

January 3, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Engineer presented tentative program for next two years for primary roads. Program looks very good, but will need to be pushed to the limit to accomplish same, but it CAN BE DONE.

Question raised to decide if Board is agreeable for Engineer to make trip to Florida to the American Road Builder's Assoc. meeting. After discussion, it was moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to permit him to make the trip at his own expense, but not as vacation time.

Florence I. Henk Clerk *L. A. Hawley* Chairman

January 5, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks. Opened bids on Jeep for travel testing, including auger winch. 1 Ton Jeep, 50 ft. of rod in 5' length, 4½" drill, 1/2" bits, complete with 150 foot cable, all as listed in bid. Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to purchase complete unit for the bid price of \$5,134.59.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to sell old water heater in basement for \$10.00.

Florence I. Henk Clerk *L. A. Hawley* Chairman

January 10, 1956

Regular meeting held with commissioners Hanson and Gamertsfelder present. Had a demonstration on a Century Salt Spreader this morning and signed the bills as owed on December 31, 1955.

Stanley Morton was in and would like some money for gravel on the 20th of this month.

Discussion as to finishing work in Victory township for which the Twp. Board is holding back \$1,000.00 of the money promised for their projects. Superintendent said ~~inasmuch as~~ the machiner is now in area of Young Road job, ~~he~~ and he was instructed by Acting Chairman Hanson to go ahead with the job.

Florence I. Henk Clerk *Eli Hanson*
Eli Hanson, - Acting Chairman

January 13, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Discussion on phone with Mr. Glen Wallace regarding commission action in purchase of Jeep drilling outfit by bid, also on Ford Pickup Demonstrator from T. D. Smith Co. caused by complaint to him that commission was favoring outside companies with county orders. Evidence shows that local firm did not enter any bid for above purchase of the drilling outfit.

Florence I. Henk Clerk *L. A. Hawley* Chairman

January 17, 1956

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Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Mr. Matevich from Sherman Twp. called on commission regarding road on line between Section 18 and 19.

Discussion came up regarding oil for trucks for coming year, and after questioning the shop foreman on results of oil now being used, motion was made by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder to continue using the same oil from Slaggert Oil Company at no advance in price.

Ideal weather for trucking gravel and sand and Superintendent has crew working on these projects. Kings corner road sand and gravel, also in Custer and Eden Twps on 1956 ~~parking~~ projects.

Board reviewed John A. Johnson's request by letter to Mr. Hanson, for an advance of \$1300.00 against his gravel pit; Board believes this request to be unjustified after a report from the Superintendent that this pit does not look very promising at the present time.

Florence J. Klunk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

January 20, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and board signed vouchers that are most pressing ~~fix~~ and of a 1955 vintage only.

Mr. Frank Jones, from Lake County, was in to talk over the Gravel prospects in his Pit. He advanced the proposition of washing gravel in his pit.

Crew hauling stumps in Hamlin Twp; also hauling gravel from Gutske Pit.

Florence J. Klunk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

January 24, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Heard complaint brought in from school bus driver in Summit Twp. regarding ice condition at Bass Lake, causing road to heave and a few trees lean across highway creating road hazard. Supt. will look after this.

Board and engineer took trip to the gravel pit in Eden Twp., known as the Gutske Pit. Only fair quality gravel and prospects for a limited quantity, can use it for base on heavy soil roads.

Florence J. Klunk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

January 27, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Logan Twp. board call during this meeting to discuss problems of coming year. Want to know why plows can't get out in morning ~~when~~ when snow is not packed. Want to know whether they can get plow for winter use same as Freesoil. After discussion regarding needs, motion was made by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder that board favors plan for plow be available to place in area of Carr settlement during winter months, also we will check snow-plowing in that area to see if complaint is justified. Superintendent says it is not justified.

MacArthur Implement Co. representative in to talk over Woods Rotary cutter and mower for ~~road~~ roadside mowing. After discussion board decided to order one at cost of \$495.00 del'd. Motion was made by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to order one of these mowers, delivery to be made about May 1, 1956.

Florence J. Klunk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

January 31, 1956

Regular meeting held, Commissioner Hanson absent re trip to Indianapolis for Drilling Jeep.

Summit Twp. Supervisor Stewart called on board to discuss Bass Lake conditions. Board agrees to meet Summit Twp. board at Bass Lake on Tuesday, Feb. 7th, at 1:30 P.M. to look over the road under dispute, and also to try to determine boundary lines and lake frontages. Also board will check on other street and lake frontage boundaries.

Received communication from Union Committee requesting meeting, they suggest the date of February 10th. No action taken as Commissioner Hanson is absent, but commissioners present will not agree to any meeting with other than a union committee of employees of Mason County Road Commission.

Nels Rumbles, salesman for the Seneca refining Co. (asphalt) called on board and gave a very instructive talk on different types of material and as they are manufacturers of this material it would seem to be wise to give this a much deeper study. Also, Bud Walker called on board from Leonard Refining Co. for same type of material.

Florence I. Hunk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

~~Regular meeting~~

February 3, 1956

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

Miller Equipment Company's salesman Simon called to call attention to Chipping Machine for brush shredding. Will give this a trial when we have some brush to cut.

Grant Twp. supervisor called to discuss purchase of 20 acres of land from county. County will check this tract for value before replying to request for sale of same.

Board accepts plan presented by distributor Littleford Company to replace present heating unit on distributor by new unit.

Rescind action of ~~January~~ January 31, 1956 regarding committee and representatives. Will meet Union committee and one representative at 1:00 P.M. next February 10th.

Florence I. Hunk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

February 7, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Board authorized renewing contract with General Telephone Company for tree trimming on county roads for the year 1956.

Engineer requests commission to consider the purchase of three or four medium sized trucks for spring delivery. Will check specifications at next meeting of several different manufacturers products.

Met with Summit Twp. supervisor at Bass Lake to view lake ~~front~~ frontage and access to lake from highway. Further discussion necessary ~~with~~ when information concerning same has been received from prosecuting attorney.

Florence I. Hunk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

After discussion regarding purchase of new trucks, motion made by Gamertsfelder and supported by Hanson to ask for bids on three units for gravel hauling. Said bids to be advertised for opening February 20th, 1956, at 1:30 P.M.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to pay accounts of Miller Equipment Company and Young Equipment Company on the 20th of February, 1956 .

Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to rescind motion of January 17, 1956 to give oil contract to Slaggert Oil Co., and to call for bids, to conform with minutes of Feb. 11, 1955 meeting.

Union Committee consisting of Arthur Anderson, Edwin Brautigam, Stanley Raspotnik and William Brown, came in to discuss propositions stated in request for metting, namely wages and insurance. Request increase in wages, account of increase in cost of overall needs and supplies. Also yearly pay is less than last year on account of the shorter hours of employment. They request a blanket raise for all regular employees. Regarding insurance, they request that on account of the ever increasing rates of Blue Cross, that commission investigate other types of coverage to see if more benefits can be obtained for the present premium.

Flarence J. Klenk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

February 14, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Board and engineer visited Knebl Gravel Pit in A.M. to check quality and quantity of material in Pit. Much better material than had been anticipated, also getting a goodly amount of stone stockpiled.

Discussion of wage rates re ~~union~~ employees request for a blanket raise, board decided to take more time to get comparable schedules on wages before answering committee.

Grant Twp. wants answer on disposal of garbage in our clay pit. Will check this over to decide what is best to do.

Flarence J. Klenk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

February 17, 1956

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

Sheridan Twp. farmers in to talk over road problems on road north from Bachelor Cemetery. 2 miles needs turnpiking and new culverts. Water drainage is the big problem. Gulembo needs road sign changed to north and South road. Engineer will contact Sheridan Supervisor on cost of this project.

Flarence J. Klenk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

February 20, 1956

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

Orvan Saxton called to get information on procedure for change in route of US-31. Was advised to contact ~~State~~ State Highway Department.

After discussion on wage increase asked by committee, it was moved by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder to increase all hourly employees 5¢ per hour, said raise to be effective April 1, 1956.

Regarding committee request that commission investigate other plans of hospitalization, board thinks the men should make decision on this after investigation on their part. Commission will not make decision on change of plan from Blue Cross to other.

Engineer will contact other counties on payment of Holidays and Sick Leave and report Friday.

Florence J. Klunk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

February 24, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Met with representatives of road eulsion, and learned valuable points on use of these materials for our county. Opened bids for trucks in response to advertised request for price on three dump trucks, complete with box.

Mottl Motors - Ludington -	\$5000.00
T. D. Smith - Scottville	5000.00
Max Jenks, - Scottville	5238.27
Steingraber Auto-Scottville	5107.00
Urka Chevrolet - Scottville	5131.79
Stevenson - Ludington	5147.81

Board reserves bid acceptance until later.

