

Jan. 5, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Motion was made by Com. Gamertsfelder, and supported by Julius Peterson, that Com. Floyd Eddy, be named as Chairman for the years of 1961 and 1962. Motion was also made by Com. Gamertsfelder and supported by Eddy, that Julius Peterson be named as Vice Chairman for the same period. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by Lz Gamertsfelder that Contractor's Mchry. Co. take the new Ford tandem TH-50 (recently purchased from the T. D. Smith Co.) to Crestline, Ohio, to install snow-plow hitch and return to Grand Rapids, at a cost not to exceed \$75.00 to the Road Commission. The cost of the hitch and air-cylinder is not to be considered a part of this transaction or the quotation of \$75.00. This motion was supported by Julius Peterson.

A letter was received from Martin Platt, Supt. of Manistee County Road Commission concerning the possibility of continuing the road to the south of the Little Manistee River in Mason County. This matter was discussed and tabled for the present, but is to be considered at a later date after a study of the routing has been made. Motion to table this matter was made by Julius Peterson, and supported by Gamertsfelder.

A motion was made by Gamertsfelder and supported by Peterson, to purchase a rebuilt 371 GMC Diesel motor for unit No. 83 and trade in the old motor, for a total net cost of \$1,400., approximately, from Peninsular Diesel, with a 90-day guarantee on this rebuilt motor; this purchase is subject to recommendation by Miller Equipment Company's maintenance personnel as to whether replacement has proved profitable; if it has not been profitable, the purchase of a new GMC Diesel Motor is hereby authorized, at a net cost of \$2,000.00, including the old motor; price is F.O.B. Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M. Next meeting to be held on January 13, 1961.

Lourence J. Klenk
Secretary

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Jan. 13, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Motion by Peterson and supported by Gamertsfelder that the bill of Wesley Hasenbank in the amount of ~~\$218.29~~ \$318.29 be paid immediately. Bill is dated December 1960, but work was done much earlier.

G. L. Slaggert was before the board regarding lubricating oil for year 1961 and was informed that bids had been requested on same for opening on Jan. 20, 1961.

Lourence J. Klenk
Secretary

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Jan. 27, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Regarding the culvert in Section 26, on Sippy Road in Eden Twp., the estimated cost of replacement and relocation is \$2800. Motion by Peterson and supported by Gamertsfelder that the Twp. of Eden pay the sum of \$2,000. on this job and the Road Commission will assume the balance of the cost.

Custer Twp. Supervisor Monton was in to get agreement on more road name signs to be erected; township to pay for all materials, signs, brackets and posts and the road commission will put them up.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Eddy, to accept the bid of the Texaco Co. for one year's supply of lubricating oil at their quotation of 46¢ per gallon. Gamertsfelder voted 'no' on this issue. Bids were as follows:-

46¢ per gallon - Texaco URSA Oil S-1 (1½-10 days)

59¢ per gallon - Shell Rotella Motor Oil

88¢ per gallon - Shell Rimula " "

57¢ per gallon - Sinclair - Mil-L-2104A S-1 Super TB-7 (1½-10 days)

89¢ per gallon - * " - MIL-L-45199 Tenol Extra S-3 (1½-10days)

80¢ per gallon - Speedway H.D. - Mason Home Oil and Supply Co.

59¢ per gallon - Pure Oil - MIL-L-2104A Heavy Duty

92¢ per gallon - Puroil H.D.

56½¢ per gallon - Cities Service - C-300 API-DM & MS

63½¢ per gallon - " " C-100 " "

85½¢ per gallon - " " C-500 DS--

75¢ per gallon -(1 - 4 drums) - Gulf Lube H.D.

71¢ per gallon - (over 5 drums) - " " "

63¢ per gallon - (1 - 4 drums) - Gulf Dieselube H.D.

59¢ per gallon - (over 5 drums) - " " "

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, that bids be taken on the radio changeover system. Notice to be placed in the local paper by Mgr. Lunde to the effect that sealed bids for two-way radio system will be taken until 2:00 P.M. EST, on February 20, 1961, at which time they will be opened and read; specifications are on file at the road commission office in Scottville, Michigan.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Lawrence A. Kunk
Secretary

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Feb. 3, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Motion by Peterson and supported by Eddy, that a full day of per diem be claimed for Jan. 18th at which time they visited road commissions and inspected equipment in the counties of Osceola, Isabella and Gratiot.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, that the bill issued to the Western Michigan Fair Assoc. for bringing the fairgrounds race track on the w 2nd and 4th of July, 1960, rendered in the amount of \$66.40 be cancelled in consideration of the same cancellation of any charges for the storage of the roadside park tables in the fairgrounds building, by Western Mich. Fair Assoc. Mr. Irving Pratt, Sec'y of the Fair Assoc. was in with this request, and there is to be a meeting between officials of the fair board and the road commission to determine method of remuneration IF ANY FURTHER WORK IS REQUESTED from the road commission by the Fair Association.

