

January 4, 1952

Payroll, bills and vouchers were reviewed, approved and signed.

Gave tentative order to Miller Equipment Co. for 1 Unit Model 1020-A Dragline Truck Shovel with 3/4 yd. Regular bucket, price \$17,675.33. Will be necessary to advertise for bids when time comes purchase deliver about 120 days.

Florence J. Hunk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

(On the 6th and 7th of Jan. 1952, Commissioners Hawley, Hanson and Hasenbank and Supt. Englebrecht went on a trip to Milwaukee as guests of the Miller Equipment Co. to inspect the plant producing the above described shovel. They returned on the 8th and Hasenbank came to the office that morning, however, there was no meeting. He continued on to Ludington where he and Mr. Hanson intended to find out something about social security of the Field Rep. at the P.O. Building, but meeting did not materialize.)

January 11, 1952.

Regular Meeting held on the above date with all commissioners present.

Met Mr. Hilton, agent for cleaning building. He will submit price for same.

Met salesman for company selling power winch which they will furnish at a price of \$392.00 less cable. Motion to purchase same made by Hawley and supported by Hasenbank.

Resolved by the Board to increase salary of Robert Lunde, Engineer, in accordance with State requirements that engineer shall receive at least \$5000. per year as money is allocated by State for this amount beginning January 1st.

Resolved to notify Supt. Englebrecht regarding his part in county road work and urge him to be more aggressive in handling crew. Also that he be urged to take more supervision of work to allow Engineer more time in office.

Moved and supported to increase salary of Secretary by \$10.00 per month beginning January 1st

Florence J. Hunk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

January 15, 1952

~~notes of 1952~~

Regular meeting with all commissioners present.

It was the day for opening of the insurance bids and all representative, Auto Owners and Travelers and Michigan Mutual were present. In the discussion regarding coverage it was thought necessary to have agents figure on M and C. coverage, (Mfrs. and Contractors comprehensive coverage) Therefore decision was postponed until these figures could be submitted.

Florence J. Hunk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

January 18, 1952

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Regular meeting held on the above date with ~~xxx~~ commissioners ~~xxxxxxx~~ Hanson and Hawley present, Hasenbank has gone to California.

Payroll, bills and vouchers were reviewed, approved and signed.

Met with insurance representatives regarding fleet insurance, Auto Owners, represented by Emmett Briggs and G.A. Swanson; Michigan Mutual Ins. Co. - Herman Deake and rep. from Detroit Travelers - Robert Smith of Smith and Eddy. After talking with all of these representatives separately and viewing their bids the bid was given to the Auto Owners at a price of \$ The M and C. coverage which was the main reason for the delay in decision on the 15th was discovered to be included in our workman's compensation coverage and therefore will not be considered at this time. An effort will be made to have all insurances expire simultaneously.

Florence J. Hank

Clerk

Eli J. Hanson

Chairman

January 22, 1952

No regular meeting, Hanson and Hawley came to the office. Engineer Lunde was on official business in Milwaukee.

January 30, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with commissioners Hanson and Hawley present.

Engineer gave the following account of his trip to Milwaukee:-

"The purpose of this trip was to make a visual inspection of the UNIT CRANE plant in Milwaukee and also to attend the Wisconsin State Highway Commissioners Convention.

I arrived in Milwaukee late Tuesday afternoon on Jan. 22nd and got a room at the Pfister Hotel. In the evening I went over to the Schroeder Hotel to the Convention Hdqtrs. and met a number of the Highway Commissioners. On January 23, in the morning, I went out to the UNIT CRANE works and was shown the plant by a Mr. Novotney. Had the opportunity of seeing some of the three quarter yard shovels in the process of assembly and also one that was completed. On the way back to town I stopped at the Seaman Motors Company plant and office. Had the pleasure of meeting and talking with a Mr. Weils, the head field engineer, for a considerable period of time. At two O'clock I attended that Convention meeting for the County Road officials at the Schroeder Hotel. The discussion at this meeting was very much in the same nature as at our own state meeting.

After this meeting I was introduced to Bruce Henderson, his brother Martin and his father, all of them are in the S. and M. Asphalt Sales Company, and are also contractors in blacktop work. They have had considerable experience and work with blacktop paving from sand and soil stabilization to the stone base and plant type of pavement. Also met a Mr. Lou Drians, of the Seaman Motors Co., he is their field engineer and salesman from the southern states.

Was introduced to Jack Colloton of the DIMOND COLLOTON equipment dealers and had considerable discussion with a number of Highway Commissioners from Northern Wisconsin relative to their blacktop work. There are many of these counties who have a full season's program of work with the Seaman Tiller in stabilizing work, including shoulders, gravel road bases, and blacktop mixing.

There might be much to be learned if someone in our administration could spend a week visiting a number of the county road commissions that are located in central and northern Wisconsin. At least a good comparison could be made on their maintenance problems and how they handle them as compared with ours."