Hans Rasmussen called on board to try to arrive at settlement of account. Board agrees that check given us in the amount of \$2,937.00, is payment in full to date for balance due county on Pere Marquette Twp. projects except for Sherman St. which is unfinished and also for Townline road between Pere Marquette and Amber Twp.

Florence J. Klunk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

February 28, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Board spent considerable time in comparing specifications of the different makes of trucks offered to county and after thorough comparison, board decided to accept bid of Ford Company, through T. D. Smith and Mott Motor Co. for three units as given us in their bid of \$5,068.70 with the extras requested by Commission

Received communication from employees requesting increase of 15¢ per hour in wages. After discussion regarding above request and in view of ~~xxx~~ having already given a 5¢ increase on February 20th, 1956, motion was made by Gamertsfelder and supported by Hanson to reject proposal of the employees.

Board requests engineer to contact Township officials regarding township participation as soon as convenient to help us plan the work on secondary roads.

Engineer requests commission to authorize purchase of a set of aerial maps of county from Dept. of Agriculture. Board will consider same at next meeting.

Florence J. Klunk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Routine business in morning, meeting adjourned and re-convened at Jagger residence for meeting with Hamlin Twp. board to consider rebuilding portion of Lakewood drive, from Jagger Corner, north to Hamlin Townhall. Work to consist of grading, ditching, sand life, culverts, and base for above road. Hamlin Twp. will contribute \$12,000.00 of this project as their share of this entire project complete with blacktop. County to furnish balance of funds for above complete road.

Agreement in 'minutes' supporting file reads as follows - "Grade, drain and gravel surface Lakewood Drive from the Jagger Road north to the Angling Road in Hamlin Township, a distance of 2.76 miles. This work shall be let for contract under the Federal Aid Secondary Road program, and shall be done according ~~to~~ to the specifications of the Michigan State Highway Department. The road shall be graded to a top width of 32 feet and gravel surfaced at least 22 feet wide in preparation for a 22 ft. blacktop pavement." Agreement signed by entire Twp. Board, and Road Commission.

Florence J. Hank
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

March 5, 1956

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

Board heard engineer's request for aerial maps and after consideration of request, Commissioner Hanson made motion, seconded by Gamertsfelder to order maps as requested.

Mrs. Inez Danaher of Hamlin Twp. and other land owners of same Twp. have made request to Com. to have certain streets closed in Hamlin Lake resort subdivision. Engineer will make drawing of above for Commission consideration.

Mrs. Rudysill at Hamlin Lake in Bugg House area, made request to have large tree removed from side of road, but board does not believe this is a matter for county to do, and advise no action.

Florence J. Hank
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

March 9, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Opened bids on old trucks offered for sale by commission. Hageman bid was best offer made, \$300.00 for G.M.C. No. 3, and \$250.00 for Dodge No. ~~19~~ 32. Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to contact Grand Rapids firm to get their offer on dump boxes alone on above units.

Board has decided after inquiry and checking over a used G.M.C. truck, not to make the bank any offer on this unit.

Engineer presented list of Twp. maps for certification for 1956 and on motion by Hanson, a support by Gamertsfelder, authorized Chairman to sign request for same, said motion was adopted.

Florence J. Hank
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

March 13, 1956

Regular meeting held with only Commissioner Hawley, Chairman of Board, present, others at convention in Grand Rapids. Supt. Englebrecht and Chairman discussed numerous subjects, namely repair work, sand and gravel hauling, also discussed wages of superintendent in comparison to other employees re overtime work. Chairman believes Superintendent's salary is not adequate for amount of overtime he is required to give for supervision. Chairman requests final settlement on disputed insurance with State Farm MUTUAL Co. be made on Friday the 16th, 1956.

March 16, 1956

Regular meeting held with ~~all commissioners present~~ only Commissioner Hawley and Engineer present. After discussion with engineer Lunde and a review of letter received from prosecuting attorney, Chairman decided, after telephone ~~and~~ conversation with Commissioner Gamertsfelder and motion by him, to accept check from the State Farm Mutual Insurance Company now being held pending, and call the deal closed.

Any future similar cases should be handled more promptly to avoid controversy in settlement of same.

Chairman and engineer took ride over some Victory Twp. roads in process of construction and find the work is progressing very rapidly and smoothly. Also the engineer requested opinion of board on repair work on blacktop on lower Hamlin Lake Road to consist of removing asphalt and raising road bed to keep above the high water level of lake. Chairman agreed that the work should be done at this time on account of light traffic at this season of the year.

Florence A. Lunde

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

~~Regular meeting held with all commissioners present~~

March 20, 1956

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

Board discussed offer of H. Soule for purchase of 1951 Dodge truck in amount of \$345.00 for truck less box spreader. After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Hanson, seconded by Gamertsfelder to accept offer for this unit and check in this amount was given the clerk.

Board and engineer discussed the proposal of trying to work for a program whereby county will endeavor to accumulate a fund for use in matching funds for federal projects so as to be in a better financial condition to meet County share for these projects. Request such plan be formulated.

Board requests meeting with Pere Marquette Twp. Board at an early date for discussion of projects in this Twp. for the coming year.

Preliminary report shown of plat on Sauble River in Freesoil Twp. known as Big Sauble Acres Subdivision. As county road is completed and streets are private, Commission is agreeable to acceptance of survey shown for plat.

Florence A. Lunde

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

March 23, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Supervisor Bacon, Custer Twp. in to request commission to investigate and report favorably on blacktop on road west of Ressugie School, 1/2 mile to church. Needs some grading and part sand cushion. Engineer and superintendent will check at once for Custer Board. Supervisor indicated Twp. will go along on about \$2500 to \$3000 for this one-half mile.

Florence A. Lunde

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Spent considerable time with salesman for a lubricant for motors, after discussion on this product, board decided against buying at this time.

Stan Heustis, Earle rep. called to talk over G.M.C. diesel replacement motor for motor-grader. Will contact shop foreman on this.

Board is going to investigate possibility of purchase of additional land on the east side of road next to railroad tracks as ~~road~~ road commission needs more room for equipment storage. Board asks engineer to contact owner for price of above site. County needs about one and one-half acres.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to send motorgrader to Grand Rapids for repair by Wolverine Tractor Company.

Board agrees and goes on record favoring a complete grading of the Olmstead road located in Section 13 of Summit Twp., subject to a meeting with the Summit Twp. Board for the financing of the work.

Florence J. Hank
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

March 30, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

After consulting superintendent, commission agrees that Donald Carlson should be continued in the employ of county road commission pending disposition of his court case.

The matter of reimbursing Mr. Wm. Witch for 5 pear trees that were removed from the shoulder of the road known as Olmstead road during some road widening work recently completed, it was recommended by the engineer to pay him at the rate of five dollars per tree; said sum of money, amounting to \$25.00, would cover the extra right of way costs for this widening work. No action taken. A septic tank located very close to the road was protected by a timber headwall and tied back with steel cables, however it is recommended by the commission that the Fitches should take some proper action to protect and comply with sanitation rules at this septic tank.

Employees committee want meeting soon as possible to discuss wages, insurance and banked time. Commission wants more specific request as ~~wages~~ wages are out in view of 5¢ increase granted effective April 1, 1956; banked time is out by orders ~~from~~ from Auditor General's Department; and commission has already gone on record limiting cost of insurance to present share being paid by commission.

Florence J. Hank
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

Apr. 3 and 5 (no notes given) *see recap sheet.* April 10, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Commission made an inspection tour of roads in Amber, Pere Marquette, Summit and ~~Riverton~~ Riverton townships. Jobs in progress were looked over and proposed work was discussed.

In the afternoon the commissioners, with the superintendent inspected the proposed subdivision known as "Assessor's plat of Boswell's Subdivision" located in Section 10, T18N R18W; upon viewing the condition of the streets the Board of Commissioners refused to sign the plat until such time as the owner and subdivider of this property improve the streets, incorporated in the platted area, to standards set up by the commission. The supervisor of P.M. Twp. should be notified of this action.

Florence J. Hank
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

April 18, 1956

Special meeting with all commissioners present together with Road and Bridge Committee. Drove with committeex over roads in Amber, Riverton, P.M., Summit, Eden, Logan, Custer, ~~Branch~~ Branch, Victory, Sheridan, Sherman and Grant Twp.

Committeex appeared very co-operative with commission on projects planned for coming season and commission is hopeful for a very satisfactory year.

April 20, 1956

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

Moved by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder to purchase two new gasoline pumps of 22-24 gallon/per minute heavy duty fleetmaster capacity and equipped with automatic nozzles, at a cost of not to exceed \$800.00 for both.

Moved by Gamertsfelder and supported by Hanson to offer Ludington State Bank \$800.00 for G.M.C. used tractor including fifth-wheel and saddle tanks. Chairman called bank and they will advise if bid is accepted.