Lourence A. Leach
Secy - Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Feb. 10, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Discussion of centerline painting program for 1961; 40 miles of primary roads to be done at a cost of \$50.00 per mile plus cost of yellow paint and glass beads. Motion to have this work was made by Commissioner Peterson and supported by Gamertsfelder, the contract for this work to be with Keith Clark from Lake City, Michigan. Tentative completion date to be early summer.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, to revise the Jan. 27, 1961, agreement with Eden Twp. for the repair of the culvert on the Sippy Road in Section 26 of Eden Twp. Revision to be a reduction in the item of gravel surfacing from 200 cu. yds. to 100 cu. yds. making a reduction in the estimated cost of \$200.00; the original agreement amounted to a total of \$2800., this to now be reduced to a sum of \$2600. of which the township agrees to pay 50% of the cost, NOT TO EXCEED \$2600.

Lourence A. Leach
Secy - Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Feb. 15, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Graham Brimhall of the Replogle Culvert Co. was also present.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, that Engineer-Mgr. Robert E. Lunde be authorized to pay all convention expenses of the commissioners, for which he will later be reimbursed.

Lourence A. Leach
Secy - Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

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Feb. 20, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Motion made by Peterson and supported by Gamertsfelder, to rescind the motion of Feb. 15, 1961, regarding payment of commissioner's convention expenses by Mgr. Lund. This pursuant to discussion regarding income tax requirements in each claiming their own expenses and being reimbursed directly to them from the Mason County Road Commission funds.

Chairman Eddy reported that he had been approached by Leo Sanders of Custer, in regards to the co-operation of the Road Commission to allow one of the brine tanks to be used to haul water to county fires. After discussing the many angles this matter would involve, a motion was made by Com. Gamertsfelder and supported by Peterson, to request the County Fire Committee to come in and discuss this matter personally if they so desired.

Motion made by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, to approve and sign the plat known as Lost Lake Estates Subdiv., being a part of Gov't Lots 1 & 2, and the Southeast Quarter in Section 20, T 17 N, R 16 W, Eden Twp., Mason County. Same was approved and signed this date.

At 1:30 P.M. the only bid received, that being from the Motorola Communications and Electronics Inc., was opened regarding changeover of present radio system. This bid was for One base station

One remote console
One speaker for garage
20 mobile units
One 130' tower

All of the above to be completely installed
for a total cost of \$ 22,865.00
Less:-Trade-in allow - 3,365.00

Net -\$19,500.00

Motion was made by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, that Chairman be authorized to sign the contract for purchase of the new 2-way Radio system with Civil Defense funds, from the Motorola company.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M. with next meeting scheduled for March 3, 1961.

Horace J. Klenk

Sec'y-Clerk

Floyd Eddy

Chairman

March 3, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Clerk advised board regarding answer received at Clerk's meeting held in Gaylord on February 28th, 1961, from Mr. William Brickley, of the State Highway Department regarding bookkeeping procedure on checks which had been accepted in lieu of PERFORMANCE BONDS where the work on a plat was not complete and the plats were signed before completion. Answer was, that a PERSONAL check should never be accepted as a Performance Guarantee. If any check was to be accepted, it should be a CERTIFIED check and should be held in escrow by the County Treasurer. It should never at any time become part of the County Road Fund. It was not favored to sign plats before proper completion even under the above conditions.

Payroll checks were signed by the Chairman and bills and vouchers were reviewed, approved and signed by the board.

Bids were opened on the following items:--

Metal culvert: - All bids accepted, will be tabulated and lettings will be made on March 31, 1961.

Guard Rail: - Same as above

Multi-Plate Pipe Arch:- Same as above

Asphalt Bids: - Same as above.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder on all of the foregoing materials and provisions as stated.

March 3, 1961 - continued

Motion by Gamertsfelder, and supported by Peterson, that the bid of the Shults Equipment Sales on Grader and Snow Plow Blades, for Season's requirements, be accepted as the low bid.

Meeting adjourned, with next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 1961.

Lourence I. Klink
Secretary

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

March 7, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, that an easement be granted to Mason County for the purpose of construction of a storm sewer located 15 feet East of and parallel to the centerline of Jackson Boulevard, starting at Pine Street and running south, to north line of Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, a distance of 1800 feet M/L. Total estimated cost of this project is \$29,557.00, with the proposed assessment being divided as: - Jackson Vibrators 50%

City of Ludington 25%

P.M. Twp. 15%

Mason Co. at Lrg. 10%

Some discussion was held regarding rumors and erroneous information regarding the bid taken and accepted from Motorola Electronics, and the 'late' bid from the R.C.A. company. Board was advised that this matter was thoroughly investigated and information is now on file supporting the accepted and only 'on time' bid.

Afternoon was spent inspecting gravel pits, roads and bridges throughout county. Roads found to be in very good shape, 50% better than anticipated in view of spring breakup conditions.

Signed River Trails Subdiv., Part of Gov't Lots 1 & 2, Section 3, T 20 N, R 15 W, in Meade Township.

