

Jan. 5, 1955

First regular meeting of the new year with Commissioners, Louis A. Hawley, Eli Hanson, and new appointee, LzGamertsfelder present, together with Engr. Lunde and Clerk.

Motion was made by Hanson, seconded by Gamertsfelder that Louis A. Hawley be appointed as Chairman of the Board for the next two years.

William Bacon, Custer Twp. Supervisor, and Mr. Charles Woodard were in concerning condition of ditch near Woodard farm. Mr. Bacon says this condition was apparently worsened by the county snow plows having sunk into a spring hole at that point and tore up the ditch and edge of the road in their endeavor to get out. This ditch must be cleaned and commission promises to do same as soon as possible.

Engr. Mentions the forthcoming meeting of the 27th District, regarding highway study needs, on the 20th of January at Traverse City. Engr. shows forms provided for the new highway study of our primary and local roads, and under the requirements of same, this county has no primary roads which would be acceptable as they are now as to width, etc. In planning for the future roads, it is necessary to forget the present revenue and plan on the basis of the money that will be provided to bring present roads up to the new requirements and build new roads according to same requirements.

Commission voices approval of plan to be present at the meeting in Traverse City on the 20th

Engr. shows commission brochure and quotation from Young Equipment Company on a mobile grave testing outfit. Quotation is \$4,139.71 for a complete drilling unit, F.O.B. Scottville, Michigan, terms net, delivery two to three weeks. No action on this.

*Flourence I. Hensh*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

Jan. 7, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with Engr.

Purchased 3/4 yd. bucket for Michigan Shovel from Michigan Machinery and Equipment Co.

Discussion regarding yard repair parts man was taken up with Engineer and Superintendent with a difference of opinion regarding value of same and necessity for this extra man, but State Highway officials are asking for this in regards state stock stored here.

Discussion regarding unmarked trails followed. Decided that Twp. boards be notified and requested to indicate whether they want same continued as uncharted trails or to do necessary work to get them certified.

*Flourence I. Hensh*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

Jan. 11, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners and engineer present.

Moved and supported to advertise for bids on Crawler-type tractor equal to Caterpillar D-7, date of letting to be January 28th, 1955.

Nack MacArthur of MacArthur Implement Co. was in to talk over sand-loader ~~for~~, but this was decided against.

*Flourence I. Hensh*

Clerk

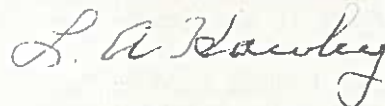
*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

Jan. 18, 1955

Commissioners Hawley, Hanson and Gamertsfelder and Engr. Lunde made a trip to the Miller Equipment Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, to investigate the merits of a used & Front-End Tractor Loader for sale by them. A price of \$3,250.00, including the bucket, was quoted. Commissioners agreed to bring this piece of equipment to our yard to demonstrate its value before purchase. Miller Equipment Co. urges the use of this equipment for as long as desired before decision. (This equipment proved of no value ~~to~~, and was returned to G.R.

Jan. 25, 1955



Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with Engineer and Supt.

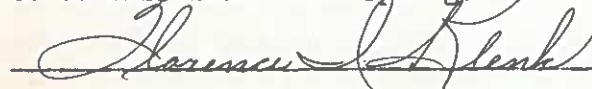
Motion made by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder that we purchase four (4) traffic counters for determining traffic on roads.

Letter from read from Mr. Cartier relative to opening road in Freesoil Twp. Advise Engr. to contact owner of the land involved, also Mr. Cartier relative to whether he is willing to deed this road to the county as a public thorough-fare. Also read letter from a Mr. Alexander from Conservation Dept. relative to opening of road in Grant Twp. Alexander to get R.O.W. from Twp. Road Commissioners advise that township officials and Mr. Alexander be notified in regard to financing this project as it is not at present under the jurisdiction of the County Road Commission.

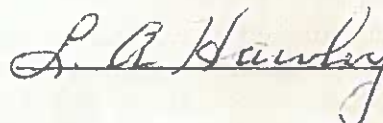
Mr. Hawley mentioned a call he had received from Mrs. Brower. It appears that Ed Anthony has acquired property west of them and he is cutting trees and dragging them across the road and she is wondering if it will be harmful to our blacktop. We should not let him continue to do this. There is a sand road which he could use instead of the blacktop.

Mr. Hawley also mentions numerous calls he has had from Bruce Craft and he would like a decision on whether or not we are going to put that fence up at Marchido School House. Superintendent Englebrecht says the ground is so frozen much too hard to do this work at this time of year.

Board directs that Mr. Craft be advised that road commission will furnish cedar posts and cable to make guard rail in front of the school but that the installation of same will have to be accomplished by them if it is to be done at once. It is impossible for the road crew to do this work until spring.



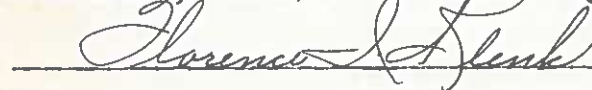
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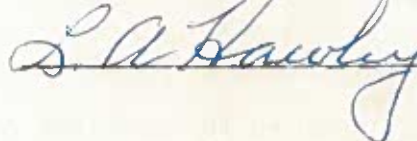
Chairman

Jan. 28, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Tractor bids were opened, two bids only submitted. One from Stan Heustis for the Earle Equipment Co. and one from Michigan Tractor and Machinery Co. Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to buy one Caterpillar D-7-74, with cable controls; also 1-75 cable control dozer, at cost of \$18,400.00, less trade in of \$3000.00 on our A.C. Model H.D.10-W Tractor, on above quoted price. Price delivered Scottville, less 2% discount from May 10th, 1955.



Clerk



Chairman

Feb. 1, 1955

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Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Motion made by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to Purchase from the Earle Equipment Co. (Stan Heustis, agent) one Model T.L. 10 Tracto-Loader, complete as shown (equipment now in our yard as of this date) at cost of \$5,500. delivered, on basis of \$1,500.00 to be paid May 1, 1955, with balance payable at \$500.00 per month until paid, without interest. Guarantee on this machine which has been a demonstrator shall be the same as on a new machine.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to remove snow-plow truck from Village of Free-soil as soon as present need is over and keep same under our own supervision at our garage.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to accept for County, a sketch of plat (as shown of Fairview Subdivision, Section 14, Amber Twp. S.W. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4, to be developed by Harold Masser, owner.

*Lawrence J. Klunk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

Feb. 4, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for bills.

Discussed resolution regarding culverts as proposed by Engineer and adopted same in motion by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder. The resolution reads as follows:-

"To adopt a Standard policy covering installation of Driveway Culverts:-

1. Existing driveway culverts shall be maintained and replaced, when required due to breakage and rusting out, by the Mason County Road Commission. This cost will be charged to the road on which the culvert is located.
2. A road that is under construction or such major repair work as to be considered construction, all required driveway culverts will be furnished and placed (including the covering and gravel surfacing) by the road commission. This cost shall be charged to the road on which this work is being done.
3. New driveway culverts; the property owner shall furnish the culvert pipe and the road commission will install it for them. The minimum size (diameter) pipe necessary for this driveway shall be determined by the superintendent of the Mason County Road Commission. The owner may purchase the necessary pipe from the Mason County Road Commission, on a cash basis, and the pipe will be installed for the owner by the Commission and the cost of the installation of the pipe furnished by the owner shall be charged to the road on which the driveway culvert is located.
4. The Road Commission reserves the right to remove any and all driveway culverts that do not meet specifications as set up by the Superintendent. "

Ordered pump for greasing trucks at cost of about \$180.00. Discussed painting shop interior, but decided it cannot be done at the present time.

*Lawrence J. Klunk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

Feb. 8, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with Engineer, and members of the Road and Bridge Committee with exception of Orvan Saxton.

Motion was made by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder that in case of snow-storm, the snow-plow in question will be sent up to Freesoil and kept there until all roads are plowed and cleaned up, and if no more snow has fallen, the truck and plow will then be returned to Scottville until the next storm occurs.



Floyd Eddy, Supervisor of Freesoil Twp. promises payment of \$1,622.26 balance owned by his Twp. to be paid in March, 1955.

*Lawrence J. Lunde*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

Feb. 11, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, Hawley, Hanson and Gamertsfelder, together with Engineer and Clerk.

Mr. Hawley brings up matter of steel culvert at Ludington City Limits and P.M. Twp (on east side of street) north end is the bad place. Mr. Luskin told Mr. Hawley about it last fall and he talked to the superintendent about it but nothing was done; now commission is getting another complaint on tires being ruined.

Engr. advises reply has been received from Morgan Cartier regarding Gun Lake Road, and Cartier states it is his intention to convey the required 66' easement for a road around the west side of Gun Lake, with the suggestion that this easement could best follow the line of road he recently made which follows land contours with good access to lake. Negotiation with Mr. Brown, owner of land to north of Cartier will now be necessary.

Regarding standard Policy covering installation of driveway culverts adopted by road commissioners on Feb. 4, 1955, it is thought advisable to put copy of these culvert arrangement in the Ludington daily paper.

Engineer asks about date being set for meeting with employees committee in keeping with promise made at the November 17, 1954 meeting that a meeting would be granted them on or before the 11th of February. No formal request for such meeting has been received. President Bedker verbally asked about the date of the Engineer-Mgr. Lunde. Employees would give a week's notice if they wanted to come up, he says.

In the afternoon Robin Williams of the Williams Bros. Co. was present and discussed plant rental for hot-mix blacktop. Program looks very interesting and merits discussion with townships as well as on our primary roads.

