

GENESEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

February 07, 2023

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Elkins called the meeting of the Genesee County Board of Road Commissioners to order at 10:00 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:

Timothy Elkins, Chairperson
Cathy Lane, Vice Chairperson
John Mandelaris, Commissioner
David Arceo, Commissioner

Absent:

Cloyce Dickerson, Commissioner (excused)

Others Present: Fred Peivandi, Randy Dellaposta, Alex Patsy, Anthony Branch, Tracy Khan, Kendra Love-Brezzell, Kylie Dontje (Genesee County Road Commission Staff), Attorney Andrew Cascini, (Henn Lesperance PLC), Linda Kossak, Secretary of the Board of Road Commissioners

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Elkins.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

February 07, 2023 – Agenda

Chairperson Elkins stated that the agenda has been amended with the addition of a second closed session to discuss a privileged written legal opinion related to employment contracts pursuant to MCL 15.268 (1) (h).

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve the amended agenda with the addition of a second closed session.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Lane, Mandelaris, Arceo, Elkins

No: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 17, 2023 - Board Meeting Minutes

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Mandelaris, to approve the January 17, 2023 board meeting minutes.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Mandelaris, Arceo, Elkins, Lane

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

MEETINGS, PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, AND INFORMATION

Tuesday, February 07, 2023 - (Closed sessions held after Commissioner's Concerns)

1. Closed Session for negotiation and strategy with legal counsel connected with the Collective Bargaining Agreement regarding the Technical, Professional, and Officeworkers Association of Michigan (TPOAM) union pursuant to MCL 15-268(c); 15-267(1).
2. Closed Session to discuss a privileged written legal opinion pursuant to MCL 15.268(1) (h) related to employment contracts.

Monday, February 20, 2023

GCRC closed (non-essential operations) in observance of President's Day

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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

10:00 a.m. – Board Meeting

PUBLIC ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

INCOMING

None.

OUTGOING

None.

INTERNAL

None

INFORMATION

None.

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS' DECISIONS

DISCUSSION

Approval of Third Party Engineering Services Agreement for Morrish Road and Lennon Road Roundabout Project, Clayton Township – In a memorandum dated January 30, 2023, staff requested the Board of County Road Commissioners approve entering into a third party agreement with OHM Advisors to prepare construction plans for the proposed Morrish Road and Lennon Road Roundabout project in Clayton Township. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

Commissioner Lane commented that she would like to see plantings added to the center of roundabouts for aesthetic reasons. Managing Director Peivandi stated that we are open to this but we would have to have an agreement with the township regarding landscaping as well as maintaining the area but he said he is willing to discuss this with the townships.

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve entering into a third party agreement nullifying the standard consultant agreement, with OHM Advisors to prepare construction plans for the proposed Morrish Road and Lennon Road Roundabout project in Clayton Township and further, authorize the Chairperson to electronically sign the agreement on behalf of the Board of County Road Commissioners. In consideration of the services rendered, the cost shall not exceed \$83,449.63, which includes actual costs plus a fixed fee amount.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution of Support for the Genesee County Road Commission's role as lead agency in the proposed Embury Road and Cook Road Shared Use Path – In a memorandum dated February 02, 2023, staff requested the board approve the Resolution of Support for the Genesee County Road Commission's role as lead agency for the proposed Embury Road and Cook Road Shared Use Path project, Grand Blanc Charter Township. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

Commissioner Lane commented that along Embury Road there is only one or two streetlights. She had gone to Consumers Energy when she was on the Grand Blanc Township board and asked them about adding additional streetlights. Consumers Energy proposed adding 17 streetlights at \$100 each. She is requesting that staff ask the consultants to put in adequate lighting for safety reasons. Fred Peivandi reminded the Board that street lighting has to be suggested by the township but when they meet with the township, they will bring it up.

