify Voucher #40707 in the amount of \$719,781.21.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Elkins, Lane, Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Voucher #V-40708

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Mandelaris, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to ratify Voucher #40708 in the amount of \$169,463.77.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Elkins, Lane, Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Voucher #V-40709

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Mandelaris, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to ratify Voucher #40709 in the amount of \$168,356.38.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Elkins, Lane, Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Voucher #V-40710

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Mandelaris, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to ratify Voucher #40710 in the amount of \$510,606.70.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Elkins, Lane, Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo
No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Issuance of a Purchase Order for a HD 4-Post Equilizer and Installation – In a memorandum dated July 28, 2021, staff requested the Board approve the issuance of a Purchase Order to Snap-On Industrial for an HD Equilizer and installation. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

60K Heavy Duty 4-Post Equilizer	\$78,894.93
Equipment Installation	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>
Total for Equilizer and Installation	\$87,894.93

Correction: Mr. Dellaposta stated that there is a correction to be made to the memorandum, funds will be available in the fiscal year 2021/2022 budget.

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Mandelaris, to approve the issuance of a Purchase Order to Snap-op Industrial for a Heavy Duty 4-Post Equilizer and installation in an amount of \$87,894.93.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Lane, Dickerson, Mandelaris, Arceo, Elkins
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Promotion of Mr. Randy Dellaposta to Deputy Managing Director – In a memorandum dated August 02, 2021, staff requested the Board approve the promotion of Randy Dellaposta as the Deputy Managing Director. (Copy of memorandum and job description filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Elkins, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve the promotion of Randy Dellaposta to serve as Deputy Managing Director, effective immediately with a starting salary of \$123,000, a salary increase of \$12,727.

Vice Chairperson Mandelaris stated that this is the first time the Board has seen this and he does not like to discuss matters like this when the employee, that is the subject of the discussion is present. Mr. Mandelaris indicated that the Board first needs to consider whether the position should be created, secondly they need to review the job description for the position and third, the position should be posted and the best person with the qualifications should be given the position.

Commissioner Lane asked if the Managing Director could explain how this process came about and the reasons for doing it so we can discuss it in a professional manner.

Managing Director Peivandi stated that Randy Dellaposta serves as Director of Operations. Mr. Dellaposta has been performing many duties of the Managing Director under Mr. Peivandi's direction. Since he has been assisting him in overseeing the operations of this organization in all matters for the past months/year, Mr. Peivandi feels he deserves to be promoted to Deputy Managing Director to help with some of the additional operations under his direction. The changes [being implemented] to the job description include supervising all of the department directors, assisting in resolving conflicts with employees as well as departments and acting as Managing Director in his absence.

Commissioner Lane asked Managing Director Peivandi if this has been discussed with the other directors. Mr. Peivandi answered that yes, he discussed this with Donna Poplar and Randy Dellaposta. Mr. Dellaposta stated he had talked to Anthony Branch and Eric Johnston and they were receptive with Randy being the Deputy Managing Director.

Commissioner Lane said that Mr. Dellaposta assisted in the tours that were given to her and Commissioner Elkins at the district garages as well as the Flint facility and she found that Mr. Dellaposta was very informational in helping explain things to the Board members and employees regarding their needs and their wants. She stated that she had asked that some improvements be made to the various facilities and they were readily accepted by Mr. Dellaposta. As a reminder, Commissioner Lane commented that the GCRC Board adopted a Code of Conduct and she would appreciate that the tone be kept professional and not demeaning.

Mr. Mandelaris asked Randy Dellaposta who will be taking your position as the Director of Operations. Randy stated that he would be continuing to hold those job responsibilities. Mr. Mandelaris stated that there is a Veteran's Preference Act in the state of Michigan and asked if Randy was a Veteran. Mr. Dellaposta replied that yes he is a veteran. Mr. Mandelaris explained that the State of Michigan has a statute and veterans are to be given a preference in consideration for employment. Commissioner Elkins asked which counties currently have Deputy Managing Directors. Mr. Peivandi answered that Washtenaw, Kent and Oakland Counties all have Deputy Managing Directors.

Ms. Poplar, with the consent of Managing Director Peivandi, stated that as an organization, we need to take into consideration what we are faced with in terms of legalities. Ms. Poplar said it is incumbent that this Board remains consistent on how we move forward in any [job] position. Any time we create a new position, this body must approve this and decide if it needs to be posted. We must be consistent. Have all directors been notified of this position? They have but not in a group setting, they were told individually. Ms. Poplar has no issues with Randy Dellaposta being considered for this position, but she does with the title. The duties that Randy Dellaposta currently holds, he is recognized as the number two position in this organization. Now that you want to create a new position, you need to consider posting the position so we can be fair across the board. As your Human Resource Director, she is not saying this as a turf war or to be combative but we must be fair.