Florence J. Hank

Clerk

Eli J. Hanson

Chairman

Order for small bench lath for the shop was okayed by the commissioners at an estimated cost of \$270.00 on the following recommendation from the engineer-manager. "We now send our armatures and generators out to a number of places in Scottville, Ludington, Manistee and Muskegon. The actual cost of doing the works runs about one dollar and up. Our main trouble is the time and delay in taking the work out to the proper place to get it done and returned. Sometimes this requires the better part of a week to get it back. If we had the proper lath this work could be done in about the same time that it now takes to deliver the repair part to the proper shop to have the work done. On the basis of earning capacity, this lath at the above estimated cost will require about two years to pay for its cost."

Regarding the ~~fixing~~ closing of the Buttersville Road for one day for boat races, the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Ludington were to be advised that they would be allowed to do this providing the J.C.'s. would publish a notice two weeks in advance of the day of the race, and again one week before the day of the race, in the Ludington Daily News, to advise the public of this temporary closing of this road. The person who was appear for this decision on behalf of the J.C.'s. did not appear.

Standard Oil representative was in to talk with commissioners re oil needs.

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Flourance J. Hank

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

February 5, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with commissioners Hanson and Hawley present, Hasenbank still in California.

Payroll was signed and vouchers reviewed, approved and signed.

Considerable discussion on a policy of purchasing lubricating oil for our fleet of trucks. General plan is to purchase one brand of oil for the fleet for a period of one year at a time.

A salesman representing the Bardahl additive oil presented his facts and figures. No action taken. Ernie Andersen, of the Texaco Oil Co., talked with the Board about the policy of the major oil companies to sell road commissions lubricating oil on annual quantity basis; premium oils, detergent added.

Duplex truck and White truck representatives met with the board to discuss purchasing program for this year. No action taken.

Flourance J. Hank

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

February 8, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank pres.

A Motion was made by Hasenbank, and supported by Hawley to purchase a set of tines for the 6 ft. Seaman Tiller that we borrowed from West Michigan Engineering Co., Hart, Michigan. This is to be ordered from Contractors Machinery Co. of Grand Rapids and shipped direct to Hart, Michigan. This will compensate for the rental of the machine. Motion carried.

Representatives from Socony Vacuum Oil Company met with the Board. Mr. Jensen and Mr. Mossehammer, ~~we~~ discussed our lubricating oil. The question of rise in price from 63¢ to 70¢ is due to the small quantities ordered at a time. The price of 63¢ was intended for quantity orders.

Oceana County Road Commissioners and Administrative personnel met with our Commission. A joint agreement was taken on the following: A motion was entertained by Louis Hawley that we request the Counties of Lake, Oceana, Manistee, Newaygo, Wexford and Mason to call a

special meeting for the purpose of discussion of problems pertinent to this area. Robert Lunde is delegated to send out an invitation to these counties at once. Seconded by Mr. Fuller of Oceana County.

No other business, motion made and carried to adjourn.

Florence Stenk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

February 15, 1952

Commission and Engineer went to Hamlin Twp. to inspect bridge over which school bus driver refuses to go. Immediate repairs necessary.

In the afternoon commission and superintendent went to inspect work in progress in Sherman Twp and Custer Twp.

Trucker for G.L. Founders and Steel Co. got picked up twice down near Detroit for weight overload when he was loaded according to weight restrictions available when he left Ludington. He wanted to know where to get definite information at the latest possible moment.

Mid-West Oil Co. representative was in but commission ~~were~~ not here. He requested that bid information be forwarded to them the next time requests are sent out on our gasoline requirements.

Florence Stenk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

February 20, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with all commissioners present.

Payroll was signed and vouchers reviewed, approved and signed.

Discussion re meeting on Friday (two days hence) also re spray rig for spraying brush and weeds, also re lubricating oil. No action taken, except to meet again on Friday.

Florence Stenk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

February 22, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank pres.

Motion made by Hasenbank and supported by Hawley that Hanson's Subdivision be approved and plats signed with the following reservation:—"that any improvements in grading of Russel street and Gary street shall be done by others than the road commission."

That we have decided to take on for a period of one year, beginning March 1st, 1952, the use of Socony-Vacuum oils exclusively, except that we want the other oil now on hand to be used in certain trucks as advised by the shop.

George Slaggert was in about the five barrels of oil now on hand which has been used in trucks and which would not allow the trucks to hold their oil pressure. This happened when Shell representative was along with driver. Supt. Englebrecht vigorously affirmed that he knew this condition to exist re oil pressure failure during use of this oil. However, he was instructed to run another test on this oil as Slaggert offered to replace this oil. Slaggert claims that he agreed to take back this oil and told the former shop foreman Tony Raspotnik of this intention, if it did not give satisfactory performance. He reaffirmed this offer on this date in the present of all commissioners, and engineer-manager.

Florence Stenk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

February 26, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with all commissioners, engineer and supt. present.

Grant Twp. officers were in to talk over road problems. Want road fixed on Section 35

1 mile turnpike and gravel, they will participate on a 60 - 40 basis. Also on the north end of Stile road, about 4 miles. Twp. will help as they can on all of this work throughout the township.

Florence J. Klenk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

February 29, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hasenbank, Hawley and Hanson present, together with Engineer and Superintendent.

Ben Peterson of Manistee County called during this meeting and wants to get together with this board before next Wednesday, as they have to have a verdict on wages before their meeting with their employees on Wednesday.