Standard Oil representatives, Mr. Striker and Johnson were in to discuss annual contract with commission for lubricating oil. No action taken except promise to notify Standard before the next contract is made.

Regarding matter of purchasing brine tank from Motyka or other outside manufacturers. Due to the fact that we would have to do some of the work ourselves (mounting on chassis), and go down and get the tank, Hanson made motion, seconded by Gamertsfelder, that ~~max~~ commission purchase the brine tank from Motyka for spring delivery.

*Lawrence J. Lunde*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

Feb. 15, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with engineer and superintendent

Decide to purchase 50 gallons of 245 and 50 gallons of 1010 Estron Brush-Killer from Chem-Trol Chemical Co. of Gibsonburg, Ohio.

Engineer asks for suggestions for programming of Primary Road Construction for the coming two years. He says we don't have anything set up for 1955 and should consider something for Carr Settlement area. Also suggests gravelling the 3 miles from Custer to Freesoil, from gravel now at Jones Pit Stockpile. Much discussion but no definite decision.

Brining program also discussed, figures on this item for 1954 were given by engineer as prepared by clerk. Discussion as to whether twps. shall pay for this service or whether it will tend to interfere in their participation on Construction projects.

George Slaggert of the Shell Oil Company, Ludington, Mich. was in to see about supplying lubricating oil for the coming year at the same price of 60¢ per gallon, and delivered as needed as in the past. Motion made by Hanson and seconded by Gamertsfelder that he be allowed to continue to furnish this lubricating oil for 1955.

Discussion regarding exhaust fumes in shop and immediate action is recommended. Engineer is to check on different systems used in other garages.

Discussion about getting a saw for shoulder brush-cutting. Young Equipment Company desires to leave a machine with the road commission for demonstration purposes. They are sure the merits of this machine will sell it.

Regarding the repair of the bridge at Branch, it was decided to ask Branch Twp. to participate in cost of lumber in fixing this bridge.

*Lorence J. Henk*  
Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*  
Chairman

Feb. 18, 1955

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hanson and Hawley present. Commissioner Gamertsfelder absent.

Chairman signed payroll checks, and vouchers in the amount of \$14,023.90 were signed, this included the payroll of \$8,857.13.

Grant Twp. board was in to talk over the coming season's projects. Also returned bill recently rendered to them for the Proj. P-1454, grading and gravelling of Hoague Road, as error was made by stockroom in recording the size of the tube installed. Charge was made for 48" tube, when 24" tube was actually used. Corrected invoice to be sent.

They want blacktop on county line road, a secondary road,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles, but no agreement as to percentage of cost was reached, this must be done before work commences.

*Lorence J. Henk*  
Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*  
Chairman

Feb. 22, 1955

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hawley, Hanson and Gamertsfelder present.

Superintendent brings in letter from Postmistress at Branch, asking when the bridge there will be fixed. Engineer states we are waiting for information from Branch Twp. as to their participation on this. Engineer has contacted Mr. Hunter, the Branch Twp. supervisor and he has called the board. No compensation forthcoming for Riverton Bridge, about \$800.00 for lumber per opinion of Riverton Supervisor Saxton.

Employees committee want to meet Friday. Meeting to be granted them on Feb. 25, 1955 in the afternoon.

*Lorence J. Henk*  
Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*  
Chairman

February 25, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Emmet Peterson was in relative to stop signs on the Hamlin Lake Road as he had accident there Mrs. Bob Miller of Eden Twp. was in to promote the Eden Park which is not to be a township park but a public park for everyone. She is told it would be necessary for her to contact the township officers to finance the change in the road past Lost Lake where the proposed park will be.

Regarding proposed new Dow Brine Well pipe line, motion made by Hanson and supported by Gamertfelder that the Dow Co. be allowed to construct a pipe-line as per Map 444-81104 dated Feb. 28, 1955; the new line shall be located outside the existing pipe-lines as now located along the same route.

Engineer requests permission to dispose of several junk snow-plows which have lain in the yard for a long time and are of no use to road commission. He is instructed to sell them for salvage.

Employee's committee composed of Harry Bedker, Edwin Brautigam and Joseph O'Farrell, with Union Rep. R. Kucynski and a Mr. Grafmeier, Dist. Rep. of the Labor Mediation Board, met with commission for consideration of the following points:

1. Raise in wage rate.
2. Check-off of dues.
3. Reduction of hours.
4. Repair shop fumes.

Discussion of these points took place and committee is advised the answer will be forthcoming on Friday, March 4, 1955.

*Lorence J. A. A. A.*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

March 4, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with engineer.

Letter to employees committee covering decisions on points presented at the Feb. 25, 1955 meeting was written by the clerk and signed by the Chairman of the Board, as follows:-

1. Regarding fumes in repair shop: - This condition is being taken care of immediately.
2. Noontime lunch period will be increased from 30 minutes to 45 minutes.
3. No increase in wage rates can be considered in view of present financial condition.
4. Hours of employment will be reduced to 45 hours with present rate of pay per hour to govern these hours.
5. Regarding check-off system:-The commission feels that this in no way concerns them, as it is strictly a "Within the union" issue.

Chairman signed payroll checks and board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for bills.

Supervisor Robert Hunter of Branch Twp. was in to discuss blinker light desired at Walhalla crossing. Branch Twp. agrees to pay one-half the installation cost, approximately \$225.00. Branch Twp. also agrees to pay \$225.00 toward repair of bridges in the Twp.

Paul Sherman of Eden Twp. was in regarding work desired in that township for the coming season. Wants Engineer to submit figures on cost of strip of road at Lost Lake (re proposed Eden Park) Engineer will give estimate on cost. Twp. also wants approximate cost to them on Primary road east of Schwass' Store for three miles.

Moved by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder to accept 1955 certification of Primary roads as 176.71 miles, and 740.61 miles of Secondary roads. Also motion by same for change from Local to primary category, the 2 miles of road between Sections 23-24, 25-26 in Sherman Twp.

*Lorence J. A. A. A.*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

March 8, 1955

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Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Took trip over Eden Twp. roads to get first hand information of the three miles between Eden and Custer Twp., bet. Sec. 31-32--33 in Custer, and 6-5-4 in Eden. This is a Primary Road. Some tree removal and heavy ditching necessary most of the way. Also needs some culvert replacement. Lost Lake relocation would be about 1/4 mi. with not too much grading necessary, the gravelling is costly part of this project.

Riverton road, one mile, needs only turnpiking and regraveling and one culvert to lengthen.

Discussion repurchase of equipment for processing chips, no action taken. Great Lakes Equipment Company salesman in, but no decision made.

*Lorance J. Henk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

March 15, 16, and 17, 1955

Commissioner Gamertsfelder, and Engineer Lunde in Grand Rapids at Highway Convention. No meetings held.

March 18, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks, and board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills, in the amount of \$8,986.56.

Employees committee requests meeting for afternoon of March 25th, per letter, meeting granted and committee advised orally by Engineer Lunde.

*Lorance J. Henk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

March 25, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, also engineer.

Mr. Bacon, Custer Twp. Supervisor was present to discuss Twp. needs and to request some gravel for bad spots in road by Wing farm, approx. 2 loads necessary, also tube if possible to get at road.

Moved and supported to repair road at State Park for Archery Trails.

Salesman in for Soot destroyer for Stoker and Oil burners.

Committee of Union in to inquire regarding findings re request regarding reduction of hours and lunch period. Committee composed of Everett Dumas, Harry Bedker and Edwin Brautigam. Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to return to the one-half hour noontime lunch period beginning April 1, 1955. Request for increase in wages taken under advisement, and to be reported on later.

*Lorance J. Henk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman



March 29, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Met with Riverton Twp. board to consider coming season's operations. County will blacktop first mile completed from Summit Twp. east, (one mile) on Brye Road. Twp. will participate on next 2 miles east on same basis as first mile i.e., 60% Twp; 40% to County of all grading, gravelling, sand cushioning and culvert replacement.

Mr. Pratt (Irving) called to show new type of mower for roadside weeds and brush-cutting. Look very good, but we have three in stock, so can't use. Pratt made offer for trade on our Ford tractor, complete with mower and loader, for 1 Super 55 Diesel Oliver Tractor with oversize tires and power mower as shown for a difference of \$2300, terms to be arranged later. No action taken.

*Lorence J. Henk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

April 1, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Clever Hill, Custer resident in to complain regarding snow-plowing on road past Falconer farm.

Salesman for Beach Manufacturing Co. called regarding culvert pipe. Engineer out, will call again later.

No action taken on union question of increasing hours or wages or both, will take this up the 5th of April.

*Lorence J. Henk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

April 5, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks, board signed voucher for A. Williams, Dunbar Pit owner, for gravel for the month of March, 1955.

Clever Hill was in again regarding his road in Custer Twp. Says neighbors have appointed him spokesman for them.

Paul Sherburn, Eden Twp. Supervisor called. Eden will take up proposition of amount to be spent on each road and contact us on their wishes. Township will have to pay 100% of cost on gravel surfacing.

Seneca Petroleum Co. representative in to talk over asphalt requirements. Left card and company address as follows: Seneca Petroleum Co., Inc., 439 West 33rd St., Chicago 16, Illinois, Phone-Calumet 55122. Representative:-Nels Rumbles, Maine Court, Mason, Mich. Phone Orchard 6-4551. Wishes to be notified when bids are requested on this material.

Received communication from U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service, want us to clear ground around site of roadside tables to avoid fires. Highway Foreman Brankert notified.