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Mandelaris, to approve the Resolution of Support for the Genesee County Road Commission's role as lead agency with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the proposed Embury Road and Cook Road Shared Use Path project in Grand Blanc Charter Township.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Selection of Consultant for Design Services – Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Local Funded Road Design Special Assessment Projects, Genesee County – In a memorandum dated January 31, 2023, staff requested the Board approve assignment of the listed consultants in Group ‘C’ category to prepare construction plans for the proposed FY 2022/2023 Local Funded Road Design Special Assessment Projects. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

Commissioner Lane commented that she lives in Concord Green and that her subdivision is in total support of these projects.

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Mandelaris, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve assignment of the listed consultants in Group ‘C’ category to prepare construction plans for the proposed FY 2022/2023 Local Funded Road Design Special Assessment Projects and further, authorize the Chairperson to sign the consultant agreement on behalf of the Board of County Road Commissioners when returned.

VOTE ON MOTION

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution of Support, Federal Highway Administration for the 2023 RAISE Grant Program, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Part of the IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) – In a memorandum dated January 30, 2023, staff requested the Board approve the resolutions for road work on both Maple and Linden Roads. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

Bridge & Location	Scope	Est. Project Total Est.	Local Share
Maple Road from Elms Road to Linden Road, Flint/Mundy Twps.	Reconstruction, Widen to 3 Lanes, Upgrade to Primary Rd	\$10,500,000	\$2,100,000
Linden Road: Beecher Road To Pierson Road, Flint/Mt. Morris Twps.	Reconstruction/Rehabilitation Watermain Replacement	<u>\$11,500,000</u>	<u>\$2,300,000</u>
	Total:	\$22,000,000	\$4,400,000

Commissioner Lane asked if a portion of the Linden Road watermain replacement project cost would be shared with the Drain Commissioner. Fred Peivandi stated no, the goal is to get the watermain out of the pavement, right now it is in the middle of the outside lane.

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Arceo, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve the resolutions for road work on Maple Road from Elms Road to Linden Road, in Flint and Mundy Township and on Linden Road from Beecher Road to Pierson Road, in Flint and Mt. Morris Township and further, authorize the Secretary of the Board to sign the resolutions on behalf of the Board of County Road Commissioners. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Addendum to Purchase Order #85508 for Tree Removal – Miscellaneous 2023 Construction Project Locations – In a memorandum dated January 30, 2023, staff requested the Board approve the amendment of Purchase Order #85508 to Ronald’s Tree Service reflecting an increase of \$35,000, raising the total amount to \$285,000. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Arceo, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve the amendment of Purchase Order #85508 to Ronald’s Tree Service, reflecting an increase of \$35,000 raising the total amount to \$285,000.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Issuance of a Purchase Order to Oscar W. Larson for Oil Tank Installation – In a memorandum dated January 20, 2023, staff requested the Board approve the issuance of a Purchase Order to Oscar W. Larson for Oil Tank Installation. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Arceo, seconded by Ms. Lane, to approve the issuance of a Purchase Order to Oscar W. Larson in an amount of \$26,123.00 for oil tank installation in the light duty truck bay in the Fleet Maintenance Department.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Tub Grinding and Wood Removal Contract – In a memorandum dated January 30, 2023, staff requested the board approve the agreement with Bedrock Express Ltd., for Tub Grinding and Wood Removal at the five district garages. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Mandelaris, to approve the agreement for tub grinding and wood removal at each district garage (Atlas, Linden, Montrose, Otisville and

Swartz Creek) with Bedrock Express Ltd. of Ortonville, MI and further, directs the Chairperson to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Board of County Road Commissioners. Bedrock Express will tub grind and haul out wood waste at no charge to the Genesee County Road Commission. Bedrock Express has submitted a certificate of liability insurance and will furnish all labor, machines and trucking to complete the job. The contract length for the no charge service will run for 36 months and can be cancelled by either party with a 60-day written notice.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Ratification of Vouchers #40891, 40892, #40893, #40894 and #40895 totaling \$1,381,903.85 – (Copies filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to ratify the following Vouchers totaling \$1,794,186.51:

Voucher #40891 in the amount of \$225,431.79
Voucher #40892 in the amount of \$503,929.67
Voucher #40893 in the amount of \$97,614.46
Voucher #40894 in the amount of \$346,880.87
Voucher #40895 in the amount of \$208,047.06