Engr. Lunde asks that a meeting be held on Tuesday with the other counties who accepted invitations. He is to make arrangements for a luncheon at the hotel in one of the private rooms where the meeting can also be held following the luncheon.

Engr. Lunde then raises the question of increasing insurance coverage on the main garage building and storage building. After considerable discussion ~~with~~ concerning the appraisal made by Bob Smith of the ~~Marshall~~ Eddy and Smith Agency, Commissioner Hasenbank made a motion to put \$8000. coverage on steel storage building and \$4000. on the contents; also to increase the coverage on the main garage building to \$60,000 on the building and \$12,000. on the contents. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Hawley.

Stan Heustis was present at this meeting.

Florence J. Klenk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

March 7, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present, also Engr. Lunde and Supt. Englebrecht.

A delegation of employees met with the board to discuss an adjustment of work hours or pay. Present were Les Pratt, Lloyd North and Clarence Everson. Their first request was for a 45 hr. week, 9 hrs. for five days a week, and to bank the extra five hours on Saturday. When asked to again specifically state their request they stated the minutes of the Union contained this statement, "Want 45 hours work at the same pay they are now getting per week. However, North stated they would prefer a raise. Work week would be 45 hours ordinarily but emergency work should be furnished when necessary without any fuss on the part of the men. Lake County is now about 15¢ per hour higher than we are. Oceana County is lower on account of their strike when all seniority was cancelled.

Agreed that 75¢ per hr. shall apply to relief labor only referred to us by the Welfare Dept. that for a period of 90 days when a new man is on trial, they will not be eligible for a raise. Motion made by Hasenbank and seconded by Hawley to make a deferential of 95¢ to \$1.05 on common labor; re Carl Christensen, former mechanic, now driving a truck, rate shall be adjusted to truck drivers rate of \$1.25; Mechanic O'Farrell who is assistant to Head Mechanic Keson shall be raised so that there is a deferential of only 10¢ in their rate. ~~Superintendent~~ A raise of 10¢ per hour was granted to the employees, including Supt. Englebrecht and Clerk Klenk on the motion of Wm. Hasenbank and seconding of Com. Hawley, effective March 1st, 1952.

Social security deductions shall commence on the payday March 20th, but because of the insurance deductions on that date, the retroactive payments for Jan. and Feb. shall be deducted on April 5th instead of all on the 20th of March.

~~Payroll, bills and vouchers were reviewed, approved and signed,~~

Florence J. Klunk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

March 5, 1952

Regular meeting with all commissioners present. No particular business other than signing of payroll and vouchers.

March 11, 12 and 13

Commissioner Eli Hanson and Engr. Lunde were in Grand Rapids attending the Road Convention. Commissioners Hawley and Hasenbank meet on the 11th, no special business.

March 20, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with all commissioners, engineer and supt. present.

Attending this meeting were Mr. O. Grant Shafer ~~representing~~ and Mr. Ziegel, representing the Zurich and Sun Insurance companies, presenting a proposal for our group health insurance which apparently offers greater benefits for the same premium we are now paying to the Continental Insurance Co. They explained their plan and were told that it would be given consideration.

Payroll, bills and vouchers were reviewed, approved and signed.

Florence J. Klunk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

March 25, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with all commissioners and clerk present.

Mr. Schafer and Mr. Ziegel, together with another representative of their companies was present for a further discussion of their insurance plan. They were again told that it would be considered in due course of time.

Florence J. Klunk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

March 28, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with all commissioners and clerk present.

At this meeting representatives Howard Hawley and a Mr. Noble were present from the Continental Insurance Company to discuss the unsatisfactory action of the company in reducing the policies of 5 employees who have now passed the age of 65½. Mr. Noble said he understood he was there principally to defend his company, but he didn't feel they needed defending as they had done nothing wrong, only acted according to the 'Master Application'. He agreed to have the company send a photostatic copy of this application since neither Mr. Hawley, the local agent, nor the Mason County Road Commission seem to have a copy. (When this photostat was received, it proved to be pertaining to the Casualty Group and NOT the Life Assurance Co.) (Furthermore, this particular application had NOT been signed either by the road commission nor the local agent.) This matter will take further investigation, both by the road commission and Howard Hawley, our local agent.

Engr. Lunde is to inquire of Riverton Twp. regarding a meeting with their board, and Clerk was instructed to send bill to Riverton Twp. for fill work in Section 23 of Riverton west of Wiley's ~~xxxx~~ corners.

Lourence J. Lunde
Clerk

Eli. Hanson
Chairman

April 4, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson and Hawley present. Com. Hasenbank is reported to be in the hospital in Grand Rapids.

Payroll and vouchers were reviewed, approved and signed.

Gasoline bids for the months of April, May and June were opened and the following prices were found to have been offered:-

Old Dutch Refining Co.	-	12.26	less 1% (low bid, acceptable)
Standard Oil Co.	-	12.68	net 12.56
Roosevelt Oil Co.	-	12.75	less 1% - disqualified
Leonard Refineries	-	13.0	net 12.88
Socony-Vacuum	-	13.05	less 1%
Sinclair Refg. Co.	-	13.3	less 1%-10days
G. L. Slaggert	-	13.6	

Lourence J. Lunde
Clerk

Eli. Hanson
Chairman

April 1, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson and Hawley present. Comm. Hasenbank reported in hospital.