Commissioner Lane asked Ms. Poplar, if you are saying that Mr. Dellaposta's position was to be second in command, can we assign him these duties today, wouldn't that handle some of what you are talking about?

Ms. Poplar commented that in 2018, Randy's current position was posted as Operations Manager. It was asked at that time if the job could be given the title of Deputy Managing Director but the Board did not agree to that. When Randy was considered for the position he currently holds, the Board granted the position to be listed as Director of Operations and the job description was written specifically for Randy.

Ms. Poplar said, besides the title change, the only other changes to the job description will be that the directors will report directly to this position as well as the IT Manager, including a salary increase. To be on the safe side and to protect ourselves, in her opinion we must remain consistent.

Commissioner Elkins said Randy's job description already states that he is the second in command. The only question is the change in title. Ms. Poplar said yes, when you change the title you create another position and you need to post the position. The only changes will be the addition of who reports to him.

Chairperson Dickerson added that he sits here and he wants this to be fair with all employees, he has nothing against Mr. Dellaposta. Mr. Dellaposta has done a great job. When you change the process, and do not include him in the conversations leading up to this, it upsets him as the Chairperson. He said he deserves a phone call from the Managing Director asking him about this position he is implementing. Mr. Peivandi is not the Board's boss, he works for the Commissioners. Mr. Dickerson understands that Fred has three votes, and a lot of things that Fred does has racism tied to it. Mr. Peivandi replied that he does not appreciate being called a racist. Mr. Peivandi stated that he just wants the best person for the job.

Commissioner Lane told Chairperson Dickerson that she and him have not had a confrontation while serving on this board and anytime she has been honored to serve the public, she does not count votes, she votes her conscious and what she believes is in the family that she serves which are the residents of Genesee County. Mr. Dickerson reminded Commissioner Lane that in the early part of the year they had a meeting where some Board members were going to vote to appoint a board member to be a spokesperson for this Board. Mr. Dickerson stated that we already have a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson in place, who should be used as spokespersons for the Board. Mr. Dickerson thanked Commissioner Lane for her comments.

Chairperson Dickerson commented that we have spent a lot of time on this discussion item and we need to vote at this time. Commissioner Elkins clarified that if we keep the same title, (Director of Operations) we are not changing the position only the job description.

Commissioner Elkins asked to amend the original motion that is currently on the table to continue Randy Dellaposta's current job title as Director of Operations, additional responsibilities and no increase in salary.

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Elkins, seconded by Mr. Arceo, that Randy Dellaposta continues to hold the position of Director of Operations with added responsibilities to his job description.

Chairperson Dickerson asked if we would be increasing Randy Dellaposta’s salary with this motion and added he would just like to be fair to all employees at the Road Commission. Commissioner Lane stated that no, he will continue to hold the same job title that he currently has at the same pay he is currently at, but with additional responsibilities added to his job description.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Mandelaris, Arceo, Lane, Elkins, Dickerson

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Elkins stated that at this time, maybe we should hire a third party to review the job titles and pay scale comparisons at the Road Commission to see if we are in line with other Road Commissions in the state of Michigan. Chairperson Dickerson asked why we would do that when we already had a study done 2 years ago. Ms. Poplar with the permission of the Managing Director to speak stated that we have already had a study done by Sage Solutions Group but the Managing Director did not want to implement their findings.

Chairperson Dickerson stated that he would like Commissioner Lane and Commissioner Elkins to receive a copy of the Sage Solutions Group report. Commissioner Elkins said that he has already received a copy of the report a few days ago.

Commissioner Elkins asked Chairperson Dickerson if he would be available to meet for breakfast or lunch to discuss this report and Mr. Dickerson said he would not be available.

CONSENT

Work Request for Chip Seal and Fog Seal on Lucas Road from Belsay to Vassar Roads, Genesee Township – In a memorandum dated July 15, 2021, staff requested the Board ratify the action taken by the Managing Director approving the work request for chip seal and fog seal on Lucas Road from Belsay Road to Vassar Road in Genesee Township, with the funding as follows:

Genesee Township	\$14,649.80
GCRC	<u>\$14,649.80</u>
Total	\$29,299.60

(Copy filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Elkins, to ratify the action taken by the Managing Director for the work request for chip seal and fog seal on Lucas Road from Belsay Road to Vassar Road in Genesee Township.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Mandelaris, Arceo, Lane, Elkins, Dickerson
No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Work Request for Chip Seal and Fog Seal on Coldwater Road from Bray Road to Dort Highway, Genesee Township – In a memorandum dated July 15, 2021, staff requested the Board ratify the action taken by the Managing Director approving the work request for chip seal and fog seal on Coldwater Road from Bray Road to Dort Highway in Genesee Township, with the funding as follows:

Genesee Township	\$14,428.29
GCRC	<u>\$14,428.30</u>
Total	\$28,856.59

(Copy filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Elkins, to ratify the action taken by the Managing Director for the work request for chip seal and fog seal on Coldwater Road from Bray Road to Dort Highway in Genesee Township.