Bids for fleet insurance and workmen's compensation were opened and read at 1:30 P.M. and after due consideration a split bid was awarded. Workman's Compensation Ins. to Michigan Mutual Liability Co. and the fleet and comprehensive coverage to the Auto Owner's Insurance Co.

	Workman's Comp.	Comp. BI/PD	Exist of Hwys.	Fleet- fire & cc
Auto Owners.....	\$ 3,693.44	27.38	591.85	1,240.40
Michigan Mutual.....	3,661.25	24.14	584.03	1,424.59
Hardware Mutual.....	4,409.79	(no further bid)		

Committee of union met with commission, with two representatives from outside, to discuss wage differences, also banked time, no agreement, will consider men's side.

Louise J. Klenk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

April 24, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Grant Twp. Board called to ask consent of commission to use our Clay Pit located in Section 27 of Grant Twp. for twp. dump. Commission granted permission for the use of this pit for said purpose, with the provision that Grant Twp. shall fence in the area of the dump, and shall burn all paper and combustible material and patrol same to guarantee proper care.

Also they want gravel on cemetery, about 3 cu. yds to the rod, about 40 rods; also on Townline road between Section 6 in Freesoil and Section 1 in Grant Twp, about 1/2 mile, needs turnpiking and gravel. Grant Twp. will pay for their share of above, but on the gravel for Townline road, Freesoil refuses to pay on gravel. Engineer will see Supervisor of Freesoil Twp.; want gravel on road in Section 24 about 1/4 mile; also on Backing Road between Section 3 and 4; also ditch on LaSalle road on north side, west end.

Engineer will check Brant Farm on Stolberg road in Section 32, Victory Twp., for complain on water across farm.

After long discussion on wage scale for employees, motion made by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, that all hourly employees shall have a 5¢ per hour increase; and that Supt Englebrecht, Secretary Klenk and State ~~Force~~ Highway Foreman Brankert shall be given a yearly increase of \$200.00, both raises effective May 1, 1956.

Louise J. Klenk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

April 3, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Also present were members of the Custer Township Board who requested the following road program for 1956, after acknowledging the present charges on projects S-1054 and S-1254:-

1. The east one-half mile to be gravelled and blacktopped, between Sections 28-33; this will consist of placing about 700 cu. yds. of gravel, replacing a 12" road culvert and the building of extensions on a small concrete arch, side banks will not be cut at this time. The township will pay the sum of \$2500.00 for this work.
2. The sink hole on the west end of the mile common to Sections 11 and 14 should be raised with fill dirt and the culvert across the road lowered, the 8-inch tile drain outlet to be replaced with at least 12" concrete pipe. No project set up for this and a study of what can be done to correct the water problem will be made by the road commission.
3. Discussed the grading and graveling of the road along the east side of Sections 12 and 13, from US-10 north for a distance of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Custer Twp. expressed a desire to participate in the grading of this section, and let Branch township participate in the next mile to the north, which would be on the west side of Section 6 in Branch Twp.

Proper agreements shall be drawn up for the one-half mile of graveling and blacktop.

Pere Marquette Twp. Board met with the commission in the afternoon. ⁽¹⁾ They agreed to participate on construction costs for Lakewood Drive, the agreed upon sum is \$5,000.00 for 1.7 miles of road, which is from US-10 on the south to Lincoln River on the north.

- (2) Also requested the graveling of the Appledorn road; if possible, this material shall be pit run gravel from the Harrington-Sorenson gravel pit on the Lakeshore Road.
- (3) Also requested the finishing graveling Sherman Street on the East limits of the City of Ludington, from US-10, south to Melendy street; the City of Ludington and the Twp. of Pere Marquette each pay 50% of the entire cost of the job.
- (4) Also agree to continue the agreement with Amber Township for the graveling of Meyers Road, starting at US-10 and 31, and going north for a distance of $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

Norman J. Klenk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

April 5, 1956

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

Eden Twp. Board called during this meeting to talk over 1956 road program. They request the following:

1. Want $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles on Custer road, south of completed road to Marrison road. Twp. share to be \$4,800.00.
2. On Townline road from Scottville road east, two miles, township agrees to contribute \$1,000.00 per mile on this project providing Custer Twp. will do the same. Eden Bd. will contact Custer supervisor and will let road commissioners know the result.
3. Eden wants road completed east from Marble School, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile, on 60-40 basis, 60 for Twp., 40% for Road Commission.

Fred Herber, spokesman from South Hamlin School, Hamlin Twp., wants road past S. Hamlin School; ~~down to Decker road~~ School district wants 2 miles on Decker road checked for blacktop in the near future.

Mrs. Robert Bentz, from Riverton Twp., called regarding ditch in front of their home. Wants ditch opened to let water off their lawn.

Mr. Dufon in from Sherman Twp. to request ditch completed past his farm.

Relative to Secretary's request for increase in wages, board will take this under advisement

Florence A. Henk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Commission discussed banked time problem and decided to abolish this procedure in compliance with instructions from the Auditor's General's office via auditors. Passed resolution to pay all employees in full on May 4th, 1956 for banked time credited to them through April 30, 1956. Banked time acquired prior to April 1st, 1956 was paid at the rate prevailing when it was earned and banked time acquired subsequent to April 1, 1956 ~~was to be~~ paid at the rate in eff. as of April 1, 1956. The amount of the banked time to be paid is \$2,736.12.

Board signed Plat of Big Sauble Acres Subdivision in Freesoil Twp. After discussion with Engineer regarding signing and acceptance of plats in future, in order to be acceptable to county road commission, all street in plats must be graded and surfaced to satisfy ~~road~~ commission specifications. It should be noted that all streets in the plat includes publicly dedicated as well as private streets, lanes or alleys. (Complete specifications attached to this date on separate sheet.

Florence J. Hank
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

May 1, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present together with Engineer and Clerk. The Sheridan Twp. board was present to discuss desired work, present from the board were Sam Baushke, Supervisor; Ivan Stark, Clerk; Nettie Morse, Treasurer; Charles Pitcher, Trustee and John Weinert, Trustee.

When asked by the Chairman of the Road Commission what their desires were, the clerk brought up the question of how the figure of \$515.89 for dustlaying given on the annual report was arrived at. They did not feel they had had as much dustlaying service as Sherman Twp. showing a lesser figure. Engineer informed them of their mileages, clerk informed them that the figure contained labor, material and equipment rental, and after considerable discussion this matter was closed.

The next subject was that of when the road commission planned to give them their share of construction work. They claimed to have been waiting 5 years for the completion of the ~~road~~ Sugar Grove Road from Reek School east to Bachellor and connecting with the blacktop road at this corner. Engineer shows Sheridan Board that this road has been scheduled as a Federal project. The present planned program for this road is grading and gravelling only, and will cost about \$15,000 per mile; the blacktopping at a later date will be another project and at additional expense.

Supervisor Baushke expresses opinion that they should have some blacktopping without expense to them; cites Hamlin having considerable blacktop laid for them without expense to them. Engineer tells them about the co-operation between Hamlin and P.M. Twp. in paying for a road which Hamlin wants very badly, but which is of little importance to P.M. Twp., however, P.M. Twp. readily agreed to participate in this project. Sheridan Board is asked if they are willing to go along on the same basis for this road to get it to a point where it can be blacktopped; this assurance of their co-operation would help the road commission in talking with the Sherman ~~Township~~ Township board about it. After more discussion on this, a motion is made by the Twp. Treasurer Nettie Morse and seconded by Trustee Charles Pitcher that Sheridan Twp. will pay \$5,000. on the Federal project now programmed. The entire board voiced approval of this motion. Sheridan Board also requested that commission prepare an estimate and program the grading of 2 miles of Local road known as Morse Rd. running north and south through the center of Sections 28 and 29. Estimate to be made immediately. In the afternoon Ken Walburn, salesman for the Gradall equipment was in to see the board. No commitments made. He was following up the demonstration given previously in the week as to the work this machine can perform in pulling trees, cleaning out willows, etc.

Florence J. Hank
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

May 4, 1956

Regular meeting all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks (regular) and also payroll checks paying in full all of the banked time as of April 30, 1956. Board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills.

Routine work until noon, after lunch board took trip through Custer Twp. for inspection and planning with engineer.

Superintendent reported culvert repair needed at Letts farm in Riverton Twp. Chairman advised superintendent to repair same to avoid ill will, as only minor repairs are needed.

Lorence J. Blunk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

May 8, 1956

Regular meeting held, all commissioners present. Discussed need for uniform ~~plank~~ street ~~commission~~ improvement and construction plan by commission regarding acceptance of legal plats when presented. Commission is of opinion that all streets on plats must be graded and gravelled before acceptance and signature of board.

Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. representative, Mr. George Thierauf, in to ask for permit to cross county highways in Pere Marquette and Summit Townships. After consulting map, commission passed resolution by a motion made by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to grant permit to the above company to cross the county roads parallel and east of US-31 through Pere Marquette and Summit Twp.

Commission referred Secretary and superintendent to agreement with employees regarding vacation days off. Must not give one or two days off unless employee loses the time, this is according to working policy accepted by union.

Lorence J. Blunk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

May 11, 1956

Regular meeting held, all commissioner present.

Summit supervisor in to ask about townline road between Summit and Riverton on south end. Anthony, living on S.W. corner of road has water in field, needs ditch along side of farm. Visited this road in the afternoon and find just another crank that wants the county to drain his farm.

Commission drove out to Sherman Twp. to inspect ditches on Custer road past garage north of Sugar Grove Road; needs ditch opened with Austin-Western grader; short job.

Also drove to Sheridan Twp. with engineer to inspect two miles of road that Sheridan Twp. Board wants rebuilt; needs turnpike; gravel and new large culvert. Engineer will submit figures of cost on this project to Twp. for their okay.

Lorence J. Blunk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

May 15, 1956

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Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Took inspection trip through Pere Marquette Township on Lakewood Drive Road, where crew have commenced operations on preliminary work for this joint township and county rebuilding program. This work is going very rapidly on county's part, but the contractor (Budzynski) laying tile on hill by Lincoln River is having his troubles. Quick-sand is delaying him very much and so may hold county work back at this point.

Also inspected Victory King's Corner, Fountain road. Trucks hauling gravel on last mile and this entire three miles will be soon ready for asphalt. A fine piece of grading and men can be proud of this road.

Florence J. Link

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

May 18, 1956

Regular meeting, Commissioner Hanson absent.

Moved by Gamertsfelder and supported by Hawley to purchase Flexbeam guard rail for Lincoln Bridge approach.

Branch Twp. Board called to discuss road problems. Three members present; they want road sign on Walhalla road to reduce speed of traffic to 35 miles as school children are using this road every school day. Branch Twp. board presented resolution to commission offering to co-operate with State Highway Dept. on cost of blinker light at Walhalla corner with Twp. paying one-half ~~cost~~ of same or about \$250.00; and commission voted to accept this contract participation with Twp. and State. Branch Board also agreed to pay cost of maintenance on this light. (resolution in Minutes Supporting File)

Florence J. Link

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

May 22, 1956

Regular meeting held with Commissioners Hawley and Gamertsfelder present, Commissioner Hanson absent. Commissioners with engineer took extensive tour of inspection; first to the Link Gravel Pit, then over many of the roads in Freesoil Twp. After lunch they visited the construction project now in process on Lakewood Drive (P.M. Twp). Very good work being done and progress is being rapidly made. Considerable delay at first on this project because of the quick sand encountered by the contractor laying the drainage tile.

Met with William Dodge, representative from Dow Chemical Company regarding re-location of Dow Pipe Line along this road.

Resolution passed to request bids on electronic equipment, sealed bids to be submitted until 2:30 P.M., May 29th, 1956, at which time they will be opened and read.

Clerk requests permission to attend Alpena meeting of road commission clerks on May 24th. Same is granted.

Florence J. Link

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

May 25, 1956

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

Wadel Construction Co. called to inquire regarding gravel from J. Bigsby Pit. They want 200 yards of sand gravel from opposite side of pit. Supt. advises that we give them the permission to take this ~~quantity~~ quantity out, but must not be in our operation there.

Inez Danaher called to inquire regarding status of petition to close street at Hamlin Lake on bluff. Mgr. Lunde not in, so must ~~be~~ contact him later.

Lorence J. Henk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

May 29, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Routine matters in A.M.; after lunch, to trip to Hamlin Twp. to railroad crossing to sand pit on Piney Ridge Road. Motorgrader sent out to smooth this crossing, which was done while commission was present.

Advertisement for bids on Motorola electronic equipment, but no reply received. Engineer will call company interested to get quotations.

Regarding letter from Freesoil Postmistress regarding need for fixing approaches to mail boxes engineer will check responsibility for fixing these approaches.

Mr. Boswell's request for county help on his street was turned down by Commission as former resolution by board forbids county doing private work.

Lorence J. Henk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

(See June 1, out of order after June 5th)

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June 1, 1956

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

Opened bid for G.M.C. truck from Cloyce Lidke for \$350.00, and on motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Hanson, board accepted this offer.

After lunch board took ride to Crystal Lake to check road at resort. Not much traffic on this road, recommend sign only, at present.

Regarding letter from J. Reidl, Jr. (son of deceased J. Reidl, with whom gravel agreement was signed) relative to gravel contract for the year 1955 under which only 479 cu. yards of gravel were taken from the Reidl Pit, whereas a minimum of 3000 yards per year had been guaranteed, it is the decision of the board to pay for the balance of this amount, which will constitute an advance payment on the ~~renewed~~ contract for 1956, at which time the remaining 2,521 cu. yds. of 1955 gravel will be removed, in addition to the 3000 yard minimum for 1956. (Check issued June 5, 1956 for \$504.20 and mailed June 8, 1956, in response to request from Reidl's and instruction from Engr.-Mgr.)

Lorence J. Henk

Clerk

June 1, 1956

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Received bid on No. 3 G.M.C. truck from Cloyce Lidke for \$350.00, and on motion by Gamertsfelder and support by Hanson, board accepted this offer.

After lunch board took ride to Crystal Lake to check road at resort. Not much traffic on this road

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Received bid on No. 3, G.M.C. truck, of \$200.00 from Tony Saya. This bid was rejected, as commission has previously put a price of \$350.00 minimum on this unit.

Received a letter of thanks from employees for increase in wages given them Apr. 1 and May 1, 1956, commission welcomes this first indication of appreciation.

Ordered 2 side plows, and 1 "V" plow from Contractor's Machinery Co., H. Schoenwandt, Representative.

Lourence J. Klenk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

June 8, 1956

Commissioners and Engineer with the Road and Bridge Committee toured the following townships Sheridan, Branch, Sherman, Freesoil, Grant, Victory, Hamlin and Amber.

June 12, 1956

Regular meeting, all commissioners present.

- (1) Grant Twp. met with board to ask if county can lay asphalt on road between Section 2-11 and 3-12, known as Hoague Road. County will do, approximately July. Cost to be divided as follows: County to do all work on this project, ^{about 1 1/2 miles} and Grant Twp. to pay for all materials used on this asphalt road. (2) Twp. wants county to bulldoze garbage off the road on hill on LaSalle road. ~~Board~~

Board agrees to pay increase on Blue Cross for Harold Love, while he is in the hospital, since he did not have an opportunity to vote on this matter, and during this present illness, he will not benefit from the increased benefits.

Board rejects contract of Liquid Dust Layer (Geo. Rademaker, Mgr.) of Manistee, on account of clause making county responsible financially for a specified amount of their product whether w would use it or not. Board prefers to have a monthly contract same as commission has with Dow ~~Chemical Co.~~ Chemical Co. of Ludington.

Lourence J. Klenk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

June 15, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Victory Twp. board met with commission and requested the following work:

- (1) Buttleman, 1/4 mile gravel, Section 4
(2) Swanson, 1/2 mile gravel, Sections 7 and 8
(3) Park Road 1 mile gravel, Section 7, East 8th line. Estimate 480 cu. yds. gravel from Jones Pit for this work.

Drove to William Beard Farm in Summit Twp. to check gravel pit, only small amount has been taken out, but quality looks good, will test with drill.

Howard Gustafson wants culvert on road, to allow him access to his fields on Kistler road.

Lourence J. Klenk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

June 20, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners and superintendent present. Engineer in Lansing to attend bid openings for Federal project in Sherman-Sheridan Twps.

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

After considerable discussion by the board regarding the application of Don Carlson for vacation pay to cover the time he was in court, Board decided unanimously to refuse this request on the premise that to grant this vacation in view of all that is involved, would set aside other regulations now in force with all employees of road commission.

Florence I. Hunk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

June 22, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. The commission made a field inspection of certain streets at North Bayou, on Lower Hamlin Lake. Ariel St., along the top of the hill, parallel to the existing blacktop road, a platted 25 ft. wide street; present condition is narrow dirt road that has been bladed flat. Commission recommends temporary repairs to fill some chuck-holes, also provide some drainage at the south end at the approach to the main road, and request the brining of this trail.

Commission also recommends that several loads of gravel be placed in some sand-holes at the Park on North Washington Ave., south of Lincoln Lake.

A resolution for acceptance of the low bid of C. E. Utterbeck Co. of Mount Pleasant contract for the grading and gravel surfacing of 2½ miles of Primary road from Reek School east to the existing blacktop at Round Lake ~~was recommended~~ was passed on motion by Commissioner Hanson seconded by Com. Gamertsfelder, unanimously accepted. The total bid was \$38,905.13, for 2.493 miles of grading and 23 ft. gravel base.