*Lorence J. Henk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

April 8, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Took trip over county roads in Custer, Sherman, Freesoil, Grant and Victory Twp. to inspect culverts and general road conditions.

Custer citizens complaining that culvert being laid on Cameron road is too small (six foot) to ~~excess~~ carry flood waters.

Salesman in for asphalt prospects material, looks good for seal-coat work. Suggestion made to try pit-run crushed gravel for Eden Twp. this season.



Custer Twp. in to talk over road problems in Twp. Reference made to minutes of December 7th, 1954, at which time county agreed to do Cameron road, first project; Martin's corners east one mile, get ready for blacktop, as second project; and for a third project, Resseguie School east  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mi. mostly gravel and turnpike, again reference is made to Dec. 7th, minutes.

Motion by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to have notice in Ludington paper regarding dumping <sup>"no"</sup> refuse on Highways of county.

Laurance A. Henk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

April 12, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Met with Fred Alexander from Manistee who owns land in Grant Twp. bet. Sec. 23-14, 40 acres, wants form for petition to get road to this land. Sent him to attorney for advice.

Took ride in Amber Twp. Much patch work needed at once to get bad holes filled, and ditches opened.

Ordered road and railroad signs from Paul Callendar.

Ray Goodrich in to remind us of the short stub-road in Victory Twp. Superintendent to see to it

Laurance A. Henk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

April 15, 1955

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hawley and Gamertsfelder present. Hanson absent.

Commission signed trial order of roof-coating for east end of building.

Laurance A. Henk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

April 20, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Signed checks, no vouchers.

Al (W.A.) Pratt was in to talk over our minimum requirements of Sauble-well brine. Also he want some financial help on a tank for storing brine at a well in Oceana County near Crystal Valley. Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder for county to help finance purchase of tank for storage of brine at Crystal Valley well, at about \$250.00 or \$300.00 for county share, said amount to be a permanent investment in said tank for a term of years.

Evergreen Park Subdivision annex plat signed by board.

Opened bids on Fleet Insurance, Workman's Compensation and Existance of Highway Hazards from Auto Owner's and Michigan Mutual. Bids on comprehensive and workman's compensation were thrown out, and we are re-advertising for new bids to be opened on April 29th, 1955.

Laurance A. Henk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

April 22, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Met with Grant Twp. board to discuss road problems. They want blacktop on  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of road on county line road at cost of material to the and county furnish labor and equipment; also, - 1 mile turnpike and gravel bet. Sec. 4-5, Twp. to stand 100% cost; also, - Sec. 33, gravel hill; also, - some work on road near Lake Michigan

in Section 13, bulldozer to clear trees and turnpike same mile. Estimates of costs for this work are to be prepared by Engineer and submitted to the Twp for financing.

Discussion re bituminous material, Bay City Emulsion, cost 13.57¢, cutback, 12.00¢. Advantages, can be used wet and no bleeding. Suggest Engineer get at least enough ~~xxxx~~ of ~~seal coat material for one mile of seal coat~~ above material for one mile of seal coat.

*Florence J. Hunk* Clerk / *L. A. Hawley* Chairman

April 26, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Also present were the members of the Riverton Twp. Board, Orvan Saxton, Beatrice Brye, Al Dittmer, Clayton Marrison, and Don Harmon.

Discussion regarding the desires of the township in regard to road work to be performed in their township ~~in~~ during 1955. Discussion of March 29, 1955 was continued regarding the townha road, but on that date other roads in question were not decided upon, pending a personal tour by the board as to requirements.

Saxton says they want one mile past the townhall sand-cushioned, gravelled and blacktopped, and whatever more that they can get done to the west. Also want work on south county line road east of Buck's store, no great amount of work, just opened up and water drained, quite a big pool of water there each spring, (east road just across from the church) About 1/2 acre of water in there.

Mr. Hawley says it should be remembered that the Appleton road, programmed for grading and gravelling, and now in progress as of 1954, should have first attention on the Secondary Road Program.

Description of the work requested by Riverton was given by Engineer as follows: (copy of this description and a map indicating same was sent to Supervisor Saxton and also a copy to Clerk Marrison)

1. Townhall (Hawley Road) - 1 mile between Sections 10-15 on Hawley Road.  
Sand lift and gravel.
2. County Line Road (Washington Ave.) - East 1/2 mile on south side of Section 34; entire 1 mile on south side of Section 35.  
Drainage and gravelling.
3. Morton Road - a fraction of a mile between Sections 16-17. Haul dirt west onto Blundell Road and lengthen existing concrete box culvert. To improve clear vision north of the road junction.
4. Whitaker Road (Appleton Road) - 1 mile in Section 24; go to end of Section only, as objection was raised as to fences having to be moved further on toward lake. Grading and gravelling.
5. Schwass Road - Drainage and gravelling South 1/2 mile between Sec. 10-11; one mile of gravelling bet. Sec. 14-15.

Hamlin Twp. represented by Supervisor Bert Hall and Bert Ehler wants to know what can they expect in the line of permanent repairs on that "Burma" road? The places that break up every spring, break up clear across the highway. Engineer Lunde presents maps showing this strip of road and places to be patched are marked as needed - 1000' (south half) and 400 feet (north half) bet. Sec. 35 and 36; 400' bet. Sec. 25-26 and (?) ~~in~~ feet in Section 11.

Sections of this would have to be dug up and sandcushioned, and the road has to be wider and flatter. Ehler offers sand to fix this road. Hall says this is a main travelled road to Lake and Hamlin Twp. residents do not want this road closed in the summer on account of resort business being reduced about 40%. Road should be remodeled and rebuilt after Sept. 1st.

Gamertsfelder says Sam Bauske, Supervisor of Sheridan Twp. wants him to call Superintendent's attention to the sinkhole near his place. ~~Max~~ Supt. is present and told of this condition.

Superintendent brings up subject re Bob Buckley (an employee) wanting to cut timber at County Gravel Pit in Branch Twp. Commission says superintendent should contact Buckley and find out what his proposition is about cutting same.

Went over the Brye road about one mile and went west to the Blundell road; to Olmstead Road in Summit; Chauvez Road, that is being graded on the south side of Section 35; over on Sherman St. in Ludington where they are laying Dow Pipe Line; also on First St.; up on Decker Road, south side of Section 33 in Victory Twp., checking the request for improvement of sand-trail and then returned to commission meeting room.

Approved the purchase of 80 lineal feet of 48" Class "B" concrete culvert pipe for the Johnson Road between Sections 10--15 in Custer Township. This concrete pipe will take the place of the proposed 72" Corrugated Steel pipe now there and which was objected to as being too small by the Township Board. Unit price quoted as \$11.00 per foot, delivered, on this material.

Florence J. Henk  
Clerk

L. R. Hawley  
Chairman

April 29, 1955

Regular meeting of the board of road commissioners held with all members present.

Re-bids on insurance coverages opened with representatives of Michigan Mutual Liability Co. and Auto Owner's present. Michigan Mutual Liability Co. was awarded the coverage for Workman's Compensation and Auto Owner's bid for fleet and comprehensive coverage was accepted.

Sherman Twp. was in ~~the~~ in the afternoon to discuss their desires as to construction work. They want grading, cushioning and graveling on Tuttle Road bet. Sec. 28-29 and 1/2 mi. bet. Sec. 21-20. Estimate on cost of this was \$2,960.00.; also, bet. Sec. 36 in Sherman and 31 in Sheridan, they want this turnpiked and gravelled. Estimate on this is \$2,340.00, 1/2 of this cost to be borne by Sherman Twp. Also they want the blacktop on the road south of Fountain Village bet. Sec. 23-24, fixed up as this blacktop is badly broken up and needs resurfacing.

Florence J. Henk  
Clerk

L. R. Hawley  
Chairman

May 5, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks, and a great many vouchers were reviewed, approved and signed by the board in the total amount of \$15,788.84

Gasoline bids were opened with the following contents notes:-

Bids to cover months from 5/1/55 to 10/31/55

	Gasoline	Fuel Oil
Standard	13.55¢ 1%-10 da.	#1 - 15.3 #3 - 12.775
Cities Service	13.8 - 1%-10Days	
Leonard Refineries	13.25 -1%-10 da. (reg)	#1 - 13.46 #2 - 12.54
	13.00 -1%-10 Da. (Com.)	(1% - 10 da)
Sinclair	14.3 - 1%-10 da.	#1 - 15.0 #3 - 12.0
		(1% - 10 Da.)
Crystal Refining Co.	12.8 - 1%-10 da.	#1 - 12.85 #2 - 12.47
		(1% - 10 da)
Socony Vacuum	14.3 - 1%-10 da.	
Naph-Sol	12.72 -1%-10 da.	

Accepted the low bid from Naph-Sol Company for gasoline at a price of 12.72¢ per gallon with discount of 1%-10 days.

Diesel fuel bids were carried over to May 13th for clarification. Sinclair, Standard and Slaggert were notified to bid on a basis of transport delivery.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to contract gravel from Riedl Pit, in the amount of 3,000 cu. yds. per year.

Superintendent brings in report that Robert Buckley, who wants to cut the poplar trees in the county pit is offering \$3.00 per cord for an 8-foot cord. This price is accepted by the commission, and Buckley is to remove all cuttings, tops etc.

In the afternoon, Village of Fountain representatives were in. They want road commission to help them get some money on the flasher system at the railroad crossing. As it is not a State Highway, we cannot get any assistance from the state for them. Also, there is a little unfinished work north of town that was started two years ago which they want finished.