Time Insurance representatives Mr. Shanahan and the local agent Mr. Spuller presented Time plan for group health insurance on employees. After this discussion the Blue Cross representative from Muskegon, Mr. William Klaver was invited to present his facts and figures. On the basis of dollars to be spent, the Blue Cross appears to be beyond the means of the Commission to purchase this coverage for their employees, at least on a 100% basis. However, on the basis of desired coverage, this plan ~~xxx~~ appears to encompass the features most of the employees want. The Clerk is asked to prepare a list of current employees with birthdates and dependency status. Then Mr. Klaver proposed to present us with a limited plan perhaps more in the range of our present premium. ~~Th~~

Lourence J. Lunde
Clerk

Eli. Hanson
Chairman

April 8, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson and Hawley present, also Supt. Englebrecht.

Met with Eden Twp. board regarding the McEmber dead-end road, also Talquist road. Twp. will pay \$300.00 toward McEmber road; also \$300.00 toward Talquist road. Corner by Marble School, to be ditched and gravelled. Further cost on these roads is to be charged against the credit now on the books for Eden Twp. due to the cancellation of 1949 snow removal charges, thereby leaving a credit for the Money which Eden Twp. actually paid in on this account. They also want road east from Huddleston farm fixed.

A short meeting was held with Emmet Briggs, of Auto-Owners Ins. Co. regarding liability coverage in the form of a Manufacturer's and Contractor's Comprehensive Liability.

Lourence J. Lunde
Clerk

Eli. Hanson
Chairman

April 18, 1952

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Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present.

Payroll and vouchers were reviewed, approved and signed.

General discussions especially concerning insurances.

Florence J. Klunk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

April 22, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with all commissioners present, also engineer and sup

Moved and supported by Hawley that townships be called in to discuss road plans for summer and summer and fall repair work.

Indian Pete Bridge should be fixed or posted-out for the summer; continue to pay 50¢ for Olson's gravel already uncovered.

Motion made by Hawley and supported by Hasenbank to turn workman's compensation insurance over to Auto-Owners.

Florence J. Klunk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

May 5, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with all commissioners present, also engr. and supt.

Payroll and vouchers were reviewed, approved and signed.

Opened bid (only one received) on sprayer - no decision, will get other bids. Received bid from Smedberg in Custer during this meeting, his bid in amount of \$1569.15.

Moved and supported to issue check for \$12,796.00 as first payment on gravel plant, leaving a balance of \$12,000.00.

Florence J. Klunk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

May 9, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with all commissioners present, also engr. and supt.

Howard Hawley of Continental Ins. and Mr. Klaver together with another representative of Blue Cross ~~was~~ were present to further their bid for group health business.

George L. Towns was present and requested that he be allowed to buy the old Hercules Engine now lying unused. Original offer of \$25.00 was refused. H. Englebrecht went down to discuss the matter of repairing this engine with Mechanic Keson. His report indicated that repairing would be expensive. G. L. Towns then offered \$50.00 and it was accepted. Motion of acceptance was made by Hawley and supported by Hasenbank.

Engineer discussed snagged Tournapull tire, states he can get a used second grade airplane tire for \$350.00. Engr. is authorized to get another tire and send the snagged tire to Akron, Ohio for repair.

Florence J. Klunk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

May 13, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson and Hasenbank present.

Howard Hawley again present re insurance for employees, also Mr. Schafer representing Sun Life and Zurich.

Made an inspection trip of the grading work between sections 21 & 28 in Custer Twp. They also looked at a possible gravel pit site on the John Bigsby farm in Riverton.

The Standard Oil Asphalt salesman, Howard Rotrock met with the commission and they quoted a price of 11.72¢ per gallon for all grades of MC asphalt delivered to any siding in Mason County. A blanket order for 5 cars was given to him.

A notice of hearing of a petition for the vacating of a certain platted street in the Plat of North Bayou Resort was read and signed by the commissioners. The date of the hearing is to be June 10th, at 10:00 A.M. in Ludington. Description of this plat is as follows:- "The vacating of all that portion of Lake Shore Drive of the Plat of North Bayou Resort, according to the recorded plat thereof, Mason County, Michigan, lying Northerly of a Westerly extension of the South line of Block 16 of said Plat over and across said Lake Shore Drive to the West line thereof and the West line of the Plat of North Bayou Resort.

Lourence I. Hens
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

May 20, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present

Payroll and vouchers were reviewed, approved and signed. Considerable discussion relative to the insurance (non-occupational) for the employees. No resulting action taken. Salesmen were interviewed, but no purchases made.

Lourence I. Hens
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

May 21 & 22, 1952

Commission were out with the Road and Bridge Commission of the Board of Supervisors, and the opinion of the committee was that the roads were in fair condition but needed much gravel and that "some of the bridges were in bad shape and needed repairing."

May 27, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with all commissioners present, with engr. and supt.