Lourence I. Klink
Secretary

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

March 15, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Took a tour with engineer around the county to inspect roads, operations in Jones Gravel Pit, etc. Found roads in unexpected good condition for the time of year.

March 20, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

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

Leo Monton, Supervisor of Custer Twp. was in. Got copy of letter from Co. Rd. Ass and opinion attached thereto, regarding the ability of a township to ask for millage for road improvements, from Tax Allocation Board.

Commission approved and Chairman Eddy signed maintenance agreement for new Radio System. Motion was made by Julius Peterson, supported by Lz Gamertsfelder, for the above action.

Meeting was adjourned at noon, at which time engineer and commissioners went to Marion, Michigan, to inspect and inquire concerning gravel operator to produce gravel for Mason County from Jones Pit. From Marion, the commissioners then proceeded to G.R. for the Annual Highway Conference to be held March 21, 22, and 23, 1961.

Lourence I. Klink
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Engineer read a letter from Mrs. Parker B. Francis who has property at Linlook Park. She has a wooden fence and a cyclone fence and calls attention of the board to the fact that sand has drifted against this fence from the street south of the Club Northern, and she requests that something be done about it before it destroys these fences. Engineer suggests that county get rid of that end of the street and give it to the township. Commissioners are to look the situation over and contact the P.M. Twp. Supervisor. In the meantime the sand dune must be removed by Road Commission forces.

Engineer also presents proposal of the State Conservation Dept. regarding the continued maintenance of the road previously maintained under the joint co-operation of the Corps of Engrs. and Conservation Dept. The Radar station is now inactivated and vacated and they will no longer be participating. Engineer transmits Dept. of Conservation proposal that maintenance be paid for in the amount of \$600. during the months only when snow-plowing is NOT necessary. They will do their own plowing, however, if exceptionally heavy snow-falls occur, and it is necessary to call on the Road Commission forces, they will the pay 100% of the cost of this operation.

Much discussion on this issue. Commissioners are sharply divided in their opinions. Commissioner Peterson says they are asking the favor, ~~the~~ the Road Commission should dictate the terms, and it is his opinion that the matter, if continued at all, should be ~~x~~ continued on the same terms, \$1000. for the year and maintenance to be the same as previously furnished; Commissioner Gamertsfelder believes the \$600. offered for all maintenance EXCEPT snow-plowing, and the 100% payment for emergency snow-plowing beyond their own capacity would be sufficient remuneration; Chairman Eddy, is opposed to the whole idea, and says the County should stay out of this matter entirely.

Motion was made by Julius Peterson, supported by Lz Gamertsfelder, that the maintenance be continued as it has been for the past two years at the rate of \$1,000. per year; and with the specific stipulation by the Lighthouse Personnel that the gate shall be kept locked. Commissioner Floyd Eddy voted a definite no on this motion.

The bids opened on March 3, 1961 on various items, which were to be tabulated and bids let on this date, were then presented by the Mgr. as follows:

Steel Beam Guard Rail - that the low bid of the Beach Mfg. Co. be accepted, the price being \$1.28 per foot for galv. steel beam, 12 gauge.

Asphalt - That all bids be accepted as all prices were identical.

Corr. Metal Culv. Pipe - That all bids be accepted as all prices were identical

Concrete pipe - Only one bid received and that from the Cadillac Concrete Pipe Company. This bid was accepted.

Motion by Julius Peterson, supported by Lz Gamertsfelder, that the above recommendations of the Engr.-Mgr. be followed and the bids be accepted as stated above. Chairman Eddy concurs in this.

Communication read by Mgr. from Union office in Cadillac, received Mar. 31, 1961 by registered mail, requesting a meeting for the purpose of changes in present working policy. Motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Peterson, to table this until Apr. 5, 1961, at which time a date will be set for this meeting.

Manager presents his recommendations for coming construction season. Supervisors are meeting for their April session, beginning on the 11th of April, and it is his recommendation that permission be requested of them for the borrowing of \$90,000. against anticipated MVH Funds, in order to match the Federal Aid money which is available to us if matching money is obtainable. This would be for the construction of 5½ miles of the Sugar Grove Road, and the rebuilding of the Walhalla Bridge. He also recommends that the equipment be up-graded by additional pickups, additional dump trucks, a front end loader, a blade truck and a new commission passenger car. Equipment needs would amount to approx. \$81,700. Commission is asked to consider the above recommendations for further discussion.

In the afternoon, commission and engineer took tour around south end of county looking at bridges.

Lorance A. Hunk Clerk Floyd Eddy Chairman

April 5, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Motion by Julius Peterson, supported by Lz Gamertsfelder, that the resolution made on March 31, 1961, relative to the maintenance of the road to Lighthouse at the Ludington State Park be RESCINDED, and new resolution recorded upon motion by Peterson, and supported by Gamertsfelder, that commission does not wish to enter into ANY AGREEMENT to maintain the road in the State Park to the Lighthouse. Unanimous agreement on this.