Lawrence J. Henk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

May 10, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Left at 10 A.M. with engineer and superintendent on a trip to Wexford County (Mesick) to inspect road work, and gravel screen to use in separating coarse stone from gravel Before screening. Machine is practical only in large pits where the over-size is not too heavy. Motion made by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to permit as many of the crew as desires to attend funeral of former employee Joe Blundell, but they must do so on their own time as usual.

Lawrence J. Henk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

May 13, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with Victory Twp. Board, Julius Peterson, Supervisor; Oscar Swanson, Clerk; Louis Peterson, Treasurer; and Irving Pratt, Justice

Victory Twp. requests the following construction work for the season:-

1. King's Corner road to be blacktopped in 1956.
2. Angling Road, from Lake-wood Drive to Fountain Road, gravelled.
3. North of Danish Church - 1/2 mile between Sec. 16-17 graded, ditched and gravelled. Mostly ditching work.
4. LaSalle Road, between Sec. 1-2, (called Young Road) 1 mile, West of Herman Beyers and Isinger gravelled.

Victory Twp. offered \$4,500.00 for the items 2, 3 and 4., of which they had allocated as \$2,500. for the Angling Road. Engineer Lunde informed them that this is a Primary Road on which their share will be 60% of the cost and his estimate would be at least \$3,000.00 for this job, as Twp. share. Victory Board thought this estimate was too high. The other two jobs would be on ~~the~~ Secondary Roads and therefore on a 100% cost to Twp. basis, and for the item 3, North of Danish Church, they allocated \$500.00 and \$1,500.00 for the Item 4, the LaSalle Road. Although they wa all of this work done, or as much as they can get done for the \$4,500.00, they agreed that the LaSalle Road should be the last to be considered in the event the expense on the Angling Road and the Danish church road should exceed their allocation.

Engineer Lunde asked Mr. Peterson about the financial responsibility of the Twp. in regard to the Smith Road, and the Supervisor said to bill Victory Twp. for the \$150.00 for this drainage w

Mr. Pratt requested information on some culvert pipe wanted for Victory Park.

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Discussion regarding scarifier. Quotation from the Moeller Company, F.O.B. Aurora, Illinois, was \$312.00 for scarifier only. Shipment could be made within a week of receipt of order. Hanson makes motion to order this equipment immediately and motion is supported by Gamertsfelder.

Only bid received on the request for re-bids on fuel oil supply, was from the Sinclair Refg. Co. One previously received on the transport basis from Crystal Refining Company was disregarded because of the sale of this company at this time with no assurance that the new company would stand behind the quoted price. Motion made by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder, that bid of Sinclair Refining Company be accepted for #1 and #2 Fuel Oil at prices of 13.5 and 12.5 respectively.

Engineer-Mgr. presented list of recommended raises for the following men, and recommendation was accepted by motion by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to give the men listed below the advance in wages indicated. Rate changes as of May 1, 1955:-

Arthur Fredericks	From \$1.25 to \$1.30
(Grader & blade)	Ralph Morell " 1.30 to 1.35
(Night grease man)	Calvin Gulembo - From 1.35 to 1.40
(Carpenter)	Ben Coolman - From 1.45 to 1.50
(Stock clerk, etc)	Edward Larsen - From 1.45 to 1.50
(Janitor)	Fred Pappe - From 1.25 to 1.30

*Laurance I. Henk*  
Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*  
Chairman

May 17, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Discussion regarding the following:-- Sign needs on Hamlin road; re saddle horses crossing at the Russ Collin's farm.

Want signs checked at corner east of Harmon's farm by blkt.

Check ditch on Amber road, south side of road, west of Roland Bentz farm to Herman Bentz farm. Check with Roland Bentz if more information is needed.

Clerk requested to transmit the above matters to the superintendent for attention.

*Laurance I. Henk*  
Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*  
Chairman

May 20, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and Board reviewed, approved and signed ~~bill~~ vouchers for other bills. Superintendent reports on feud re Bentz farm ditch.

Discussed planning for summer work to get maximum results from minimum moving. Opinion voiced that we should keep cost of moving equipment as low as possible even if we can't always carry our Twps. wishes immediately.

Made up and signed gravel agreement for John B. Riedl and wife Fahnni regarding obtaining gravel from their Pit in Logan Twp. This agreement is for one year with privilege reserved of extending same. A minimum of 3,000 cu. yds. of gravel at a price of 20¢ per cu. yd. is to be removed from the pit each year.

*Laurance I. Henk*  
Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*  
Chairman

May 24, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Opened bids on screening elevators:

Miller Equipment Company -	\$7,480.00	F.O.B. Factory
Universal Plant -(Earle Co.)	6,800.00	Delivered

No decision on this need more time to consider same from all angles.

Discussion on raise in wages again taken up. Chairman asked for more explicit information on fringe benefits and paid holidays to compare with other Counties. Asks Clerk to prepare same for next meeting.

Lorence J. Klenk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

May 27, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Took trip through Amber and Pere Marquette Twps. to inspect the work done and needs for immediate future.

Motion made by Hanson, supported by Hawley to purchase Barber Green screen through Miller Equip. Company at price of \$7,480.00 with 3 x 6 ft. screen. Terms:- 1/3 or more this year, balance in one year.

Lorence J. Klenk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

May 31, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Clerk presented Chairman of a resume of the fringe benefits now in effect and after a discussion of same a decision was made to increase the hourly wage by 8¢ per hour retaining the ~~benefits~~ present benefits, or to increase the wages by 10¢ per hour and reduce benefits by elimination of the Life Insurance and Sickness and Accident Insurance ~~for off the job~~ for 'off the job' sickness and accidents. Motion made by Gamertsfelder and supported by Hanson that an increase of \$300.00 per year be given to the salaried employees, Superintendent Englebrecht, Engineer-Mgr. Lunde and Clerk-Sec'y Klenk.

Lorence J. Klenk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

June 3, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, Commissioner Hanson leaving at noon. Chairman signed Payroll checks and Commissioners Hawley and Gamertsfelder reviewed, approved and signed the vouchers for the other bills. Signed amendments to Working Policy and clerk printed ditto copies for each employee. Copy of same attached to facing sheet.

Discussion followed regarding employees abuse of sick leave by signing their own applications; re status of rehired employees who were laid off in Dec. 1954; regarding reported poor quality of Naph-Sol Refining Company's gasoline, and meaning of application for radio Units to be obtained through Federal Aid. Motion made by Gamertsfelder, supported by Hawley, that Secretary sign applications for Mobile units and Federal participation.

In the afternoon, Commissioners Hawley and Gamertsfelder and Engineer took trip around county to see what is going on at Dunbar Pit, Fountain and Walhalla Bridge, etc.

Lorence J. Klenk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman



To All Employees of the Mason County Road Commission:

By resolution of the Board of Mason County Road Commissioners, at their regular meeting on the 31st day of May, 1955, the following actions were taken:

SECTION I - RAISE IN WAGE RATES

After much consideration of the present wages and fringe benefits, and in compliance with the demand for more take-home pay, a ten cents (10¢) per hour raise across the board for all regular employees will become effective June 1, 1955.

In considering this raise, the Commission has found that the Term Life Insurance carried on the employees for the past six years, is an expenditure which far outweighs its worth to the majority of the employees compared to its cost per hour; and the coverage carried for lost time for sickness and accidents 'off the job' was taken because of no sick leave being granted at that time. Therefore, in granting the above raise, the 1½ cents per hour which was being paid out for these coverages has been given back to the employee in the above stated raise which will benefit each employee equally and immediately. Sick leave has been provided for you by previous consideration of your Commission.

SECTION II - AMENDMENTS TO WORK POLICY

1. (a) Hours of Work - January 1 to December 31, each year. The work week shall be 45 hours per week consisting of the five consecutive days, Monday through Friday, inclusive, of nine (9) ~~max~~ hours each. During this period, the regular working day shall be from 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. with one-half hour commencing 12 o'clock noon for lunch period.
  - (b) The foregoing schedule of hours of work shall not be construed as a guaranteed work week.
  - (c) The definition of a work week shall not in any way hinder or limit the calling of men for overtime work when necessary.
  - (d) There shall be a minimum of four (4) hours of show-up time allowed, regardless of time worked for Ice and Snow Control only; two (2) hours on all other emergencies.
2. Compassionate Leave - Necessary leave, not to exceed three (3) days with pay, shall be allowed for any employee who sustains a death in his immediate family, ie; wife, husband, father, mother, child.
3. Paid Holidays - Pay shall be allowed for Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day and July 4th; provided such holiday falls on Monday to Friday inclusive, except a holiday falling on Sunday being declared a holiday on Monday will be granted. Additional straight time for all hours worked will be paid on all such holidays falling on Monday through Friday inclusive.

(Sections I and II shall be considered together)

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman, Mason County Road Commission

Eli Hanson  
Member

L. J. Gammitzfeld  
Member

June 7, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Members of Summit Township Board in to talk over road problems. They want:- 1. One mile or more from Kistler's Corners west, prepared for Blacktop this year.  
2. Want the road finished on Lake front, south of Outlet.

They want estimate on cost of above so they can know how far they can finance same.

Fountain Village representatives in to get estimate on finishing Village Street which was started in Dec. 1953. Estimate of \$1,200.00 given them to finish grading and gravelling on the above mentioned project.