Moved and supported to purchase a 5,000 gallon diesel fuel storage tank from the Owosso Tank Company. It was also moved and supported to purchase a new electric gasoline pump; this will be used to replace the old gas pump which in turn will replace the old hand pump for the diesel fuel tank.

Lourence I. Hens
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

May 29, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with all commissioners present, also engr. & supt.

Discussion on projects and work program. Also considerable discussion on employee insurance but no action taken.

Lourence I. Hens
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

June 3, 1952

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Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank.

Motion carried to increase fuel tank on order to 6,000 gallon capacity. Motion made and carried to have clerk send copy of minutes of meeting with Biverton Township Board on Apr. 29 1949, regarding payment of \$800.00 for work, and request reply as to why no action was taken by their board on statement sent them on January 15, 1950.

Moved and supported to purchase 15 cars of asphalt from Great Lakes and 5 cars from Standard Company. Also to order 2 thirty-gallon Esteron Brush Killer from Western Michigan Chemical Company.

Moved and supported to pay Cartier and Barnhart estate 25¢ per yard for all gravel used from their pits.

Lourence J. Henk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

June 10, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank.

Commissioners attended a hearing in the Circuit Court Room at Ludington on the petition for the closing of the platted street known as Lake Shore Drive from Huneview Drive north to the Bayou.

Mr. and Mrs. Pulleyblank were to meet with the commission today, this was postponed until June 24, 1952.

At 8:00 P.M. the commissioners and the engineer met with the Amber Township Board to discuss a road program. On the mile and one half between Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, the township will pay for the materials for a double seal. The road commission to furnish labor and equipment. It was also agreed by all parties that all township roads shall be brined on the basis of the township paying for the cost of the brine and the road commission is to haul and spread it on the roads. Also, at the corner of Wm. Johnson's property in Amber Twp., (this is at the quarter corner common to Sections 8 & 17, the county is to grade this up, ditch it and gravel surface it; the Twp. is to pay 60% of the cost of the gravel.

Lourence J. Henk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

June 13, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present

Made an inspection trip on the county roads to note the condition and the needs. Inspected the Multiplate culvert installation being made on the Stiles road in Victory township.

An agreement form for the purpose of closing a certain street in Hamlin Township at the North Bayou was read and studied, and it was moved and supported that this agreement be referred to the County Prosecutor for legality and consultation.

A plat known as The First Addition to Powell's Subdivision on Round Lake was approved and signed by the commissioners. This plat is approved on the stipulation that Road Commission will not be responsible at any time in the future to remove the fallen trees and accumulated brush along the road sides of these platted streets.

Lourence J. Henk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

June 17, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present.

Signed the agreement regarding the closing of street at North Bayou to Hamlin Lake on the Wallace Property.

A motion was made by Hasenbank and supported by Hawley to accept Blue Cross Hospitalization for coverage of our employees. Carried.

Meeting was adjourned so the commissioners could meet with the Board of Supervisors at their regular session at the County Courthouse in Ludington.

Florence J. Hunk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

June 20, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present.

Payroll approved and bills in order were signed.

Discussed the purchase of a 2½ ton Dodge Truck. Will advertise for bids for One Model B3KA Truck Chassis, 18,000 GVW., bids to be opened on June 27 at 10:00 A.M.

Florence J. Hunk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

June 24, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present.

Mr. and Mrs. Pulleyblank of Thunder Lake met with the commission relative to the status of the road running along the east side of said Thunder Lake. Commissioners contend that this road is a public road on the certified McNitt road system and cannot be closed for private use.

Victory Township supervisor, Julius Peterson, met with the Board and requested that all roads in Victory Twp. be brined on the standard basis of Township paying for the cost of the brine and the commission to haul and spread it on the roads.

Florence J. Hunk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

June 27, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present.

Opened the bid for one new Model B3KA Dodge truck, 18,000 GVW., from Steingraber Auto Sales in Scottville at a delivered price of \$2,628.37. This bid accepted, with the stipulation that the truck shall be immediately delivered to the Scientific Brake and Equipment Co. at Grand Rapids, for the installation of a 4 cu. yd. dump box purchased by the Commission.

No other business so meeting was adjourned.

Florence J. Hunk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

July 1, 1952

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Regular meeting held on the above date with all commissioners present, also engr. and supt.

Riverton supervisor was in to inquire regarding 1949 work. Mr. Saxton agreed to see if he could get it for the commission, saying clerk had no record of meeting. Also they want their roads brined, township to pay for the brine and road commission to make the application

Made a trip to Reed City for the purpose of looking at trucks operated by the Osceola County Road Commission especially as to truck size, horse power and make. On the return trip the commissioners inspected several blacktop roads at Big Star Lake in Lake County. These roads have a compacted 4"-thick sand-clay base, covered with a double seal coat. Traffic on this road is mostly automobile, and after 12 months of use this road looked good.

Lorence J. Hank

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

July 3, 1952.

Regular meeting held on the above date with all commissioners present.

Payroll approved and bills in order were paid.

Motion was made by Hasenbank, and seconded by Hawley to renew for a period of one year from July 20, 1952 to July 1953, the Continental Casualty policy on non-occupational life and health insurance on the employees. Insurance to be in the amount of one thousand dollars regardless of age, with the commission paying the increased premium for the additional year.