Commissioner Lane commented that Voucher #40894 had an acquisition of right of way. She asked where was that acquisition was located. Staff answered that was for Charles Davis on the McKinley Road culvert project.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT

Board Authorization to place Engineering Department Equipment Items #00261, #00024 and #01809 in the Government Internet Auction – In a memorandum dated January 23, 2023, staff requested the Board authorize the placement of three equipment items deemed inoperable in the

Government Internet Auction. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

#00261	IBM Wheelwriter 10 Series II Typewriter
#00025	IBM Wheelwriter 6 Typewriter
#01809	Nakajima AE-830 Typewriter

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Mandelaris, to approve the placement of three items (typewriters) deemed inoperable in the Government Internet Auction.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Work Request for Aggregate Resurfacing on Oak Road from Mt. Morris Road to Stanley Road, Richfield Township – In a memorandum dated January 27, 2023, staff requested the Board approve the work request for aggregate resurfacing of Oak Road from Mt. Morris Road to Stanley Road in Richfield Township, with the funding as follows:

Richfield Township	\$ 55,492.91
GCRC	<u>\$ 55,492.91</u>
Total project cost	\$110,985.82

Commissioner Lane asked when this work will be done and if GCRC employees would be performing this work. Staff stated that yes; employees will be performing this work the summer of 2023.

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve the work request for aggregate resurfacing on Oak Road from Mt. Morris Road to Stanley Road in Richfield Township.

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

CRA Commissioner’s Workshop – February 21, 2023 - Mr. Fred Peivandi mentioned the upcoming February 21, 2023 County Road Association’s New Commissioners Workshop. If any members are interested, please let staff know so they can get you signed up. Commissioner Lane commented that she would like to attend but we have the highway conference in March so she will attend that instead. Chairperson Elkins commented that he scheduled a training workshop at GCRC on February 21 for new commissioners but we may need to reschedule that for the following month.

Receptionist/Office Clerk resignation - Mr. Peivandi mentioned that our Receptionist/Office Clerk Alyssa Springsteen will be leaving, her last day is Friday. Staff is having a potluck lunch for her on Friday if any board member would like to attend.

COMMISSIONER’S CONCERNS

Former Commissioner David Miller Sympathy Card – Mr. Peivandi presented a sympathy card for the Board to sign for former Road Commissioner David Miller who passed away last month. John Mandelaris commented that he and David Arceo knew Commissioner Miller very well.

Genesee County Board of Commissioners Meeting – Commissioner Mandelaris mentioned that he watched the Genesee County Board of Commissioners meeting last week and the county prosecutor mentioned nuclear options for handling the road commission at the meeting. The former Board of County Commissioners had gone over this once before and one thing he wanted to remind members is that if the county took over the GCRC they could not just take the road commission funds. The Road Commission should stay out of politics and remain independent. He also found a paper in his files listing 14 reasons why the Road Commission should remain independent, which he will share with this board.

Commissioner Lane wished the board and staff members a happy Valentine’s Day.

Chairperson Elkins asked for a motion to go into closed session.

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Mandelaris, to go into closed session for negotiation and strategy with legal counsel connected with the Collective Bargaining Agreement regarding the Technical, Professional, and Officeworkers Association of Michigan (TPOAM) union pursuant to MCL 15-268(c); 15-267(1).

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

At 10:45 a.m., the Board entered into closed session.

At 11:59 a.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

Chairperson Elkins asked for a motion to enter into the second closed session.

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Ms. Lane, seconded by Mr. Mandelaris, to enter into closed session to discuss a privileged written legal opinion related to employment contracts pursuant to MCL 15.268 (1) (h); 15.243 (1) (g).

VOTE ON MOTION:

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

MOTION CARRIED.

At 12:00 p.m., the Board entered into closed session.

At 12:39 p.m., the Board reconvened into open session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Elkins, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Domonique Clemons
Clerk/Register

Linda B. Kossak, Secretary of the
Board of County Road Commissioners
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