*Lorence J. Henk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

June 10, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Moved ~~and~~ by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder to adopt resolution giving Ludington and Northern Railway and Sargent Sand Company, right to construct rail-bed over Piney Ridge roadway for purpose of removing sand from adjacent property, provided---that said parties agree to keep present road in passable condition at all times; provided further---that said parties shall erect and maintain traffic signs on said roadway at all times. (Engr.-and Supt. visited this location in P.M.)

*Lorence J. Henk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

June 14, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. After discussion of minor complaints, Board took trip with Engineer through Riverton Twp. over Brye Road to Summit Twp. where a thorough inspection was made of the proposed project west from Kistler's Corners. Most of the roadbed can be left as it is, and use the time saved to widen banks and remove trees in road limits; or trees can be left as they are but would be detrimental to a good job. Summit Twp. officers will be contacted regarding this choice.

Proceeded through Amber Twp. to inspect several small projects completed. Employees are doing a very fine job of grading and cleaning shoulders and ditches. More of this type of work needed. Visited Dunbar gravel pit where screen is operating at nearly full capacity, about 50 to 60 cu. yds. of ~~gravel~~ very good gravel per hour. This project will be finished this week. Board well pleased with overall work picture.

*Lorence J. Henk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

June 17, 1955

Regular meeting held with Grant Twp. Bd. members in to talk over work. They want work consisting of turnpiking, grading and gravelling approximately one mile between Sections 4 and 5. This project has been discussed, but Grant Twp. didn't feel able to pay 100% of the cost; offer to give 60%, of the \$3,000.00 total estimate. County will accept ~~the~~ offer at approximately \$1,800. for Grant Twp. share.

Moved and supported to ask for bids on one 1/2 ton Pickup truck, said bids to be opened at 11:00 A.M., June 20th at County Road Commission Office. Specifications of G.M.C. Pickup to be given in bid request.

*Lorence J. Henk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman



June 20, 1955

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Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills.

Bid of ~~Max~~ Max Jenks on Pickup opened; price given of \$1,285.00 for truck as specified. Moved ~~am~~ by Gamertsfelder and supported by Hansen to purchase this truck at above price.

Took trip through Hamlin Twp. to inspect roads, will get brine on in a day or two, likewise in North Amber Twp.

Moved by Gamertsfelder and supported by Hansen to purchase 500 gal. tank to hold asphalt; also give Engr. Lunde authority to obtain 6,000 gallon tank if advisable for storage of asphalt.

*Lorance J. Jenks*

Clerk

*L. R. Hawley*

Chairman

June 21, 1955 - Tour with Chesapeake and Ohio Railway officials and State Police on inspection of crossings.

June 23, 1955 - Hanson and Hawley spent one half day at the session of Supervisors at Courthouse

June 24, 1955 - No meeting held, account of above meetings.

June 28, 1955 - Road and Bridge Committee and Commission on tour of inspection over south side of County. Spent very pleasant day with little criticism, except that not half enough brine is going on roads, which situation commission is well aware, but Road and Bridge Committee did not ~~any~~ remedy for financial situation involved.

July 1, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills.

Discussed request of Road and Bridge Committee for decision of Commission regarding release of Freesoil Road for transfer to State Highway Department. After discussion, it was voted to give Freesoil ~~Twp.~~ <sup>road</sup> consent to a release of this 11 miles of County Primary Roads to the State Highway Department.

Discussed Hamlin Twp. Lakewood Drive Road. Advise Twp. officers to come in to talk over participation and when same should be done.

*Lorance J. Jenks*

Clerk

*L. R. Hawley*

Chairman

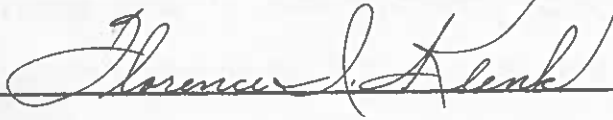
July 1, 1955 - Chairman signed payroll checks for early payday on account of the Holiday. Took drive on county roads through Victory, Amber and Hamlin Twps. to inspect work being done on seal coating with emulsion. Looks very good, board of opinion that more of this type of sealing should be used.

July 5, 1955 - Board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for bills. In P.M. went with Engr. to Custer Twp. to view grade on Johnson Road, now in progress.

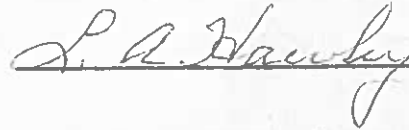
July 8, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Discussed relative merit and cost of different types of asphalt for road repair and resealing blacktop.

Mr. Dufon from Freesoil Twp. was in to renew complaint on ditches along his road. Advise him to contact Twp. Supervisor to give us a written agreement converging cost of this work.



Clerk



Chairman

July 12, 1955 -- Meeting held but only routine discussinn with no special business.

July 15, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with the engineer and clerk. At the meeting was a delegation from Hamlin Twp. resort area, property owners, Mr. J. H. William Supervisor Hall, Masterson, Sauers, Pappe, Miles Ummic, James Gavan, John Lynn, Otto Nichols, James Noel, Jake Rudysill and Floyd Fitch.

Delegation stated their purpose was to get information on just what the project prospects are on the Jebavy road. Stated they understood there was something to be done out there and they wanted to know definitely just what was being planned. Supervisor Hall desires a Federal Grant on this road, so as to tear it up and rebuild it so that the thaw and break-up season will not affect this road as it presently does. Engr. Luhde advises them that the situation has already been gone into as to depth of gravel, road bed, etc. and to take this through as a Federal proj. would cost \$500. per mile for preliminary work to get it into stage where it would be accepted. Delegation presses for an estimate of the time on this job, and engineer informs them of the steps to be taken, pointing out that even making up a set of plans acceptable for Fed. and State approval <sup>and the contract</sup> sometimes takes from three to six months. Must go through and see how much gravel is under that existing blacktop; then figure how much aggregate needed per mile; set up grading program and see whether it is feasible for Federal aid on the gravelling or on the blacktop.

Delegation praised the recent patching with emulsion with has been done on the Jebavy road and asked if this type of patching were expensive. Engr. says not too bad, 6000 gal. of emulsion @ 15¢ and the gravel, ~~per contract~~.

Discussion then centered around Right of Way at Lincoln River, re straightening out the curve; re moving Bridge to the east, lots of quick sand there and it would be a very expensive project. Engr. says maintenance is going up and unless some kind of money relief is to be had some of this work cannot be done. If Twp. were willing to pay 100% of the cost, it could be let on contract immediately, but not at the present rate of participation ~~and 60-40~~.

Delegation in favor of postponing any more patching in order to put the available money on construction for a new road on which the maintenance would be relatively small with a good base. The time element is the factor in which the delegation is most interest<sup>d</sup>, how long would it take ~~get~~ to get that new road in there. This answer seemingly impossible to give at this time.

Discussion then turns to suggestion of continuing the tarvia beyond Barnhart's a couple of thousand feet. Engr. says Federal Aid wants roads only which start someplace and go someplace they will not consider dead-end roads. Primary road ends at Shagway Road, the continuance, if any, would have to be set up under county and local program with different cost participation. Delegation requests a report to be send to Chairman Williams of the delegation as soon as the survey is finished, so they can decide just what they can do.

Chairman Hawley reads letter from Hamlin Twp. regarding their offer to appropriate money, whatever finances will allow. Chairman states this ~~offer~~ is not a sufficient agreement, a concrete figure must be offered.

July 15th continued---

Chairman Williams of the Hamlin property owners asks that the discussion get down to actual figures, or at least an estimate. Engr. gives estimate of \$100,000. with participation as Federal Aid \$50,000; Twp. \$25,000; and County Road Commission \$25,000. The question is then asked of Supervisor Hall if the Twp. is in a position to grant \$25,000. for this road. He states they have \$11,500. on hand and would not be in a ~~position~~ position to do so at this time. Hall is then asked if Twp. would have that amount when this road was ready to be built, and he says "we should have." Question is asked if an election wouldn't have to be held to raise this money, and he says yes, either a special election or ~~wait~~ the regular spring election. Hall says, "As I see it, we will not have the money for this road."

Survey is to determine how this job will be set up and what its possibilities are. Twp. will be notified of commission's decision and then Hamlin Twp. will have to find the money. Delegation ~~made~~ not in agreement on the idea of a 1-mill tax for this project, and with the Twp. assessed at \$2,000,000.00, the 1-mill tax would not produce the revenue necessary.

Further discussion adjourned awaiting report on survey.

*Flarence I. Klenk*

Clerk ~~Chairman~~

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

July 20, 1955

Date of meeting confused, Mr. Hawley comes up on the 19th, signed payroll checks (blank) and vouchers (completed). Hanson and Gamertsfelder sign vouchers on the ~~20~~ 20th.

A new insurance survey by Robert Smith, of Smith and Eddy Insurance Agency reveals that the replacement value of the building is such that coverage should be increased from \$60,000 to \$80,000, (on the main building) an increase of \$20,000. Motion made by Gamertsfelder and seconded by Hanson that this increase be put into effect immediately.

*Flarence I. Klenk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

July 22, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman Hawley reads letter from John A. Johnson, gravel pit owner, requesting a payment on gravel. He is in need of \$1100.00 immediately and if payment is made at this time, he will give 600 cu. yds. of gravel @ 25¢ per cu. yd., or return a value of \$1,250.00 for the \$1100.00 payment. Inasmuch as only 3410 cu. yds. of gravel have been taken from the pit at this time, the commission visited the pit to check on prospects of obtaining sufficient gravel to equal the value of this payment. After visiting the pit, motion is made by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder to accept the offer and issue payment if he is willing to wait for same until the next regular payday on August 5th.