Lorance A. Hunk Clerk Floyd Eddy Chairman

April 12, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, authorizing the Chairman to sign the Certification of Primary and Local Roads for the year 1961; Primary mileage being 179.38 miles, and the Local mileage being 745.74 miles.

Discussion on the theft by Robert Sherada of Freesoil Village, of the steel from Pappé's Bridge. He is to pay \$80.00 for the steel, or deliver it to Road Commission yard. County Prosecutor to handle the case upon motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Eddy. (Steel was delivered to the yard a few days later)

Lorance A. Hunk Clerk Floyd Eddy Chairman

April 20, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Motion by Gamertsfelder to have regular meeting date set as Friday of each week, except when the 5th or 20th which are paydays, come on other days. Supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy.

Since no reply was received to the letter to the Employee's committee requesting statement of the specific points at issue in their request for a meeting, the May 5th date tentatively set is cancelled and no other date will be set until this request is complied with.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to request the Mich. Legislature thru' letter to Hans Rasmussen, Rep. from the Mason District, and Lloyd Stephens, Sen. from the 26th Senatorial Dist. to initiate and pass without delay any legislation necessary to accomplish and assure abolition of 'unreturnable beer bottles, which are littering our Mich. Hwys. and detracting from the general beauty of our highly advertised vacation areas. This is being brought to our attention by visitors who have toured other states, especially the home state of beer manufacture, that even Wis. does not have this litter.

Lorance A. Hunk Clerk Floyd Eddy Chairman

Hamlin Twp. Supervisor Sobanski was in with request for work and the following work was designated on the regular agreement form for the Twp. to sign:-

- (1) Estimate of \$200. - for gravel on Sherman Rd., South of Barnharts.
Twp. cost to be 100%.
- (2) Estimate of \$500. - for gravel on Sherman St., Sec. 35, Twp. cost, 100%.
- (3) \$ 7,400.--as agreed amount to be paid by Twp. on the grading and gravelling, and double seal, on road from Middle Bayou to North Bayou. The estimated total cost of this is \$11,87 NOT including labor and rental on double seal. Diff. between the \$7,400. and the total cost is to be absorbed by the County Road Commission. This grading will be done when the presently programmed work is finished.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Eddy, to do the state work per the above agreement.

Former Commissioner William Hasenbank and son, Supervisor William Hasenbank of Meade Twp. were in to discuss the following work: - Road into Bennetts, Pickerel Lake Road.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to apply approx. 70 cu. yds. gravel east of Harry Hasenbank's, closer to the east end. This is to be done as maintenance for Meade Twp.

Discussions regarding other work, but no action taken; - Mason Road, at Link's Pit shape it, gravel the clay hills; look at culvert at Cecil Miller's, locate tile and see if it can be cleaned out; Hasenbank's bridge over Sauble River, for future planning, no action at this time.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, to approve agreement with Amber Twp. on their road name sign program. Twp. shall pay for all materials, the road commission assumes the expense of assembly and erection.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to authorize purchase of a new 2400 gallon brine tank from Motyka, using road commission axle; complete with running lights, brake connections, ready for road use, at an approx. cost of \$1,600

Bids opened at 1:30 P.M. for insurance coverage. Only two bids received from Hardware Mutual and Michigan Mutual. Total bid of Hardware Mutual was \$13,331.20, and of Michigan Mutual, \$6,576.26, a difference of \$6,754.94. Bid awarded to Michigan Mutual. (This difference attributed to lack of experience rating by Hdwe. Mutual)

Sheridan Twp. Board with new supervisor Florian Kaminski, and new clerk Helen Budzinski, Treasurer Nettie Morse, and Frank McQueen, and Corliss Gulembo, Jr. present. After considerable discussion on the old account of Sheridan Twp. at present at a balance of \$3,341.30, the following resolution was passed: -"Motion by Julius Peterson, supported by Lz Gamertsfelder, that upon payment of \$1,000. in cash, on or before July 1, 1961, the account of Sheridan Twp. as of this date, amounting to \$3,341.30, shall be considered PAID IN FULL and the account closed. There are no other accounts on record against this township as of this date, April 28, 1961. All commissioners voted YES on this. Subject to the fulfillment of the above agreement it is mutually agreed between the Twp. of Sheridan and the Road Commission that there are no incomplete Local Road Construction Projects in the Twp. of Sheridan, as of this date, April 28, 1961.

Flora Link

Clerk

Floyd Eddy

Chairman

May 5, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Chairman signed payroll checks. No vouchers made due to lack of money until 1st Quarter 1961 MVHF are received.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Eddy, to pay \$1,500. to Al Pratt as an advance payment on Road Commission brine requirements for 1961-1962, in order that a storage tank may be erected immediately so that brine can be stored so as to be available at all times to the Mason County Road Commission without delay at the Sauble Wells. The rate is to be \$3.00 per load for first 300 loads in 1961, the next 50 loads are to be free.