Board signed voucher in amount of \$21,397.82 in favor of Michigan State Highway Dept. for county's share of the above-mentioned Federal Aid Project.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Hanson, to send statement to Pere Marquette Twp. for amount agreed on by them for their share of ~~Lakewood Drive~~ Lakewood Drive road in P.M. Twp., agreed sum to be \$5000.00.

Florence I. Hunk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

June 26, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. ~~Board~~ Board drove over Lakewood Drive road for inspection of progress on this work. Crew hauling gravel on now, and expect to finish this work this week; work has again started on Kistler road and will be continued until completed.

Board advises Manager Lunde to contact Wm. Beard regarding purchase of gravel, or at least to investigate the chances of purchase and amount of gravel in that area.

Board had a long discussion with engineer regarding more crew or more equipment, or both, to hurry along the work we have obligated ourselves to do. Discussion will be continued next meeting.

Florence I. Hunk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

(Re 2nd paragraph in June 26, 1956 minutes:- The engineer contacted Wm. Beard in Section 31 Summit Twp., requesting permission to test for and to purchase gravel. Mr. Beard desired several days to consider the matter and was again contacted by the engineer. Permission was granted to test for gravel and that any gravel found fit for road purposes would be 50¢ per y in the pit. Pit was tested on 7/23/56 with power auger, showing a pocket of gravel west of existing small pit opening in the field. Estimated 1600 cu. yds. available suited to blacktop

June 29, 1956

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Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Board received petition from residents of Sherman and Custer Twp. for commission to open a road between Section 36, Sherman Twp., and Section 1, Custer Twp., distance one mile.

After discussion ~~and~~ with engineer, superintendent and property owners, regarding this request, the board refused to act on this petition, but asked that it be returned to residents for action by their respective Supervisors.

Board received request from Supervisor Hunter of Branch Twp. relative to putting speed limit signs on highway south of Walhalla. Board believes that a warning "Pedestrian" sign will be more easily enforced and board advises this be done.

Engineer has all necessary papers and figures on 2½ mile stretch of road on Lakewood Drive road in Hamlin Twp. prepared, and commission advises that he submit same for bid on or about July 18th. State ~~estimate~~ estimate on this job is about \$44,000. which is approx. \$10,000. higher than Engineer Lunde's figures. Decided to let it come up for bids, to see what outcome will be.

Florence I. Hunk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

July 3, 1956

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

Commission and superintendent drove over new road three miles south of Scottville Road. This 3-mile stretch is in fine condition and could be hard-surfaced at once.

Visited Johnson Pit in Riverton Twp. on way back. Hauling gravel from stockpile to Lakewood Drive project; checked on Kistler road in Summit Twp. Good progress being made on same by grading crew.

Florence I. Hunk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

July 5, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Commission received bids on electronic equipment as advertised in the Ludington Daily News and accepted the bid of the Motorola Co., for the following equipment:- 1 Base Station; 1 Antenna; 1 line kit; 1 mounting kit; 1 Remote Console, 1 Magnamike; 13 Mobile UNits; 13 Mobile Accessory Groups; 1 base station installation with 70' Tower - installed and 13 Mobile Installations. Motion was made by Hanson and support by Gamertsfelder to accept the bid of \$8,934.04 from Motorola.

Commission reviewed petition for the closing of Front St., in Hamlin Lake Resort, west of Blocks 16 and 23 as presented by Mrs. Inez ~~MR~~ Danaher, and requested the engineer to prepare the necessary notices, posting and to set a date for the hearing.

Board is in Receipt of communication from Attorney Christman regarding exhibit in Pulleyblank case, known as Exhibit #7, namely a map of township roads taken into county road system under McNitt Act. Secretary will mail Attorney Christman photostats of this map prepared for him some time ago, but held in file because of the fire which destroyed his office, until such time as he requested same to be forwarded to him.

Florence I. Hunk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

July 13, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Commission received ~~and read~~ petition from the Branch Twp. Supervisor Robert Hunter, requesting a flasher light at the C & O. Railroad Crossing south of Walhalla. The road commission tabled the request for the following reasons: - financing; lack of data to show necessity of blinker lights; crossing is not a blind crossing.

Board urges Superintendent to start sealcoating at once, using sand on all east-side roads and as far from pit as practicable in comparison with chips and comparable value.

Florence J. Klenk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

July 10, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Hamlin Twp. Supervisor, Bert Hall, requests the commission to level up and place some gravel on the road at Upper Hamlin Lake located in Section 2, at township expense. Because of a heavy road building schedule, and inability to spare equipment from other projects, the commission hired Geo. Towns Construction Co. to level up the road and prepare it for the gravel.

Opened bids on gasoline and diesel fuel. Accepted bid of Naph-Sol Refining Co. of 13.95¢ per gallon for gasoline, F.O.B. Scottville. Accepted bid of Slaggert Oil Co. for diesel No. 1 @ 14.8¢ and No. 2, at 13.8¢ per gallon.

Mr. Boswell was in to get advice from commission regarding work on his subdivision in Pere Marquette Twp. His Twp. supervisor, Hans Rasmussen, was also in to advise him further on this plat. He was told to have his street finished before county can accept plat.

Florence J. Klenk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

July 17, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Board made inspection of gravel pit at Morton's to decide on quality of material. Superintendent reported that crew had processed 270 cu. yds. of gravel on day before. His advice was to continue with this operation.

At the request of the Engineer, it was approved to take the gravel screened from the Morton Pit without removing any sand to gravel the base on the east end of the graded Kistler Road; from the State ~~Trunkline~~ Trunkline, US-31, west for a distance of approximately 3/10 mile.

Board advises Com. Gamertsfelder to collect bill from Ernie Anderson Oil Co., for rental of air hammer for three hours on the 18th and 19th of June.

After discussion on need for new mower for parks, board advises the purchase of a 21" rotary mower for the park maintenance.

Florence J. Klenk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

July 20, 1956

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

Board has under discussion the problem of duration of sick leave and responsibility of county towards employees of road commission regarding Blue Cross Payments and limit of absence before ceasing to be considered in employment of county. Commission will get more data regarding the matter re policies of other commissions; or whether each case is considered separate as to conditions and circumstances.

Lawrence I. Hunk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

July 24, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. The commission approved the bill from George Towns amounting to \$110.00 for grading and leveling the road in Section 2, of Hamlin Twp., and instructed the clerk to bill Hamlin Twp. for this amount. Supervisor Hall took this bill with him.

The maintenance sealing program on blacktop roads was explained to the commissioners and that this work would start on Thursday morning, July 26th; the total sealing program for this year will cover approximately 21 miles of primary and local roads. The schedule of the grading crew was discussed by the engineer; the Kistler road grading work is completed; the work of leveling off several old gravel pits known as the Merritt, the Deren, and the Sorenson-Harrington Pits has been completed, and now the grading crew are moving to Sheridan township to grade approximately 1/2 mile of new grade into the onion field farms. This work should be completed by July 27th; the equipment will then be moved to the Freesoil road, consisting of 2 1/2 miles of grading and widening from the Village of Freesoil west to State Trunkline US-31.

Requested by the engineer-mgr. that the rate of pay for the grease-man working nights be increased from \$1.60 to \$1.65; the request was approved; also the work of the night mechanic warrants that his rate be increased from \$1.60 to \$1.65 per hour; this was also approved.

Lawrence I. Hunk

Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

July 27, 1956

Regular meeting, all present. Discussed communication from Prosecuting attorney relative to road speed on Lakewood Drive. Commission does not believe it is possible to enforce any such limit as suggested, viz 45 mi. Checked crew seal-coating with sand, looks good, much cheaper than buying stone.

Lawrence I. Hunk

entered by. Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

July 31, 1956

Regular meeting, all present. After consideration of communication from Pros. Attorney regarding speed limits on Lakewood Drive, and questioning of Sheriff Anderson, commission has decided that there is no reason for any special limit on this highway, and commission asks that Pros. be notified regarding this action.

Commission took no action on letter from Attorney Atlee, on Pulleyblank case.

Lawrence I. Hunk

entered by. Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

August 3, 1956

Regular meeting, all present. Chairman signed checks and commission signed vouchers. Board approved and signed plat for Subdivision in Amber Twp., known as Glenwood Subdivision, part of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Section 14, T18N, R17W, Mason County.

~~Max~~ Engineer gave plans for balance of year which seem to show desire to have work planned ahead for men and equipment. Board is entirely back of these plans.

Adjourn.

Lawrence A. Klenk
entirely by - Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

August 7, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Mr. Weinert and O'Donnell from Sheridan Twp. were in to enter complaint on grading being done in Sheridan Twp. by contractor.