*Flarence I. Klenk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

July 26, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Discussed purchase of large portable tank for asphalt and storage to increase speed of laying on roads. Board's opinion is to order same this fall for spring delivery. No action taken.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to hire two additional men in August for survey work on Lakewood Drive Road (Jebavy Road).

Authorize Engineer to write State Highway regarding status of M-116 north of Ludington.

*Flarence I. Klenk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

July 29, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Met Mr. J. Witkowski from Sherman Twp. regarding gravel pit. Will move in soon as possible for further testing. Advise moving screen to Grant Twp. first of week for processing gravel, stockpile and hauling.

Visited Coyne Road in Custer Twp. Grading completed, ready for gravel. Finishing head-walls on culvert. A very fine piece of grading and ditching is the opinion of the commission.

Clerk directed to return petition received regarding the improvement of the 3/4 mile known as Wall St., to the Hamlin Twp. board for their disposition.

Moved by Gamertsfelder and supported by Hanson, to change wages of Harry Brankert, State Highway foreman to yearly salary of \$4,200.00 as of July 1, 1955. Banked time earned paid up in full.

Moved by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder to accept State Maintenance Contract for the year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956, and authorize Chairman and Clerk to sign contract.

Moved and supported to have gas and fuel oil tanks and pumps, and piping in connection with same covered by wind and fire insurance. This additional coverage to be furnished by Smith and Eddy insurance agency.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Hanson to sign acceptance report on State Proj. CS Bl of 53-15-23, Fed. S-790 (1), type of work, Twin Corr. Metal pipe arch culverts and G. and D.S., and Aggregate surface on county road west of Fountain, north of Fletcher's Corner

*Flourance J. Hunk*  
Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*  
Chairman

August 2, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Routine discussion on road needs: - 1. Sign at French School? Will place.  
2. Table at P.M. hall? Will place.  
3. Toilet at park west of Scottville? Need?  
4. Hamlin road. Wants motor patrol before brine? Will  
5. Culvert at P.M. (Whiteknight) greenhouse. No action.  
6. New salesman (Zoll) in from Bay City Shovel Co.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to order asphalt tank and truck complete, holding 10,000 gal. according to specifications given. Bids to be requested by Engr. for Aug. 19th. Price given complete by Motyka is \$7,385.00.

*Flourance J. Hunk*  
Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*  
Chairman

August 5, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, Chairman signed payroll checks and board reviewed approved and signed vouchers for other bills.

Discussion re the insurance on buildings and contents. Chairman Hawley says more care should be taken in investigation Before signing policies or accepting coverage of same.

Discussed Hamlin Lake road with superintendent. Will get action at once to avoid more criticism from resort area.

J. Simons in from Miller ~~Equipment~~ Equipment Co. of Grand Rapids, re strike tie-up at Barber-Greene plant, and can't give any promise on delivery of screen ordered in spring.



August 5th, continued:-

Clerk requests permission to purchase a water cooler drinking fountain for the employees room. Quotation from Lundquist's for 10-gal. cooler, ~~General~~ General Electric, at \$225.00 was only one obtainable. Commission adjourned to State Savings Bank at Scottville to check on the merits of similar cooler and found it to be a very good investment. Notified clerk by phone to go ahead and order same immediately.

Florence J. Klunk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

August 9, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Mr. Willoughby of Hamlin Twp. resort area was in ~~regard~~ regarding blacktop on street at Hamlin Lake, South Bayou. Willoughby wants change in street to eliminate steep grade. Will survey and report.

In the afternoon, commission went over grade on Coyne Road, which is completed except for culvert work. Engineer lauded for exceptional work on this grade; also visited road south of Custer Road where fill is made and sand lift pretty much complete; also Harry Kline farm where shovel is to go in and clean ditch & filled by ~~commission~~ road crew.

Florence J. Klunk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

August 12, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Took inspection trip over asphalt roads in Riverton, Summit, Pere Marquette ~~and~~, Victory and Grant Twps. Sealing today in Riverton Twp. on old Townhall Road; also repairing base on Hanson Blvd. for resurfacing.

The crew is laying about two miles per day of sealcoat; very much needed repairs if water is to be kept out to avoid bad winter breakage. Grant Twp. getting good quality gravel from Linke Pit. Chairman states he is seeing the best work done at this time of any during his years as a road commissioner.

Florence J. Klunk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

August 20, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Routine business. Chairman signed pay roll checks, board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills.

August 23, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Julius Peterson, Victory Twp. Supervisor was in to ask about Victory Twp roads; namely, Road north of Danish Church; Huizinga Road; and Chadwick Road.

Visited Wichtowski Gravel Pit, operation satisfactory, quality of gravel is the best, output about 200 yards per day, quantity probably limited.

Checked steel bridge over Sauble River on Stiles Road., it looks bad, had to close road to check soundness of steel. Will study further, advise economy in rebuilding.

Florence J. Klunk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

August 26, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Discussion of Jones Gravel Pit owner allowing Lake County to obtain gravel from his Pit in exact location of our present operations. A study of the last contract reveals that this contract does not give us exclusive right to the Pit, although those of previous years did. Commissioners, and engineer visited the Pit and talked with Mr. Hones and he is dissatisfied over commission failure to check in screenings hauled away. Pit shows unlimited quantity for many years to come.

Lorence J. Henk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

August 30, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Routine business among which was a visit from Mr. Goodrich of Victory Twp. who called to remind ~~me~~ commission that his road has not yet been fixed. Engineer will send man out to survey the road in question at the request of the property owner across the road from the Goodrich farm.

Lorence J. Henk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

September 2, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks today so that crew may have checks for the Labor Day week-end..

Another request came in for guard rail to be placed at the Marchido School. Superintendent informed board that the work is being done ~~by~~ today.

Grant Twp. wants blacktop on County Line Road this year. Engineer will check road and total cost of material.

Lorence J. Henk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

September 6, 1955

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hawley and Gasmertsfelder present, Hanson absent.

Took trip through Riverton, Amber and Summit Twps. inspecting work done and also roads on which work is about to begin. Amber and Pere Marquette line road will be raised with dirt hauled by Chesapeake and Ohio Railway where they are laying new siding tracks, and this will help us very materially on cost.

In Summit Twp., the Kistler road is staked for grade. Must figure cost estimates and give them to the Twp. Board for acceptance.. They may not want so much done at Gustafson curve.

Lorence J. Henk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

September 13, 1955

Regular meeting held with ~~xxxx~~ all commissioners present.

Mr. Krause of Sherman Twp. called on commission regarding culvert and ditch in his drive-way. Superintendent will check this complaint.

Pere Marquette - Marchido district phoned chairman to thank commission for guard rail placed in front of school.

Supervisor Stewart, Summit Twp., inspected stakes on Kistler Road and says Twp. will approve increase in cost estimate if their percentage of participation is not over \$500.00.

Mr. Tyndall of Carr Settlement, visited this meeting, requesting Road Commission to assist Lake County is making a parking area at Community Hall belonging to both townships. Superintendent will check on work involved in this request.

Florence A. Henk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

Sept. 16, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Drove through Riverton Twp. to inspect the screening plant at Johnson's Pit; then drove west to a mile of road adjacent to the gravel pit which is sadly in need of gravel; observed Towns Construction Co. getting very good gravel on Brown's; from there to Summit Twp. to Kistler road to inspect the report of an accident caused by a stone lying in road (Ward Seymour ruined a tire and rim). (Engr. informs Board this type of accident is covered by the Highway Hazard insurance carried by us with Auto Owners. Drove from there to Hamlin Twp. looking for a reported hole in Jebavy Road which turned out to be a bump caused by frost heave on a culvert.

Engineer went to C. & O. to see about dirt on the Amber-P.M. county line road; will call G.R.

Lake County is disturbed about our gravel trucks using their new blacktop road, they have load restrictions on blacktop east of Freesoil. (Engr. inquiries into this and is told travel thereon is ~~not~~ permissible, but to vary driving range.

In regard to petition received from Hamlin Twp., we should discuss with Road and Bridge Comm. the proposition of ~~rebuilding~~ rebuilding Jebavy Rd. and Chauvez Rd.

Florence A. Henk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

September 20, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Routine discussion, Chairman signed payroll checks, board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for bills.

Ward Seymour's request for tire replacement referred to Auto Owner's who have coverage for Highway Hazards.

Discussed purchase of new passenger car. Chairman says same would not be considered at this time except for the fact that the price is so good it could not be sensibly refused. T. D. Smith Co. offers new '55 Fairlane Town Sedan for \$995.00 and trade-in of present Ford. Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder that this offer be accepted. The undercoating is to be extra, and commission reserves the right to remove snow tire from Old Ford.

Engineer presents request from crew to be off for the Harvest Festival on Friday, Sept. 23rd 1955, with pay. Motion made by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, that Friday be declared a non-work day in order that employees may attend the Harvest Festival and that Engr.-Mgr. designate a later date to make up the lost time. (A notice to this effect was posted on the bulletin board, with Oct. 1st, 1955 designated as the make-up day, such day to be included in the payday for the 5th of Oct., but this proposition was voted down by the crew and no make-up day was worked.)

Mrs. Vorac wants "Dead End" sign on road by their farm so people won't turn around on their property when they eventually discover the road is a dead-end road.

Board approved Cottage Grove Plat in Sheridan Twp. with the provision that streets be either marked private or graded to standard specifications for county acceptance; and the Lincoln Hill Country Club Subdiv. plat in Hamlin Twp., provided a bond is furnished by responsible parties.