MOTION CARRIED.

Work Request for Chip Seal and Fog Seal on Lucas Road from Belsay to Vassar Roads, Genesee Township – In a memorandum dated July 15, 2021, staff requested the Board ratify the action taken by the Managing Director approving the work request for chip seal and fog seal on Roberts Drive and Hopkins Road from Genesee Road to Belsay Road in Genesee Township, with the funding as follows:

Genesee Township	\$19,371.80
GCRC	<u>\$19,371.81</u>
Total	\$38,743.61

(Copy filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Elkins, to ratify the action taken by the Managing Director approving the work request for chip seal and fog seal on Roberts Drive and Hopkins Road from Genesee Road to Belsay Road in Genesee Township.

MOTION CARRIED

Work Request for Crack Seal on Golfview Circle and Water Green Court, subdivision east of Torrey Road, Fenton Township – In a memorandum dated July 26, 2021, staff requested the Board approve the work request for Crack Seal on Golfview Circle and Water Green Court, subdivision east of Torrey Road, Fenton Township, with the funding as follows:

Fenton Township	\$4,102.50
GCRC	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total project cost	\$4,102.50

(Copy filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Mandelaris, to approve the work request for crack seal on Golfview Circle and Water Green Court, subdivision east of Torrey Road, Fenton Township.

VOTE ON MOTION

Yes: Mandelaris, Arceo, Lane, Elkins, Dickerson

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

2021 Commissioners Seminar - Managing Director Peivandi reminded the Board that the 2021 Commissioners Seminar would be held on October 03 through October 05, 2021 in Traverse City. Please let him know if you will be attending this seminar. Staff will change the Board meeting to Wednesday, October 06, 2021 so board members may attend this conference. In addition, the Northern Michigan Association Conference will be held on September 15 - 17, 2021.

Birthday Card – Managing Director Peivandi wanted to thank Vice Chairperson Mandelaris for the birthday card that he sent to him.

COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

Retiree Recognition – Commissioner Lane stated that she provided three cards for three employees that are retiring and would like the board members to sign the cards recognizing their service to the Road Commission. There are also gift cards included in these cards. Commissioner Lane wanted to thank the Board for agreeing to show their appreciation to the employees that are retiring.

Vice Chairperson Mandelaris and Managing Director Peivandi mentioned that Mr. Paul Parker, GCRC retiree (2001) passed away last week. He worked in the Traffic Engineering Department as a Traffic and Permits Specialist. He worked here for over 40 years.

Dort Highway Extension – Commissioner Lane said she had driven past part of the Dort Highway Extension project and asked staff if we could add solar additions to the signage as the signs were so tiny when they were driving through the area making it difficult to see clearly. Managing Director Peivandi said the signage belongs to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Mr. Johnston added they do not usually use solar additions in other parts of the state so they probably would not use them on this project. Mr. Johnston stated he would ask MDOT on behalf of the residents. Commissioner Lane also noted that on the Dort Highway Extension between Cook Road and Pollock Road there is still work that needs to be finalized. Mr. Johnston stated that there are drain issues that the contractor is working on.

Commissioner Lane commented that the City of Burton did an admirable job on Saginaw Street from Maple Road to Bristol Road.

Commissioner Elkins and Commissioner Lane asked to meet with Donna Poplar regarding the Sage Solutions Group after the meeting.

Vice Chairperson Mandelaris asked if there are any updates on Davison Township projects. Commissioner Elkins commented that the Irish Road project in Davison Township would be a great improvement to the community and improve the flow of traffic.

Board Packets - Vice Chairperson Mandelaris requested that his Board Packets be sent to his home moving forward.

Chairperson Dickerson said he gets a little irritated when people go behind your back and do not ask him for his input. That is depressing to him. He says the Managing Director said he tried to contact him through Mr. Mandelaris but he did not hear from him. He did not want to get in an open session to discuss the outsourcing. He called Fred Peivandi and said he wanted to meet with him, Donna Poplar and Anthony Branch because he thought the outsourcing was racially motivated. A couple of days later he got an email from Fred Peivandi saying it was the consensus of the Board to not meet with him. He asked Mr. Mandelaris and he said he never said anything about that to Fred so he is assuming it was the other three board members. Commissioner Lane said she never knew about this meeting.

Chairperson Dickerson said when it comes to racism, it means something different to him then it would mean to Commissioner Lane. Chairperson Dickerson explained that 3 ½ years ago, he was sitting in Donna's Poplar's office, along with Anthony Branch, and Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Johnson said that one of the Commissioner's is a racist person. He stated that he always remembers that conversation when we are sitting here and voting on road commission issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Dickerson, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

JOHN J. GLEASON
Clerk/Register

Linda B. Kossak, Secretary of the
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