Commission and engineer went over this road and checked ditch lines and drainage with contractor and land-owners. County will do our part to correct fault and above farmers agree to co-operate with us.

Crew doing good rapid work on Freesoil road work consisting of widening and correcting grade on old asphalt road. Crews are all responding to added responsibility incurred by vacation of some of the foremen and superintendent.

Lawrence A. Klenk
entirely by Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

August 10, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Board discussed bid on Lakewood drive road. Motion made by Gamertsfelder and seconded by Hanson that the bid of the Smith Bros. Excavating Co. be accepted on Proj. CS 53-32, C1 (S-865 (2)), net classif. 4-D, at a price of \$33,280.00, grading and drainage structures and 23' aggregate surface course.

Lawrence A. Klenk
entirely by Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

August 14, 1956

Regular meeting, all commissioners present. Received communication from Northern Michigan Road Assoc. relative to increase in dues, and after consideration of request for increase. Motion was made by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to pay the amount requested, ie. \$50.00 annually.

Received complaint regarding street in Travis Sub., Hamlin Twp. Visited courthouse and verified our impression that this is a private street and is so marked on plat of above subdi

Checked on complaint on Swanson Creek curve. Some vines overhanging guard rail but not dangerous with due caution on curves, such as this one.

Also visited Johnson Gravel pit to inspect hole left by our crew, and neighbors are afraid for their children getting buried. Men should be cautioned regarding leaving such dangerous places before leaving pit.

Lawrence A. Klenk
entirely by Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

Orig to Hamlin Bd

August 20, 1956

To Whom It May Concern:

March

The following is a true copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners on May 2, 1956:-

"Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Routine business in morning, meeting adjourned and re-convened at Jagger residence for meeting with Hamlin Twp. board to consider rebuilding portion of Lakewood Drive, from Jagger Corner, north to Hamlin Township. Work to consist of grading, ditching, sand lift, culverts, and base for above road. Hamlin Twp. will contribute \$12,000.00 of this project as their share of this entire project complete with blacktop. County to furnish balance of funds for above complete road.

Agreement in 'minutes' supporting file reads as follows - "Grade, drain and gravel surface Lakewood Drive from the Jagger Road north to the Angling Road in Hamlin Township, a distance of 2.76 miles. This work shall be let for contract under the Federal Aid Secondary Road program, and shall be done according to the specifications of the Michigan State Highway Department. The road shall be graded to a top width of 32 feet and gravel surfaced at least 22 feet wide in preparation for a 22-ft. blacktop pavement." Agreement signed by entire Township Board and Road Commission.

Clerk
MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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August 17, 1956

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Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Discussed complaint of Mr. Pronk, on Bigsby farm, and visited this road. Commission had agreed to repair bad condition last year, but ~~mm~~ has not done so, will remedy soon as possible. Also tube on same road is closed on Ramsey farm, because culvert is too short, sand washes over the end.

Sherman Twp. Board asked to meet with Commission on Monday the 20th, and meeting was approved.

Florence J. Henk
entered by Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

August 20, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Pay day, commission signed vouchers and Chairman signed payroll checks. Hamlin Twp. Supervisor Hall and Trustee Ehler called to get copy of minutes of meeting held at Jaeger residence with commission and engineer and to give commission assurance that county will receive the \$12,000.00 promised for Lakewood Drive road at once.

Lawrence Nelson received clean bill of health from doctor so board advises that he be put back to work as soon as we have some light work that he can do.

Commission passed resolution accepting Federal Aid Project S-865 (2) for improvement of 2.409 r G. & DS 23¹ Agg. Surface Course, 4.01 on FAS Route 139, Mason County as approved by Dept., according to plans and specifications as set forth in and pursuant to provisions of act as specified above.

Sherman Twp. board met with Comm. in P.M. to discuss road problems as follows: - Twp. wants Reek School road repaired, bet. Sections 26 and 25 and 35 and 36. Engineer will figure cost of this work.

Florence J. Henk
entered by Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

August 24, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Board passed resolution to accept the Maintenance contract submitted by State Highway Department for State Trunkline highways shown on map, also bridge and grade separation structures, and to carry out all other provisions of said contract. Above resolution by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder.

Board passed resolution for acceptance of application from Consumers Power for permission to erect electric power line in Amber and Hamlin as described in application. Secretary will issue permit. Above motion made by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder.

Routine office discussion in A.M. Drove to Knebl (Cooper's) Pit to check on work there and also to check on roads to be gravelled from that pit.

Dinner at Custer and took ride to contract job in Sherman and Sheridan Twps. Fine job. Also went to Freesoil road where repairs are being made to widen blacktop, good work.

Florence J. Henk
entered by Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

August 28, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Received call from members of Bachelor Church, regarding need of further work in front of building to allow parking in front of church in case of funeral or other special occasions.

Opened bids for bridges and culvert pipe, also for guard rail.

Motion made by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to accept bid of Armco Company, amount \$7,318.45 for 2 culvert pipe for Fountain road. Also to accept bid of Beach Company for flexbeam metal rail. Bids in file.

Also requested prices from Graham Brinkhall for treated plank and timbers for a bridge on a local road south of Stewart School.

Lorence J. Blank
entered by Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

August 31, 1956

Regular meeting, all present. Routine office discussions. Secretary requested information relative to standing of persons hired for office work on account of union pressure on new personnel. Commission unanimously adopted a ruling that no employee be compelled to join the union to be employed here, and furthermore ~~and~~ that any employee refusing to give needed information to any employee, the commission or engineer may hire in any capacity, will be dealt with personally by the commission after one warning by them to such employee.

Lorence J. Blank
entered by Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

September 5, 1956

Regular meeting held, with all commissioners present. Pay day, chairman signed payroll checks board signed vouchers for other bills.

Discussion continued on question of union and employees. Commission maintains that union employees have no jurisdiction over office workers, and commission will tolerate no attempt of union to dictate in such matters of personnel to be hired or wages of such workers. Notice to be posted on bulletin board to that effect.

Lorence J. Blank
entered by Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

September 7, 1956

Regular meeting held, all members present. Routine discussions. Commission drove to Wilson road at Resseguie School where crew is laying blacktop. Supt Englebrecht in charge, and as usual is doing a fine piece of work on this $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile, west of school.

Drove to Lakewood Drive road to see what progress is being made. Smith Bros. contractors are hustlers and have a large amount of heavy equipment, and work is progressing rapidly.

Gravel roads that commission drove over in Eden, Riverton, Amber and Hamlin Twps. are in very fine condition, men can be proud of their work.

Lorence J. Blank
entered by Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

September 11, 1956

Commission and engineer out with Road and Bridge Committee, consisting of Klopfenstein, Master Hunter, Peterson, and Backing. Inspected the following roads: - First to the Hanson Road, where county crews are laying $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of double-seal, non-skid surface treatment from the trunkline U.S.-31 west, observed the spreading of the MC-5 asphalt material and then the spreading of the sand seal on the already completed stone-chip seal. Then west thru' Amber Twp. to the Lakewood Drive road where the county had completed the grading of 2.2 miles from US-10 north to the Jagger Rd., then went on north to the $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles of Federal Aid Secondary contract grading by the Smith Bros. Excavating contractors, and observed the operations of his equipment while hauling sand for the fills thru' the swamps. The group then went north to the Fountain road in Victory Twp. and saw the three miles of finished grade and gravel surfacing that is to be double-sealed this season. Continued on east to the Lincoln River crossing on the Fountain road and inspected the proposed realignment of the approaches to the river crossing and the details of the proposed twin multiplate culvert crossing in place of the existing narrow open deck steel truss bridge. From here they went to Freesoil Twp. and then to Manistee for lunch.

After lunch they drove back through Grant Twp. to the Freesoil road where the county grading crew is rebuilding the $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from US-31 east. Then south to Fountain and over to the Millerton road between Sections 13 and 24 in Sherman Twp. where water had been backing up on both sides of our road. This will require permits to grade a ditch south across the field. From here they went to the Bachellor cemetery and then west along the new grade just being completed by contract under the Federal Aid Secondary program, a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles of grade raise and 23 ft. wide gravel surfacing; from Reek school they looked at this mile of road going south that needs ditching and filling along the big drain. From here they went south of Custer Village to the Resseguie School and then west to look at $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of completed double seal blacktop for Custer Twp. This completed the itinerary for the day.

(Notes given on this by Engineer to Clerk)

September 14, 1956

Regular meeting, all present. Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to adopt resolution regarding signs on Iris road in P.M. Twp. which resolution was adopted at Pomona Grange on Sept. 4, 1956, as follows: - "that signs be placed on this winding road indicating its danger--our nature." *(resolution not given to clerk, above is not verbatim)*

Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to pay William Fitch \$25.00 as damages to him for loss of 5 pear trees.

Board approved purchase of new electric typewriter for secretary, the older machine to be cleaned and repaired and placed in engineer's department.