Florence A. Henk

L. A. Hawley

September 27, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Received letter from Morgan Cartier requesting status of Gun Lake road for which he ~~gave~~ gave easement. Last communication to him indicated that commission would contact the property owner to the north, a Mr. D. L. Brown. Commission now takes stand that county does not have jurisdiction in these matters. Engineer has latest communication with notation thereon "Get letter out on this."

Moved by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder, that permission be given James Rhinebolt, ~~an~~ an employee, to purchase bolts on County land in Amber Twp., at \$1.50 per cord.

*Lorence J. Henk*  
Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*  
Chairman

Sept. 30, 1955

Regular meeting with all commissioners present. Took inspection trip around county with Engr. Visited Johnson Pit, crew hauling gravel to Dennis Road in Amber Twp. Also drove over new mile of blacktop on Brye Road.

*L. A. Hawley*  
October 5, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks, board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills.

Gamertsfelder reported on meeting he and Engr. Lunde attended with Freesoil Twp. on evening of Oct. 4th, 1955 relative to the road east of Freesoil being turned over to the State as a State Highway. Commission agreeable if State favors same.

Road and Bridge committee present at the above-mentioned meeting and planning inspection tour with commission sometime in the ~~near~~ near future, possibly the week of regular supervisor's session.

Notification of Snowfall Fund distribution received during this meeting. Only 36 counties share in this money; Mason County received nothing; the certified mileage was given as 917.32 miles and average snowfall as 57.71 inches. Clerk instructed to write a letter to State Highway Commissioner requesting information as to the standard method of measuring this snowfall and as to their sources of information inasmuch as an unofficial measure at the road commissioner figured approx. 112 inches of snowfall. The contour map furnished with the Snowfall Dist. report shows two weather stations, both located on Lake Michigan shore near Ludington, very close together and showing measurement there of 46 and 55 inches. Altho' the eastern section of the county showed a contour line of 60 inches, this apparently was not considered.

Approved and signed plat for Cottage Grove Subdivision, Government Lot No. 1; Section 33; T19N, R15W, Sheridan Twp. on the 5th day of Oct. 1955, with one exception, that the private street named Maple St., shall be changed to Elm St., because of conflict with existing road name.

*Lorence J. Henk*  
Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*  
Chairman

October 7, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. A Mr. Shields, who owns Martin farm in Section 6 - 7, in Victory Twp., needs gravel on road.

Discussion on insurance adjustment on No. 1 truck, followed by motion by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to accept check from State Farm Mutual Insurance Co. in the amount of \$250.00 for damages to truck in collision with Frank Danciewicz on Crystal Lake Road, Amber Twp.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to approve application for plat on Lake Shore in Summit Twp. submitted by Ludington Realty Company.

*Lorence J. Henk*

Chairman



Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Board signed Plat of Lincoln Hills Country Club Subdivision, and accepted \$3,000.00 bond of said organization signed by Charles Paukstis as surety for them, guaranteeing payment for gravel on streets of said plat, said bond to be in force for 18 months or until completion of gravelling the roads in the subdivision by contract work to our satisfaction.

Commission in discussion over no allocation of snow fund to Mason County and decide to request the placing of a weather bureau station at Scottville or some place East of Scottville for recording snow-fall.

Mr. Fleming, from Blue Lake resort met with board to request some work done on road to his resort.

After discussion of insurance loss on Truck No. 1 in accident with car in June, 1955,--- motion of October 7, 1955 re acceptance of check for \$250.00 proffered in settlement in full by the adjuster for the State Farm Mutual Ins. Co., was rescinded by motion of Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder. Check to be refused as full settlement and adjuster requested to call at a board meeting for discussion of adjustment.

*Lorenz H. Hunk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

October 20, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills.

State Farm Mutual Insurance adjuster, L. F. Porter called during this meeting. He conveyed the message that his conversation with Engr.-Mgr. when check was left with him was to the effect that it was satisfactory, but subject to the approval of the board. In spite of the estimate of damage submitted by W. E. Reader Company of Scottville, and the Chinnery Co. of Ludington, International dealers, who gave an estimate of approx \$1600.00 to place this truck back in working order, the adjuster dwelled on market value., and stated that if a further claim was to be presented, it would have to be substantiated with figures proving its merit. When adjuster noticed Secretary taking down notes on his conversation, he commented on this and departed at once, leaving the original check and matter pending.

Frank Miller and Richard Hansen, shovel operators, visited the board meeting and asked that the bucket purchased for Miller's shovel and only recently used because the old one was worn out, be changed, as it is not the correct type of bucket for the work it has to do. Board viewed this situation first hand with the operators. (Engineer-Mgr. Lunde was in Sutton's Bay, attending a meeting of the 29th Senatorial Group of Road Commissioners)

*Lorenz H. Hunk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

October 25, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Took an inspection tour of the county, to Olmstead Road, Johnson Gravel Pit and the Kistler Road.

Instructed Engr.-Mgr. to contact Prosecuting Attorney to give W. E. Reader a 48-hour notice to re-open ditch filled by him contrary to law, and subject to \$25.00 fine.

Discussion re ~~Knebl Gravel Pit~~ Gravel Pit, known as Knebl Pit, from which commission obtained gravel in 1939 for 15¢ per cu. yd. Authorized Engr.-Mgr. to contact owners of this pit and obtain contract for approx. 4000 yards per year.

*Lorenz H. Hunk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

October 28, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Signed Plat of Subdivision in Summit Twp. named Lake Bluff Subdivision on Lake Michigan.

Request in office from a Mr. Groh, living on Hamlin Lake for road to allow him to get out in winter time.

Signed contractg with Cooper family for gravel pit known as the Knebl Pit, for a period of five years, at price of 15¢ per cu. yard.

Board agrees to allow use of equipment for cities and villages on Saturdays or other days that commission is not operating.

Harvey Rogers, of Mich. Mchry Equip. Co. called on ~~xxx~~ commission to discuss repairs on distributor, needs burners, pump and tacometer. Motion by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to order above parts at approximately \$1200.00 unless otherwise notified.

Took ride in Hamlin Twp. for inspection of roads to be repaired, will patch and grade only enough to allow snow-plowing, not important except to only a few residents as the roads are dead-end roads.

*Lorance J. Hank*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

November 1, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Answered call from Mr. Pronk on Art Bigsby farm to check on water ~~standing~~ damage from ~~the~~ Commission agreed to correct the trouble while working on that road. Will road. ditch road on west side, north to ditch leading to county drain.

Wolverine Machinery Company salesman called to show new literature on tractor loader. Very ~~good~~ good machine, but price of \$11,600.00 is prohibitive.

Lawyer Christman was present at this meeting at the request of the board to give accounting for the charges for his services and to give progress report on the Pulleyblank case. Christman explained status of case and ~~xx~~ stated there would be no additional expense until plaintiff gets case before Supreme Court.

*Lorance J. Hank*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

November 4, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Opened bids on gas and fuel oil. Bids were as follows:-- Gasoline quotations for the period Nov. 1st through April 30th, 1955

	Standard Oil Co.	14.8	1% 10 days
	Crystal Refining Co.	14.17	1% 20 days
	Lenard Refineries (regular)	13.87	1% 10 days
	Leonard Refineries (commercial)	13.375	"
(Accepted)	Naph-Sol Refining Co.	12.87	"
	Sinclair (rec'd 11/5/55)	14.3	"

on fuel oil were as follows:--

	Standard Oil	#1 - 16.3	#3 - 12.375
	Sinclair Refining Co.	15.0	13.0
	Crystal Refining Co.	14.67	13.67
(Accepted) -	Slaggert Oil Co.	14.3	13.3



Signed checks and vouchers. Discussed request from Summit Twp. for approximate price for work on Kistler road per mile, Engineer promises to have figures for Tuesday meeting.

Lorence J. Klenk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

November 8, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Roy Pittard and Louis Grassa, from Amber Twp., were in to ask for closing of six-tenths mile of road through Section 27 on east one-eighth line. Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to give the interested land owners permission to close above 6/10's mile of road, when legal action is completed. All land owners interested in above, are Roy Pittard Louis Grassa, Hiram Herrick and Verne Miney.

Took ride to Summit Twp, Kistler road. Will take a week or ten days to finish grading and tree removal on West mile. East mile will be left to finish in spring.

Lorence J. Klenk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

November 15, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, meeting adjourned at noon. ~~See down~~

Mrs. Taylor, a land owner of 10 acres on road in Pere Marquette Twp, Section 12, was in about removing barricades from a road, but was advised that this road was legally closed by the County upon request of the Supervisors on account of Air Port needing runway across said road. Therefore, no action can be taken on her request.

Board agrees to release Harold Masser and wife from agreement with Road Commission concerning money deposited with Federal Loan Ass'n, provided contractor will agree to put about 20 yards more gravel on ~~xxxx~~ Masser Subdivision roads. Motion made by Hanson, and supported by Gamertsfelder that the letter of May 6th, 1955, letter of obligation to the sum of \$2500.00 on deposit at the Federal Savings and Loan Assoc. for the completion of a certain contract between Harold Masser and wife, and the Wadel Construction Company, is hereby released.

Lorence J. Klenk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman

November 18, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, ~~meeting adjourned~~ together with Engr. Chairman signed payroll checks and board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for bills. Engr. Lunde requests additional units of two-way radio system (Motorola) for trucks and other units, need about four or five more. Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to order the units necessary.