In 1962, the county shall pay \$3.00 per load for 300 loads, the next 50 loads are free.

The actual cost per load is \$5.50, consisting of approximately 2300 gals. brine per load. A discount of \$2.50 per load is allowed until the advance payment is cleared.

On motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, the commission authorized Engr. Lunde to release the Pit agreement with the Western Michigan Electric Co. on the gravel pit in Lake County, Elk Twp., just east of the Jones Pit which is now leased by the Road Commission for a considerable period of years, at a cost of \$4,000. per year for 5 years.

At 1:30 P.M. this date, the Sherman Twp. Board met with the Commission, with the following requests:-

- (1) Requested estimate for grading and gravelling approximately 2000' on Beyer Road from US-31, East.
- (2) Gravel surfacing on road between Sections 5 & 6, from townline road, South, as required.

Florence A. Klenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

May 12, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Also present were the Engr.-Mgr., Supt. and Ass't Supt. and the Clerk was present at intervals when summoned.

Discussed sand price to Williams and Yeager, Williams to get the same price as paid to Yeager, and a future policy on sand prices to be established for future use.

The letter from the Employee's Representative was read in which were stated 5 points at issue which they wanted to discuss at a future meeting, date to be set by the commission. Due to the press of other matters, this letter was tabled for consideration at the meeting of the 19th.

Mgr. authorized to advertise for bids for a 8-10 ton tandem truck and a 1/2 yard pickup upon motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, to also get bids on gasoline and diesel fuel; all of these bids to be opened on June 5, 1961.

Manager recommends that the culvert down in Riverton Twp. which needs a deck should be declared emergency work and done right away as a maintenance item; but if work warrants participation, this to be taken up with Twp. if there is basis for same. Commission unanimously says to go ahead ~~xxx~~ on this basis with this work.

Mgr. tells commission that there is need for new heads on the gas pumps and the ones to be installed will required tickets for each delivery of gas. There is a general discussion with Supt. and Ass't. Supt. regarding various matters, such as early return of crew to barn prior to quitting time, and on other matters not relayed to the recording clerk. Peterson wants information from Muskegon County on time clocks.

Don't McFarland
Ward

Motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Peterson, to return the 'pup' trailer to the Oceana County Road Commission immediately on Saturday, May 13th, Ass't. Supt. Wing instructed to get this accomplished.

Further discussion on the matter regarding Pratt's request for advance payment on 1961-1962 brine supply in order that he may erect storage tanks to assure brine availability at all times. Clerk questions right to pay in advance on something which may not be there, with no agreement insuring recovery of funds. Pratt to furnish statement as to his promises in the matter. Lake County is also involved in this storage tank erection and will not pay until same are up and delivering brine.

Lorenco St. Lenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

May 19, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, also engineer and clerk

Discussion on drawing check for new radio system so that refund forms can be filed with Civil Defense office. Discussion on civil defense in general, protest by Julius Peterson, that the commissions know nothing about this program. Engineer suggests that Milo Wilson be asked to come up and explain the program to the commission. Peterson demurs on this, says if they don't want them to know it is alright with him but not to expect them to participate if and when the time comes.

Voucher signed for the above in the amount of \$19,389.00 and hold same until units are here and installed. Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Eddy. Refund in the amount of \$8,797.00 to be requested from Office of Civilian Defense.

Discussion regarding request from Employee's committee for a meeting to discuss the following points:-

- (1) Shorten probatory period
- (2) Substantial increase in wages
- (3) Absorb increase in insurance
- (4) 2 year recall rights
- (5) Dues check-off

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder that agreement for Branch Twp. road name signs be signed and programmed.

Engineer reads letter from Dept. of Conservation in which they express surprise at the action of the Board in turning down any further agreement as to maintenance of the road to the Lighthouse in the State Park. They bring attention to the condition of the road and the fact that the present agreement ~~does~~ does not expire until June 30. It is agreed by the board that there is some work due them but no agreement after July 1, 1961, is definitely re-affirmed.

In regard to the advance payment of \$1500. requested by Al Pratt to put up new storage tanks for brine in his Sauble Wells, NOTHING TO BE PAID to him on this until storage tanks are up and operating.

Lorenco St. Lenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

May 26, 1961 - Regular meeting date with all commissioners present but day was spent mostly in the field, notes herein recorded were given to the clerk by the engineer-manager.

Inspected the Emerson Lake, West Shore Subdivision with the owners, Smedly and ~~the~~. Discussed with them the ~~needs~~ needs on the platted street that will have to be done before the commission will approve the plat.

Inspection trip on job at ~~Hyde~~ Hyde School on the Hoague Road; grade work on the Quarterline Road in Grant Twp; graveling job on F.A.S. Project in Hamlin; some special ditching for Victory Drive in Section 21 of Victory Twp. at which place ~~the~~ the Road Commission has been requested to lower a tube to drain a farmer's field. (Stakenas farm). Commissioners are of the opinion that the amount of land which would be drained, does not warrant the expense of lowering the culvert.