Commission and engineer drove to Jones gravel pit to inspect vein of gravel for sealcoat work.

Lawrence J. Hunk
Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

September 18, 1956

Commissioner Hawley alone present, as Commissioners Hanson and Gamertsfelder, together with Engr. Lunde are attending the Road Builders Convention at Mackinac Island. National meeting combined with Northern Commission fall meeting.

September 20, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, meeting adjourned at noon for Harvest Festival. Hanson and Gamertsfelder left, but Chairman Hawley stayed on for consultation with Engineer.

Chairman signed payroll checks. No vouchers made as financial condition not as yet determined by Engineer.

Communication received from the Letts family in Riverton Twp., East 40 acres of NW1/4 of Section 8, regarding water directed on their farm by action of county in draining land and pond along highway across said Letts land, claiming damage to them, contrary to law. Board agreed to authorize superintendent to do the necessary work to repair this damage.

Board passed resolution on Mountain Road relative to negotiated contract with State and Federal Aid Funds in amount of about \$22,000.00. Motion for above resolution made by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to ~~only~~ above amount if State approves same for the project as shown in descriptive drawing Engineer has.

Florence J. Henk
(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
 Chairman

September 25, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Opened bids on 3/4 ton pickup for special use. -

Stemenson's	- GMC	\$ 1,775.00
Urka's	Chev.	1,688.33 (no specifications given)
Jenks	GMC	1,722.74
T.D. Smith	Ford	1,600.17

After comparing prizes and specifications, board decided on motion by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to accept bid offered by T. D. Smith Co. at above stated price of \$1600.17.

Board drove to Fountain Road in Victory Twp. where crew is blacktopping the 3 miles from Kind's Corners, west. This is a double seal, using MC-5 asphalt, gravel chips and sand seal.

Florence J. Henk
(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
 Chairman

September 28, 1956

Regular meeting, all present. William Schanhals, representative of H. V. Young Co. made date (October 16th) to demonstrate V-bottom trailer for gravel haul and spreading.

Paid Johnson and Morton for gravel per request, contract reviewed as to terms. Board discussed terms of gravel contracts and believe change should be made in all future contracts to have them payable on more lenient terms to the county. They are now payable the 10th of the month following the month in which the gravel was removed from the pit, and this does not allow for enough time for distribution of charges, and checking. Also, in some seasons, there is not enough money on hand to keep these gravel account this current.

Engineer gave board figures on power-hoist to be installed on pickup purchased last week from T. D. Smith Co. Board, on motion by Hanson, seconded by Gamertsfelder, approved purchase of above equipment installed on truck at price of approx. \$975.00 with credit of \$125.00 on same obtained from sale of old dump box by Allied Equipment Company for us.

Acting on request of Engineer Lunde, board gave permission to make application to Auditor General's Department for advance of Motor Vehicle Funds for the third quarter, amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. Motion made by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, authorizing Engineer and Secretary to make such application.

Florence J. Henk
(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
 Chairman

Oct. 2, 1956

This day was spent with Road and Bridge Committee. Went through Amber, Pere Marquette, Summit, Riverton, Eden, Custer, Sherman and Victory Twp. Road and Bridge Committee complimented commission on condition of roads and miles of blacktop laid this year.

Oct. 5, 1956

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

Mr. Hall, Hamlin Twp. Supervisor, called on board to ask for repairs on Rath Avenue road toward Baker farm, also need work in Myers road which needs culvert repair in Section 1, T18N, R18W.

Florence J. Henk
(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

October 9, 1956

Regular meeting, all commissioners present.

Representative from Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. called with blue prints, showing route to be taken by them for pipe-line from station, west to US-31 and also a line west from US-31 on Sixth St., in Ludington. Motion made by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, passing resolution to give said company permission to lay said pipe line.

Mr. Wilber Davis from Tamper Co. called to explain condition of street, (Sherman St.) relative to county putting on asphalt top on this street. He says that they are tamping all types of soil for all purposes and is certain they can compact this soil suitable for blacktop. Board is in favor of doing this work at this time or as soon as it is ready. This work includes MCO pri of the gravel base, and a double seal with MC-4 and limestone chips.

Florence J. Henk
(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

Oct. 12, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Routine discussion on road problems occupied time of commissioners. After discussion by the board regarding Road and Bridges Committee report to the Board of Supervisors, commission went on record as unsatisfied with the incompleteness of the report given by the Chairman of said Committee.

The Chairman of Road and Bridge committee asked for, and received statement from commission regarding amount of work accomplished and this report should have been read to supervisors. Road Commission resolves that a full report of the actual work done by the road commission be put in the paper to inform the public correctly.

/s/ Louis A. Hawley, Chairman
Eli Hanson, Member
Lz Gamertsfelder, Member

(this article was prepared as per copy attached herewith, and originally addressed to the Editor of the Ludington Daily News, but upon presentation to Miss McLaren, was immediately subjected to so much revising and cutting that it was decided useless for it to appear in the form prescribed by them. Therefore, it was withdrawn from their jurisdiction and placed in the Mason County Press to accept and ~~re~~ printed it exactly as presented)

Board authorized Secretary to draw voucher in sum of \$29,008.37 to State Highway Department for county share in highway projects; 3 miles on Scottville Road, south of Wiley; and 2 miles on Lakewood Drive from US-10, ~~near~~ north, constituting a total of 5 miles of Bituminous aggregate surfacing. This action was on motion by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder.

Florence J. Henk
(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

October 16, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Routine office work, Engineer given permission to finish work of blacktopping yard, this to consist of gravel and plant mix to lay under sand pile and salt pile area.

Had demonstration of new type V-bottom semi-trailer gravel spreader with sander attachment which is a really fine piece of equipment. Commission in favor of this unit, but lack of funds make it impossible to buy at this time.

Lorence J. Henk
(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

October 19, 1956

Regular meeting, all present. Chairman signed payroll checks, board signed a few vouchers for other bills.

Bert Hall, Hamlin Twp. Supervisor, called to make complaint on dust on Lakewood Drive road just completed in his township; superintendent advises this road is being brined today.

Logan Twp. Board in to talk over their road problems. They want tile in ditch in front of community hall for about 300 feet. Also, they want to know when work will start on the road project by the school; Engineer advises that crew will start on that project next week.

Regarding communication from Mrs. Marie Hillman, concerning street at Bass Lake, board is tabling this question until township board can be contacted regarding necessity for the street in question, and request Secretary to advise Mrs. Hillman of Board's decision.

Lorence J. Henk
(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

October 23, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Board took trip to Carr Settlement to inspect culvert across road on county line road at store. Logan Board had requested this meeting at this location, but did not meet the commission as scheduled. Twp. had requested that tile be laid along highway in front of townhall. After inspection, commission decided that no work can be done on this project, as county has already taken action to divert water at this corner.

Commission called in Emmett Briggs, to explain some parts of Auto Owner's coverage relative to county liability on road hazards. Briggs advises road commission is fully covered on the two accidents on Amber Road, that of O'Brien and Bobian.

Lorence J. Henk
(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

October 26, 1956

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Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Sherman Twp. Supervisor called with two residents of his township relative to a ditch in Twp. along highway to drain their farms. Board has promised to do this work as soon as possible.

Board listed to Engineer's report on screen motor cost and after discussion of this, board decided on motion by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder to purchase new motor for screen at approximate cost of \$2500.00 plus old motor. Company to install same.

Board called on Mr. H. Darr to discuss removal of trees and bank of dirt on road south of Pelton's corner. Board found trees and dirt not on right of way and declined to advise Darr. Engineer will contact state on this request.

Florence J. Klunk
(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

October 30, 1956

Regular meeting held with all present. Discussion on finishing Lakewood Drive road by Williams Brothers Asphalt Paving Co. continued through to afternoon, when board decided by Motion from Hanson and support by Gamertsfelder to finish the balance of Lakewood drive road as far as Isetts corners from Jagger Road to Dewey Road. Contractor Robin Williams agrees to carry ~~amount~~ account until spring for balance of amount, \$

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L. A. Hawley
Chairman

November 2, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. ~~Engineer on agreement to dig a ditch on the~~
Discussion regarding ditch on Lakewood Drive at Sauers place.....
Engineer agrees to dig a ditch to take care of water on Sauers side of road.

Ford Sales of Scottville has a spreader-box to sell, taken in trade. Said box has been inspected by Shop Foreman and pronounced in good condition. Motion by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to purchase said box for price of \$475.00 to be paid in spring when county get first quarter MVHF money.

Moved by Hanson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to accept contract from State for payment of county share of blinker light installation at Walhalla intersection on State trunkline, said cost of installation to be about \$250.00 to county. Branch Twp. sends copy of resolution (in minutes supporting file) agreeing to pay one-half of the installation cost on this light and to pay the future maintenance of said light.