Discussion on coal prices followed by motion by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to accept bid of Abrahamson-Nerheim Co. of Ludington, for car of Leatherwood Commercial Stoker coal at price of \$13.00, delivered in bin.

Milo Wilson, Mason Co. Sanitarian, called to discuss Township dumping grounds. Need serious consideration to be satisfactory.

Lorence J. Klenk  
Clerk

L. A. Hawley  
Chairman



November 22, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. (1) Took trip with Engineer to Morton Gravel Pit. Very poor quality vein where now processing. (2) Went to Riverton sand-cushioning job which is nearing completion. (3) Next stop on Sherman St. at Ludington limits, bigger job than expected. Will take all the week. (\$) Superintendent reports all small repair work finished.

Mr. Backing, Supervisor of Meade Twp. called to request work on bridge on Bennett Road. Dirt needed to fill holes and approaches to bridge. Superintendent agreed to look after this.

*Florence I. Kunk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

November 25, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. (1) Ervin Stovesand wants sign on blacktop road in Eden Twp. on curve by Lake. (2) Julius Peterson in to inquire about accounts given him, will pay as agreed by the board. (3) J. Lister in to see about insurance on his car, collided with tree on side of road in Pere Marquette Twp. on ~~Blacktop~~ blacktop by old Young farm. This accident happened on Tuesday night, Nov. 22nd, 1955. Case referred to Auto Owners who have Commission coverage for fleet, and public hazard ins.

*Florence I. Kunk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

November 29, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with Engineer and Clerk. Read letter addressed to Commissioner Gamertsfelder from William Hall regarding street on Carrie Mears plat, records do not show that this street is in County Road System.

Moved by Hansen, supported by Gamertsfelder to order one 3/4 yd. and one 1/2 yd. bucket for the two Michigan Shovels. The Michigan Machinery and Equipment Co. (Harvey Rogers) agrees to take in the bucket purchased from them for an allowance of \$750.00.

Complaint received regarding condition of a portion of Kistler road now under construction. Crew evidently were careless at close of days. Advise attention of crew be called to conditions of late fall where none can tell what weather will develop over night.

Clerk asked that matter of \$250.00 check from State Farm Mutual Insurance Co., undeposited, be disposed of in some way by the commission. This check was offered in full settlement of accident in which their insured collided with Road Commission Truck No. 1, putting same out of use. After much discussion, motion was made by Gamertsfelder, and supported by Hanson, that this matter be turned over to the Prosecuting Attorney for action and request to this company for settlement in a minimum amount of \$400.00 and retention of the damaged truck by the commission.

Engineer asks permission to purchase a Zeiss level for ~~xxxxxx~~ use in surveying by personnel of the road commission. Equipment now used is personal property of the Engineer. Level now being used is at a point where it cannot be repaired. Engineer is told to gather date and prices on the desired instrument.

*Florence I. Kunk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

December 2, 1955

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Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and ~~boards reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for bills~~

Listened to constructive criticism from Secretary relative to evident laxity of commission in reporting absence from office on meeting days without leaving work for sake of public relations as to their whereabouts. Board will try to leave office informed hereafter.

Engineer Lunde ~~reports~~ reports a price of \$600.00 on the Zeiss level under consideration. Moved by Hanson, supported by Hawley to purchase the German surveying instrument.

Mr. Swinn, Ludington State Park manager, called at the office for information on road north of State Park to ~~Sault~~ Sauble Station. ~~He~~ Commission had not received the papers he wants.

*Florence I. Lunde*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

December 6, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Board signed vouchers for bills.

Discussion on Riverton Twp. roads followed noon lunch. Supervisor Saxton will be in on December 9th, 1955, to discuss unfinished 1955 work and to consider plans for 1956, ~~at~~

Board talked over township problems for 1956, will have detailed plan soon for each township to use.

Archie Walters called for snow fence, for sand along lake, will let him have what old fence we have on HAND.

*Florence I. Lunde*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

December 9, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Secretary and Engineer in Traverse City to attend meeting held by Auditor General's office. Their report of this meeting follows minutes.

John Rosenow, called in morning session to discuss schoolhouse culvert, and wants to have Engineer give estimate on cost of gravel for driveway 375 feet long, 12 ft wide, and 4" thick at Victory ~~schoolhouse~~ schoolhouse. (Parking lot 24 x 50 ft)

Orvan Saxton, Supervisor of Riverton Twp., met with board to discuss Riverton needs. He is satisfied with the plans as made last spring, he has bills on work done to date and will present them to his board for payment. Wants completion of roads now on program and if possible, to get federal aid on the ~~Township~~ Townhall Road.

*Florence I. Lunde*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

(Report of Clerk and Engineer-Mgr. on Traverse City meeting mentioned above) Dec. 8 & 9, 1955  
Accompanied by the Clerk of Oceana County and also Manistee County, the above-mentioned persons attended the Traverse City meeting held by the Auditor General's office in regard to the new Uniform Accounting Manual issued by that office. Mr. Al Westal, a representative of that office presided at the meeting, assisted by Mr. Ray Kutchins of the State Highway Department. Two county auditors, Victor Klatt, who audits the Mason County books, and a Mr. Tony Lazarus (?), who audits in THE northern counties were also present but seated in the audience, as was Mr. Clark Neidermeier of the County Road Association.

Mr. ~~Ward~~ Westal reviewed the entire manual and panel discussions were held on several points. This new procedure entails several new funds and new controlling accounts in the general ledger. Many new journal entries are necessary under the new system and more columns in the expense ledgers. The ~~new~~ present forms are acceptable until a new supply is necessary, but the headings must be changed to conform with the new procedures.

Mr. Leonard Kaufman, Grand Rapids (Kent County) Clerk, who is on the County Road Assoc. Accounting Committee and also on the Committee determining rates for equipment rental, made the statement that he was frank to admit that this new procedure would take more than a matter of hours to digest and that it would necessitate more personnel to put into practice than most of the smaller offices now had.

During this session Mason County representatives asked the question as to whether any of the counties had a precedent case similar to our No. 1 truck accident. None of them had apparently had this situation, but with opinions offered, it was thought to be a legal question, but that the insurance company should have placed the truck back into its original working condition and the estimate should have been the figure involved instead of the market value, then no more than that same market value should be put on as fire insurance value since they would settle on the same basis. In that case Mason Co. Rd. Com. is carrying at least \$600.00 too much fire insurance on that truck at present.

Also Mason County asked the question about a minimum amount of repairs on a truck to be considered as recapitalization rather than maintenance. No set percentage was given, but in a major overhaul job, such as has just been done on the International and on the Duplex, these figures should be added to the present value and depreciated from there on the increased amount.

*Flourance J. Hunk*  
Clerk

December 13, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

(1) Freesoil board called on commission during this session to inquire about snow-plow for their use this winter. Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to allow Freesoil Twp. to have a snowplow unit for use during coming winter season whenever weather conditions warrant its being left in their garage. This unit to be driven by regular county employee, except in case of emergency when a qualified driver can be substituted. (2) Discussion on blacktop repair work tabled until more definite information is accumulated.

*Flourance J. Hunk*  
Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*  
Chairman

December 20, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and board reviewed, approved and signed 63 vouchers for bills, in an amount of \$19,619.62 with payroll of \$8,719.00.

Thurston Widmark of the T.D. Smith Ford Company, Scottville, Michigan, called to discuss the purchase of demonstrator pickup. Offered the commission a 1955 - 1/2 ton demonstrator pickup at a cost of \$1,345.00 to be paid by February 20th, 1956; this cost to be \$995.00 plus trade-in of \$350.00 allowance on our old pickup No. 25. No bid advertisement necessary on this. Above price to include paint job by them to get truck color in keeping with fleet color, Highway Orange.

*Flourance J. Hunk*  
Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*  
Chairman



Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Mr. Klopfenstein, Supervisor of Sherman Township was in to protest cost of ~~road~~ Tuttle Road. He says board is against paying more than estimate. Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, that board request payment in full on statement rendered to Sherman Twp, and that the commission does not consider that an estimated cost can be used as settlement in full for project.

Re Bass Lake plat, details to be given to clerk by Engineer.----- (See note at bottom of this page, following minutes for December 30, 1955.)

Board instructs Engineer to ask for bids on Jeep-Auger outfit to be used for gravel testing. Motion made to adjourn.

*Florence I. Henk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

December 27, 1955

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Discussion on Riverton Road project was concluded by request for engineer to make survey of two miles continuing east from present project to end of township and also make application for Federal Aid on this project.

Took trip over east end of county to check on condition of roads and also to check on Morton Gravel Pit. Morton pit gravel of very poor quality.

*Florence I. Henk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

December 30, 1955

Regular meeting held, all commissioners present. Mr. Hasenbank, former commissioner called in regard to Gregory gravel pit settlement. Secretary authorized to send a complete statement of the operations there and explain discrepancy in report given to Mrs. Gregory by Mr. H. and the amount of the check sent in final settlement in the amount of \$253.40. This difference was caused by an inadvertent error of entry in the stockroom re gravel.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to authorize Engineer to contact State regarding Speed Limit signs and to take such action as necessary to comply with the law.

*Florence I. Henk*

Clerk

*L. A. Hawley*

Chairman

Supplemental to December 23, 1955 as indicated above:-

"The question of Brower getting Right-Of-Way down street in front of his residence at Bass Lake and also the Township securing park rights to part of the street in Bass Lake Park Subdivision, both will required special handling with the county prosecutor who should make formal request to the State Attorney General for an opinion as to who has authority to assign ownership of reparation rights on platted streets in recorded plats."