Lourence A. Henk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

June 2, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, authorizing Consumers Power Co. to construct a new pole line in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 33, Hamlin Twp., Mason County, on what is locally known as Havener Drive.

Lourence A. Henk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

June 5, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Payroll checks signed by Chairman and some bills signed in A.M.

Opened bids on gasoline and diesel fuel and on the tandem truck and the pickup. No decisions made. Firm bids were received from Speedway, Shell, Crystal and Naph Sol with spot bids from Speedway, Standard, Pure Oil, Leonard, Cities Service and Sinclair.

Two bids on pickups were received, from Ford and Studebaker; three bids on tandem truck from IHC, Ford and Mack Truck Co.

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Cross* Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, authorizing Consumers Power Co. to construct a new pole line in Sec. 33 of Hamlin Twp., NE 1/4 thereof on what is locally known as Havener Drive.

Afternoon at 3:30 P.M., employees committee composed of Harry Bedker, Homer Molyneux, and Frank Milvert, and their rep. Robert Schroeder, met with commission re requests in letter of May 10, 1961. Probationary period discussion very confused since temporary help and temporary work became involved; discussion also on Blue Cross in regard to temporary help. Temporary help not involved as far as present contract with Blue Cross is written. Mention made of Sargent Sand Co. keeping temporaries or laid off employees in the group until their return on condition that they pay their premiums. Nothing like this in operating manual except mention that special conditions may be made to prevail, but it must be done at the time the group is enrolled, if conditions exist which would warrant such special provisions. Clerk will investigate this further with Blue Cross representatives. Upon questing of the Union Rep. by the clerk as to whether they enroll temporary employees, the answer was that they were enrolled, but they paid dues only when they were employed.

They brought up the matter of the erroneous report in the paper about the 'take home pay of a \$1.80 per hour shovel operator'. They feel this creates a false picture for them and prevents them from justifiably asking for more wages. They ask that this be publicly corrected together with publishing of a gross wage chart for all rates. A complete picture in this regard to net take home pay would be almost too lengthy for publication since there are several variations in number of depends, etc, in arriving at take home pay.

No answers are given to the points requested, answer to be given on or before June 16th, another meeting to be held at 13:30 P.M. on the 16th of June.

Lorence Hlenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

June 6 and 8, 1961 - Commissioners and Manager go with Road and Bridge committee for tour of county.

June 13, 1961 - Commission and Road and Bridge Committee meet in the commission office for general discussion of observations on June 6th and 8th, and other matters which been brought to their attention. Present were all three commissioners, Ingersoll, Masten, Monton, Villadsen, and Pratt. Engineer Lunde were also present as was Clerk when summoned.

Questions were posed, as to how priortiy of work is determined?

Who was responsible for the mess at the Grant Twp. dump?

Who was responsible for fixing the road for Brozzo which had been previously turned down by the commission several times?

How the MVHF money was distributed or how received?

Should any county owned property be used for Twp. dumps?

Why did the commissioners think they should meet oftener than 4 times a month?

What could be done in the way of providing more money for the bridges in the count which need fixing.

Hopkins Lake Road is still muddy and people have to be pulled out.

Why do we haul gravel as far as we do asks Pratt?, however he says nothing about hauling brine from his brother's oil well even further!

Ingersoll asks where drainage leaves off and road problems begin. How does a cottage owner get a road?

Lots of questions were asked, but very few answers given, therefore about 3:00 P.M. Villadsen decided to call it a day. Apparently they had intended to come in again on Wednesday, but decided against it as they asked V. if he was coming down and he said NO, so nothing more was said about a second session.

Lorence Hlenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

June 13, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Gasoline and fuel oil bids were again considered. Upon motion by Peterson and supported by Gamertsfelder, Speedway was given the gasoline acceptance at 13.15¢ and Shell Oil Co. of George Slaggert was given the fuel oil business. These were accepted as firm low bids, however Slaggerts was only verbal and had not been noted on his bid.

Lorence Hlenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

June 16, 1961 - Motion by Lz Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, to make and sign an agreement with Harry Barre and wife for a Pit lease in Lake County for 5000 cu. yds. or more of gravel, for one year, at 20¢ per cu. yd.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder to take the low bids on each type of vehicle, tandem and pickup. Eddy confirms low bid on tandem; but votes no against low bid on pickup.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder that all saleable trees 4" and up, in our clay Pit in Sec. 27, Grant Twp., north 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, be sold to "Cap" Hill, of Freesoil, at \$2.00 per cord, for a 4 x 4 x 8 cord. Star cutting near dump, clean up dump, and all cutting to be done by Dec. 31, 1961.