Florence J. Klunk
(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

November 5, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present; chairman signed payroll checks and board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills. Routine business and after lunch the board made an inspection trip through the townships of Sherman, Victory and Amber.

Florence J. Klunk
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L. A. Hawley
Chairman

November 9, 1956

(23 started here)

Regular meeting of board with all commissioners present; an interesting discussion with Goodrich Tire Co. salesman on tires, and board recommended that a closer check be made in buying tires for different kinds of work.

Motion made by Hanson and supported by Hawley that purchase of the demonstrator V-bottom trailer be made at the price of \$3,100.00 less sander, from the H. V. Young Equipment Co of Gladwin, represented by William Schanals. Board considers the purchase of another V-bottom trailer in spring of 1957, purchase price to be \$3,450.00 less sander.

Motion made by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder to purchase one 3/4 inch air wrench, price \$375.00, from Contractor's Machinery Co.

Board decided to table until later date, the purchase of a hydraulic lift for Caterpillar tractor-dozzer.

Lourence J. Hank

(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

November 13, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

A preliminary sketch of the Pine Acres Subdivision was brought before the board. The board sees no necessity of improving the Dewey Road adjacent to this subdivision.

REceived letter of thanks from Mrs. Ward Pratt and family for gift received at time of her husband's death, very fine letter of thanks.

Lourence J. Hank

(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

November 16, 1956 -

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

Mr. Pronk called at office to enter complaint regarding road in front of his house. Board will see that this road is repaired at once. Board unanimous regarding this matter.

Routine discussion on various subjects pertaining to public attitude toward commission, and need for better publicity was agreed upon by Commission. Publicity agent not named.

Lourence J. Hank

(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

November 20, 1956

Board met with all members present. The plat of the Pine Acres Subdivision was brought in and signed by the board.

Mr. Pronk was in to thank the board for a load of gravel put into the approach of his driveway. Also asked if he could buy some gravel from Johnson's or Bigsby's Pit and he would haul it himself. This was tabled until Superintendent returns in order to discuss it with him.

Lourence J. Hank

(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley

Chairman

Board met with all commissioners present. A letter from J. H. Stephens of the Public Service Commission was read, setting a date of November 30th to meet at Walhalla to discuss the flasher signals at the railroad crossing. The condition of the bridge south of Walhalla was discussed and is to be repaired if it does not conflict with other work.

Motion made by Hanson and supported by Hawley, that the request of the Engineer to have 14 tires tractionized will be allowed.

Lawrence J. Hunk
(entered by) Clerk

L. B. Hawley
Chairman

November 27, 1956

Board has regular meeting with all commissioners present.

Motion made by Hanson, supported by Hawley, that the snow-plows plow out the road on Shellenbarger's Subdivision.

With reference to the motion of Nov. 23rd, regarding having tires tractionized, 14 tires and wheels to be taken to Jim White's Pure Oil Station in Scottville to have them CYPERIZED for the quoted price of \$45.00.

Lawrence J. Hunk
(entered by) Clerk

L. B. Hawley
Chairman

November 30, 1956

Board met with all members present. At 11:30 A.M., the board and Engineer met with the Michigan Public Service Commission representative, representatives of the C. & O. Railway, Supervisor Robert Hunter of Branch Twp., and a few members of the Walhalla Chamber of Commerce, to discuss the flasher signals desired at the Walhalla railroad crossing. Meetings will be held later with Branch Twp. and the Walhalla Chamber of Commerce to decide what is to be done. Engr. Lunde requests data gathered at this meeting be entered in the minutes:--

Present at meeting besides commission and Engr. - From Mich. Pub.Serv. - Hughes
Chesapeake & Ohio - Biggers
" - A. H. Weber
" - Ward
" - Schwalm

Traffic over crossing: - 1 passenger - 6 days - 15 MPH
6 through freights - 7 days - 60 MPH - each way
1 local freight - 6 days - slow

Estimation of cost: -
of possible ~~improvements~~
improvements.

1. Gate crossing - \$18,000.00 - installation.
2. Cost - maintenance
3. Would be completed some time in 1958.
4. Overhead lighting - night - stationary lights.
5. Advance warning signs.
6. Pavement marking.
7. Clear vision.
8. Approaches - road - 500' from each way.
9. Railroad - 100' right of way.

Moved by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder that the Chairman be given authority to sign application for tree trimming permits, for the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. for the coming year.

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The bids received in response to the posting on the bulletin board for the McCullough Chain Saw, No. 101, were as follows:

J. O'Farrell - \$10.00
 J. Stovall - 20.00
 L. Lund - 30.00
 C. Christensen - 40.00
 B. Coolman - 40.00 (*lost it*)

Decision between the two like bidders to be taken up at a later date.

Lorence J. Klunk
 (entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
 Chairman

Dec. 5, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks; no vouchers were signed as financial status had not been determined.

H. V. Young Oil Co. salesman, Schanals was in to get check for the V-bottom trailer already delivered, but the invoice and related papers had not been received so matter was tabled until December 7th when payment will be made if papers are then on hand.

Discussion about bids on Motor Grader. Engineer will advertise on December 13th for bids to be opened on December 18th, 1956.

Lorence J. Klunk
 (entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
 Chairman

Dec. 7, 1956

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

William Bacon, Custer Twp. supervisor, was in with the statement sent for Wilson Road blacktop. This was billed in accordance with instructions from Engr-Mgr. and on a 100% basis but according to minutes of Apr. 3, 1956, this was a special agreement in which Custer's Twp. share was designated as \$2500.00. The corrected statement was given Mr. Bacon in accordance with these minutes.

Branch Twp. board met with the Commission to see what could be done about the Railroad crossing south of Walhalla. Moved by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder that larger advance warning signs be placed on highway. Commission will do this work, and meet with Branch Twp. board when work is completed. Twp. will participate to the amount of \$100.00.

Motion by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder that bids be advertised for on Motor Grader, size 115 to 125 H.P., to be opened December 18th, 1956.

Regarding the two bids on the chain saw being the same, Engineer to see which one will raise their bid, or draw for the saw.

Lorence J. Klunk
 (entered by) ~~Klunk~~ Clerk

L. A. Hawley
 Chairman

December 14, 1956

Regular meeting held with all members present. Routine business discussion, mainly with salesmen regarding specifications on ~~new~~ contemplated purchase of new motorgrader.

Lorence J. Klunk
 (entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
 Chairman

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Bids on Motorgrader were opened at 10:00 A.M. Bids received from R. G. Moeller Co., Miller Equipment Co., Telford Equipment Co., Wolverine Tractor and Equipment Co., Michigan Tractor and Machinery Co. Specifications were studied and in view of the considerable information to be studied, bids were tabled until a later date, in order that all comparative features might be considered.

Florence J. Klunk
(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

December 20, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Bids on Gasoline were opened at 10:00 A.M. Bids received from Standard Oil Co., Naph-Sol Refining Co., Sinclair Refining Co. and G. L. Slaggert Oil Co. Low bid on gasoline went to Naph-Sol Refining Co. at 13.95¢ per gal, less 1% dis.(10 days) and to the Standard Oil Co. for fuel oil at a price of 13.46¢ for No. 1, in 7200 gal. lots; or 13.574¢ in 5300 gal. lots; at a price of 12.76¢ for No. 2 in 7200 gal. lots; and 12.874¢ in 5300 gal. lots.

Phillip Warren of Michigan Tractor and Machinery Co. was present, and the bid on the Motor Grader was awarded to Michigan Tractor and Machinery Co. at a total price of \$19,529.00, less 4%, to be paid by May 20, 1957, for the Grader and bulldozer.

Carl Jones, representative of the Auto Owners Insurance Co. was present to discuss the accident wherein the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway train hit No. 130 Motorgrader on the 23rd of Nov. 1956. He advises Road Commission to retain a lawyer to do research work on this accident in the event that claim should exceed insurance. Motion by Hanson and supported by Hawley to retain Gene Christman, Ludington attorney, to attend to the legal matters for the road commission in case of a law suit with the C. & O. Railway Co.

Florence J. Klunk
(entered by) Clerk

L. A. Hawley
Chairman

December 28, 1956

Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Last meeting for Commissioner Hawley whose term expires Dec. 31, 1956.

Motion made by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder that the board approve the application for tree trimming on all county roads in connection with the Consumers Power Co. transmission lines. Also, approved application for permission to erect pole line and the necessary tree trimming on Sherman Road in Section 14, Hamlin Township.

Motion by Hanson and supported by Gamertsfelder that the two grading jobs, P-1555 (Lakewood Dr. from Lincoln River North, and P-2854 (Reek School to Bachelor in Sherman Twp.) be accepted by the board.

Florence J. Klunk
(entered by) Clerk

Eli Hanson
HANSON (Acting) Chairman

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