Tabled a discussion on wages and salaries until July 8th; Authorized the purchase of a new gasoline pump, electric, through the Texaco Oil Co. in Scottville; Authorized the purchase of aluminum paint to paint the upright gasoline storage tank as well as the metal storage building in our yard; a request for brine from a resident in Sheridan township was referred back to the Township Board for their approval and action.

Lorence J. Hank

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

July 8, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with all commissioners present, with engr. and supt.

Soil Conservation representatives met with the commission to request the contracting of certain pieces of our equipment for grading open field drain ditches. No action taken on this pending an opinion from the Attorney General as to the legality of the commission doing this type of work.

Engineer Lunde made a report to the commission concerning his discussion of road problems in Lansing on July 7th, as follows:- The programming of rebuilding the bridge across the Pere Marquette river south of Custer Village was discussed with Mr. Havana of the Highway Department and the plans were gone over in detail with the Foster Engineering Co. Several changes were considered in the design for the purpose of economizing on the total cost. In place of concrete piers (2 req'd) as planned, steel "H" pile are to be used. No change in the railing design is to be made. The estimated reduction on the total bridge cost by using the steel piling will be about \$7,000. It will be necessary to program this work actively this year in order that Federal Funds may be used to defray 50% of the cost of the contract.

This will have to be brought up at the Fall term of the Board of Supervisors for a loan to carry our 50% of the total cost. F.A.S. road program was studied with Mr. Havens; the three miles from Wiley south is to be programmed for grading, ditching and gravel surfacing this yr.

Lorence J. Hank

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

July 11, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present. Fountain Village requested that we grade 3 blocks of Main Street and place necessary gravel. This is to be paved in 1953. Approved.

Gasoline bids were as follows:, delivered to our storage:-

Standard Oil Co.	13.24¢ less 1%, 10 days	
Leonard Refineries	13.00¢ less	"
Midwest Refineries	13.43¢ less	"
	12.68¢ less	"
Old Dutch Refining	13.28¢ less	"
Roosevelt Oil Co.	13.30¢ net	
Slaggert (Osceola gas)	13.00¢ net	

No. 1 grade
No. 2 grade

The bid of Standard Oil Co. was accepted.

Diesel fuel on tank truck basis, for medium grade motor fuel was given to Standard Oil Co. at 11.56¢ (price guaranteed until July 31, after that date our price is subject to market quotations) The No. 1 diesel fuel in small lot quantities was given to Slaggert Oil Co. at a price of 13.9¢ per gallon.

Florence J. Henk
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

July 15, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present. Grant Twp. Supervisor ^{Robert Keson} met with the commissioners to request that the road into his property should be patched up with gravel by authority of his township board. They will pay 60% of the cost. They were told that grading on the Stiles road would start on or before July 25th, 1952.

Pere Marquette Twp. supervisor, Robert Hesslunde, requested that we spray the poison-ivy and weeds in their cemetery. Request granted and the work to be done as soon as can be arranged. Beach Manufacturing Co. salesman Paul Callendar met with the Commission and received an order for delivery of edge-punch 5/8"x6"x6'-0" truck blades; to be delivered in December, 1952. Commission decided to meet Thursday morning to sign payroll and bills and then travel to Traverse City for a district county road commissioners meeting.

Florence J. Henk
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

July 17, 1952

Commissioners Hanson and Hasenbank, with the engineer, went to a district road commissioners meeting at Traverse City. A luncheon at the Park Place Hotel preceded the meeting. General discussion was on employee problems and wage rates. The meeting was instructive and worthwhile.

July 21, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present with engineer and supt.

Met with Supervisor and Treasurer of Freesoil Township at which time they gave their check in the amount of \$200.00 as part payment on balance due on Darr School Road. They requested blacktop on mile road north of Freesoil Village. ~~Township share about 5/8 mile on estimated total cost of \$2,000.00.~~ The apportionment of the cost of blacktopping this road shall be as follows: The Village of Freesoil shall pay in full for labor, Materials and equipment rental on 1/4 mi. of this one mile job. The Township of Freesoil shall pay for the materials used in building 3/4 mile, and the Road Commission will furnish the labor and equipment to build it.

Florence J. Henk
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

August 1, 1952

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Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present together with Supt. and Engr.

Discussion on wage rate raise, and it was moved and supported to give an increase of 5¢ per hour to heavy equipment operators, assistant mechanics and others as follows:-Bedker, Buckley Edel, W. Englebrecht, Miller, L. Pratt, and W. Pratt, S. Raspotnik, O'Farrell, Brautigan, Coolman, Thorne, North. However, this raise was turned down by the ones involved upon pressure of their union group. Therefore, this matter tabled for the present.

Lorence I. Henk
Clerk

August 5, 1952

Eli Hanson
Chairman

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present together with Supt. and Engr.

Payroll and vouchers were reviewed, approved and signed.

Lorence I. Henk
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

August 15, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present with engineer and supt.