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Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, to grant and sign permit to Consumers Power Co. to erect a pole line along Piney Ridge Rd. from M-116, north approx. 7/8 mile; confirmed by Eddy.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, and confirmed by Eddy, that the following reply ~~be~~ be made to the meetings with employee's committee and their letter of 5/10/61: -

- (1) - No shortening of probationary period; seasonal employees probationary period stays at 6 months.
- (2) - 5¢ raise to all hourly employees, effective June 15, 1961. Temporary labor will remain at \$1.55.
- (3) - Commission will absorb the increase of hospitalization coverage on employee only which will be \$1.71 per man, 32¢ from previous raise in rates and \$1.39 as of June 1st, 1961, our increased rate date June 20, 1961.
- (4) - Yes, to request for 2-year recall rights.
- (5) - NO, to request for dues check-off.

Question as to rate for Mathew Mazeika while working as mechanic; possible rate change. Employee's committee to have until June 26th, for acceptance or rejection of the above.

Florence A. Klenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

July 5, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and other commissioners perused each one.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to approve the proposed road location only of the proposed plat of "Thunder Lake" located on and around Thunder Lake. A copy of said plat is on file with the road commission. This confirmed by Eddy.

Also, the present owners, a partnership, Clem J. Stevens and Charles J. Roberts, agree as a part of this road improvement to give the road commission a four rod ~~xxx~~ right-of-way, 33' on each side of our existing road, running north and south along the east side of Thunder Lake from the proposed plat to their north property line. Also, a dedication of 4 rods, 33' on each side of the southerly and northerly road running between Thunder and Blue Lakes, in so far as it is certified as a county road. /s/ by Clem J. Stevens, and Charles J. Roberts, who give their address as Box 63, Watervliet, Michigan. This also signed by commission and is in Minutes supporting file.

Florence A. Klenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

July 14, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, a resolution regarding the First Annex to Birch Grove Subdivision in Sec. 6 of Grant Twp., T-20-N, R-17-W, whereas in consideration of a bond for the sum of \$1600. be presented to guarantee the grading, gravelling, and placing of 36' of 24" culvert pipe on Lo Prete Drive in the above-mentioned subdivision, also that a turn around circle with an outside radius of 40 feet shall be built at the north end; sandy shoulders shall be covered with top dirt; also that the 33' road along the north boundary line shall be dedicated as a private drive and shall be dedicated as a private drive and shall not be a part of the county road system; gravel to be 16' wide, 4" thick, loose depth. Performance bond to guarantee completion within 12 months. Plat will not be approved until money is deposited with us.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, to approve the agreement with Riverton Twp. for Part I, re the Brye Road, bet. Sec. 31 & 32, bet. county line and Marrison Road; this road to be turnpiked, where needed; drainage of north 1/2 mi. to be improved; fill low spots, and make passable; level sand dunes and cover with topsoil but NO GRAVEL, at an estimated cost of \$1,000.; with the cost to be shared 50/50 by Summit and Riverton Twps.

Part II of this agreement was to cut the bank on South Side of Anthony Road at North Oxbow Lake; dump this dirt along the lake side and at the swimming hole; remove necessary trees; furnish labor and equipment at 100% cost plus overhead; the twps. want an estimate on this cost before approval. This was unanimous approval on this agreement.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, to approve agreement with Sherman Twp. for (1) North 1/2 mi. bet. Sec. 5 & 6, on Darr Road; - raise and improve drainage on two low spots, extending existing culverts to 16' of 12" corrugated metal pipe, as required, and place 100 cu. yds. of road gravel - for \$400.00.

(2) Beyer Road, bet. Sec. 6 & 7, the west 4/10 of a mile. Salvage existing gravel; turnpike the road; place additional granular material, including 340 cu. yds. of gravel at a total cost of \$2,200.

The Sherman Twp. Board inserted a provision to have the above projects finished by 9/1/61.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, authorizing the Chairman of the Board to sign the State Highway Maintenance contract for the period from July 1, 1961 through June 30, 1962.

Engineer presented the Federal Aid project plan to the board: - Sugar Grove Rd., starting at Stiles Rd. in Victory Twp. and ending at the County Road in Sherman Twp.; overall distar of approx. 6 miles; for clearing and grubbing trees, grading and drainage structures. Job includes salvaging existing gravel and replacing on new grade.

(In Summit Twp., the Hopkins Lake Road.) Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Eddy, to sign agreements for FAS work as is.

Upon request of Irving Pratt, Sec. of the Western Michigan Fair Assoc. who visited the board this date, a motion was made by Julius Peterson, supported by Lz Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Chairman Eddy, that the Mason County Road Commission may assist in the care of the Fairgrounds during fair week only, with labor and equipment only, without charge; with the stipulation that at any time as the commission feels they do not wish to continue this arrangement, they may discontinue same by notifying the Fair Board. Present bill of \$68.40 charged off re storage of State Park tables.

Lorance St. Shank
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

July 21, 1961 - Commission made a field inspection of the proposed plat at Emerson Lake. Also inspected gravel screening at Barre Gravel Pit.

Motion made by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, to approve the plat known as Emerson Lake West-Shore Subdivision, in Gov't Lots 5, 6 and 7/ and a part of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 15 T-18-N, R-15-W, in Branch Township.