Completed study of truck bids and placed an order with T. D. Smith Company of Scottville for three units, F. 8 Truck with 4 cu. yd. dump boses, delivered to Scottville to the sum of \$9,976.75. Also placed an order with Max Jenks for one G.M.C. truck with a 4 cu. yd. dump box delivered to Scottville, at a price of \$3,600. Engineer and mechanic were authorized to order such additional special items such as heaters, wipers, torque arms, and overload springs as necessary for these trucks.

Lorence I. Henk
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

August 20, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present with engineer and supt.

Payroll and vouchers were reviewed, approved and signed.

Charles Hubbell ~~xxxxxxx~~ was in regarding Hamlin road complaining on work done by one of our men.

Riverton Twp. board in regarding Twp. work. Riverton agrees to pay old account of \$800.00 for special maintenance work on Wiley road done in 1949. Received check.

Motion passed to rescind action on mile between Section 10 & 15. Motion passed to begin work soon on road east from Fred Brye corner. Will begin work soon as possible, approx. estimated cost to Twp. \$3000.00 per mile. On maintenance and rebuilding roads, Twp agrees to participate on 60-40 basis, 60% for the Twp. and 40% for the Road Commission.

Road Commission signed an agreement with River Twp. Bd. on grading and blacktopping 3 miles from Wiley south, Riverton's share is to be \$2700.00.

Lorence I. Henk
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

August 22, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present with engineer and supt.

Moved and supported to charge cost of blacktop on fairgrounds against Primary Road Funds

Moved by Hasenbank that Chairman and clerk sign state contract for year 1952 and 1953, supported by Hawley.

Moved and supported to cancel balance due us from Fair Association, and charge same to bad debt.

Florence I. Hlenk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

September 2, 1952

After a short regular meeting, the commissioners and supt. made inspection tour thru' roads in Custer, Eden, Riverton, Summit, Pere Marquette and Amber Townships. Eden road is in urgent need for finishing the sand fill.

September 9, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank pres.

Met with Hamlin Supervisor Bert Hall to talk over road west of Allard farm, between Sections 2 & 11.

Will meet at Fountain Township Hall tonight to discuss road to Thunder Lake with Twp. board.

Florence I. Hlenk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

September 16, 1952

Went to Thunder Lake and visited road under dispute. Found log chain across road at South entrance which we removed. Drove through to the north line of Mr. Pulleyblank's property and found he had cut large trees which he caused to fall across the road completely blocking entrance from the north to Thunder Lake. Authorized Engineer to remove trees as soon as possible. Also authorized Engr. by resolution, motion by Hasenbank and seconded by Hawley, to have engineer contact Attorney Vernon Keiser for the purpose of sending written notice to aforesaid Mr. Pulleyblank that said road is and has been a county road of Mason County, and advising him that said road must not be blockaded in the future under threat of prosecution.

Florence I. Hlenk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

September 19, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Commissioners Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank pres. Payroll and bills reviewed, approved and signed. Met with State Highway men regarding special work on U.S.-116. Read request to go on Road and Bridge Committee inspection tour on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 22nd and 23rd.

Agreement entered into with State to haul ditch material to US-116 bank. We agree to load material on trucks and State will pay for the hauling.

Florence I. Hlenk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

Went on inspection of county and township roads with Road and Bridge Committee.

September 30, 1952

Routine meeting, no special business.

October 3, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Comm. Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present.

Payroll and bills reviewed, approved and signed.

Moved and supported to buy a sand spreader from Stan Heustis, agreement being he will take repair parts on hand for gravel screen he bought from County, said parts to be at inventory cost.

Laurance A. Hunk Clerk
Eli Hanson Chairman
 (no minutes given for meetings Oct. 7, 10, 14 and 17)
 October 20, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Comm. Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present.

Payroll and bills reviewed, approved and signed.

Moved and supported to turnpike road east from Walhalla to lake and gravel same. Moved and supported to sand-cushion road this winter east from Ehler farm, to get ready for gravel. Will drill for gravel this week.

Laurance A. Hunk Clerk
Eli Hanson Chairman

October 24, 1952

Regular meeting held on the above date with Comm. Hanson, Hawley and Hasenbank present.

Met with Mr. Pulleyblank to discuss Thunder Lake Road. Will go up to road on Tuesday, Oct. 28th. Discuss wage request by Committee of Employees, request presented in writing. Moved and supported to adopt pay schedule presented. Moved and supported to increase salary of Clerk and Supt. \$200.00 each per year, these raises to be effective November 1st, 1952.

Laurance A. Hunk Clerk
Eli Hanson Chairman

October 28, 1952

Regular meeting held on above date with all commissioners present, also engr. and supt.

The Commissioners and engineer went out to Thunder Lake to inspect a possible new route around the east side of Thunder Lake. No action taken, pending a meeting with the Sheridan Twp. Bd. Grand Twp. Bd. met with the Commission to plan additional road work. A program for gravelling their secondary roads will be made up as soon as we do some gravel site testing.

A Mr. Thompson, from Custer Twp. was in and requested that we repair his driveway, which he claims we tore up when grading the road several years ago. It was decided to place a load of gravel at the road end of his drive.

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Gasoline bids for November, December, January, February and March were opened and read as follows:

Standard Oil	13.24¢ per gal, less 1% 10 days
Old Dutch	13.28¢ per gal. less 1% 10 days
Roosevelt Oil	12.95¢ per gal. less 1% 10 days

The Standard Oil Bid was accepted; Roosevelt Oil does not meet specifications.

Florence I. Henk
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

Oct. 31 - Nov. 5 - Nov. 7, (meetings held, no notes given)

November 10, 1952

Special meeting with Sheridan Twp. Board regarding Thunder Lake road. All commissioners present together with engineer and superintendent.

Sheridan Twp. board is opposed to any change in road unless said Mr. Pulleyblank is willing, at his own expense, to construct an acceptable road back of his building to join present road north and south of his residence. County Road Commission and Sheridan Board do not believe the situation warrants the spending of a considerable amount to re-establish road on railroad grade and property lines designated, estimated cost of same around \$5000.

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Copy of the above/sent to Pulleyblank, Sam Bauske, Sheridan Supervisor, and one for our files

Sheridan Twp. agrees to a repair program on a 60-40% basis on roads to be designated later.

Florence I. Henk
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

Nov. 14, 1952

Regular meeting day, all present. Routine work. Went out to Morton farm to inspect gravel test. Some good samples found worth developing. Went over Ordway road, looks very good. Boys doing very good work.

Florence I. Henk
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

November 18, 1952

Regular meeting held, all present.

Visited roads in Custer, Sheridan, Meade and Branch townships, inspecting condition of stabilized gravel and clay-top roads. Discussed ~~next~~ next year's plans for repairs and building of secondary roads. Moved and supported to authorize complete bringing of roads in county.

Florence I. Henk
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

Nov. 20, 1952

Pay day, all present. Signed checks and vouchers.

Bill was presented to commission for services of Mr. E. A. Nelson on behalf of Mr. Cartier and it was decided that Mr. Cartier should pay for the services of his representative on the gravel job.

Moved and supported to have Abrahamson and Nerheim Co. fill coal bin with same grade coal as last year at \$13.00 per ton.

Florence I. Henk
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

Nov. 25, 1952

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Regular meeting held on above above, with all commissioners, engineer and supt. present,

Discussed the purchase of a self-propelled Seaman Roto-tiller from Contractors Machinery Co. This is an item stored at Traverse City at this time and offered at a very special price. No action taken at this meeting.

Discussed the possibility of purchasing a carload of pressure-treated pine bridge planking for spring delivery.

Florence A. Hunk
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

Nov. 28, 1952

Regular meeting with all commissioners present. General discussion, no special business.

Dec. 2, 1952

Regular meeting with all commissioners present. Waited all forenoon for Engineer to report on gravel testing. Met with road machinery man to discuss equipment needs.

December 5, 1952

Regular meeting held, all commissioners present. Signed payroll checks and vouchers.

Moved and supported to have statement of operation costs printed ^{in newspaper} each month, after finding cost of printing same.

Agreed to fix roadway for Custer Township.

Moved and supported to not increase labor in shop at present time.

Florence A. Hunk
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

December 12, 1952

Regular meeting held, all commissioners present.

Moved and supported to request permission from State Highway Department to transfer \$30,000 from Primary to Secondary road funds.

Moved and supported to keep Custer Bridge intact until material for new bridge is on the site.

Moved and supported to buy Seaman Mixer from Contractor's Machinery Co, complete, \$6000.00, cash at once, less 1% discount.

Moved and supported to accept Custer Twp's proposition regarding road ditch on John Kaye road as follows:- Cost to Custer Twp. \$200.00; Thiel - \$75.00; County Road Commission - \$75.00, Charles McKimney to do the work on this 900 ft. ditch.

Florence A. Hunk
Clerk

Eli Hanson
Chairman

December 16, 1952

Regular meeting, all present. Drove to Morton and Johnson farms in Riverton Twp. to inspect gravel deposits. Both farms show valuable deposits. Moved and supported to write contract agreements for both owners at 25¢ per cu. yd. and agree to take at least 5000 cu. yds. per year from each owner.

Desire to contract some other counties for information regarding Social Security and age limit for continued employment.

Dec. 19, 1952

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Signed payroll checks and vouchers. Met with salesmen from seven Motorgrader companies, received prices from all varying from \$9000. to \$12,405.55. Compared quality and advantages of all, will decide later as they are all good.

Edd Merritt called regarding gravel. Will test when machine comes again.

Florence I. Henk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

December 23, 1952

Regular meeting held, with all present. Met Hamlin supervisor Burt Hall, regarding road work and gave him bills for road work done during last two years amounting to \$3,750. (\$3400 for two bridges, South Bayou and Indian Pete Bayou) \$200.00 for Piney Ridge road, and \$150.00 for Schumann road.

Moved and supported to give shop employees an increase of .05 per hour beginning January 1st until December 31st.

Florence I. Henk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

Dec. 30, 1952

Regular meeting held. No notes given. By observation it was noted that Michigan Tractor, Wolverine and Austin Western salesmen were present to talk motorgrader qualities.

Approved by Road Commission this date was Emerson Lake Club subdivision, Gov. Lots 6 and 7, Section 15 T 18 N, R 15 W. Approved plat.

Florence I. Henk

Clerk

Eli Hanson

Chairman

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