Commission signed the plat with a written agreement by the proprietors to remove remaining stumps on the road right-of-way. (this agreement in Min. Sup. File)

Lorance St. Shank
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

July 28, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Engineer Lunde requests permission to purchase a 3-inch water pump with approx. 9 to 10 HP air-cooled engine; price not to exceed \$500. Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Eddy, to grant the above request.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, to approve the agreement with Pere Marquette Twp. as follows:

- (1) KINNEY ROAD - From US-31 west, a distance of .36 miles; culvert, turnpike and gravel surace at a total estimate of \$692.00. (50% of this to be paid by P.M. Twp. and 50% by Summit.
- (2) JOHNSON ROAD -Bet. Sec. 11 & 14; distance of 0.25 mile; grade and turnpike and gravel at a total cost of \$1,110.00.

(Agreement in P.M. File, signed by P.M. Board 7/11/61)

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, to approve the plat of the Strand Subdivision located in Gov't Lot 2, Sec. 22, T18N, R18W, in P.M. Twp. Commission signed the plat after a written agreement by the proprietors, Eugene Smedley and Harvey L. Swanson, had been signed, to remove remaining stumps on the road right-of-way. (Agreement in Minutes Supporting File)

Lawrence J. Klenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

August 3, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Eddy, to revise double seal schedule on the east 1.4 miles of Hoague Road until next year, and do the Custer Road from Trembl Road to Hoague Road; a distance of 2 miles, double seal this year.

Lawrence J. Klenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

August 11, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Eddy, to sign the acknowledgement that the tower and base station and all but one ~~Mobile~~ Mobile Unit are now installed, and this will be done as soon as the new pickup in which it is to be installed is received.

Commission made inspection of roads in various townships with Engr., also in Victory, P.M., and others.

Lawrence J. Klenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Aug. 18, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Mr. Gaudet, Dist. Agent from G.R. was also present in connection with retirement of Henry Englebrecht which he desires to accomplish as of Jan. 1, 1962. Mr. Englebrecht also present together with Sec. Klenk who is Trustee of the Pension Plan.

~~Motion~~ Sixty days before retirement, application should be presented as to method of payment by the New England Mutual Ins. Co. who has this trust.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, to allow Henry Englebrecht, Supt., to retire as of Jan. 1, 1962. He will be 65 in November, but under the terms of the trust he would be allowed to work 5 full years after entering the plan at which time he was 61 when the plan was installed on 7/1/57. He will be allowed to pay in his share of the cost which amounts to \$127.50 for the 6 months from ~~the~~ Jan. 1, 1962 until the anniversary date of the plan, 7/1/62. His contribution in this way will finish the contract in compliance with conditions of the trust for the final six ~~months~~ months in order that he may retire on 1/1/62.

Manager Lunde brings up the matter of salaried employee raises which were not considered at the meeting at which time the hourly employees were given a 5¢ per hour raise effective June 15, 1961. Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Eddy, to raise each salaried employee \$200. per year, retroactive to June 15, 1961. This same motion granted a 10¢ per hour increase to Louis Lund, clerk in downstairs office whose duties warrant more than now receiving; he will now take over the Stockroom; Cloud will be transferred to the shop full time, and Everett Dumas will assist Louis Lund with time card posting. Work schedule for each to be written up by the Manager and presented at the next meeting on August 25, 1961.

Motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, to approve the "Supervisor's Plat of Figgs Subdiv., a part of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 13, T 18 N, R 18 W, in P.M. Twp.

Motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, authorizing emulsion stabilizing of existing road bed on South 1/2 mile of Lakeshore Road from Deren to Meisenheimer Road, in Summit Twp., a distance of 1/2 mile.

Thomson I. Lunde
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Aug. 25, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Discussion on rate of pay for James Rhinebolt who has been receiving \$1.85 per hour on heavy equipment, but who is no longer on same, and should be reduced back to his previous blade truck rate of \$1.70. Since this has run on into more than the 30 day period for transition of job, this decrease was made retroactive to Aug. 1, 1961.

Discussion on the Federal Aid Project recently let to Ellsworth Domes Construction Co. of Manistee. Domres has work to do on his machinery and would like to start on the job about the 15th of Sept.

Letter from Michigan State Police indicating that they will send a man down to check on the speed zoning requested by us, at the earliest possible date.

Clerk asks clarification of gravel price to be paid Joe O'Farrell, and this is confirmed as 15¢ per cu. yd.

Commission wants to see work schedule for Lund and Dumas. Cloud is in shop as of August 21, 1961.

Expected P.M. Twp. Board in but they did not come. Board went on inspection tour after lunch, and P.M. Supervisor was here waiting for them after lunch.

Thomson I. Lunde
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Sept. 1, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Went on inspection tour, but no notes on this given.

Sept. 5, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks. Accounts payable reviewed, approved and signed by board, including the \$45,000. for F.A.S. work to State Hwy. Dept., and advance payment to W. A. Pratt for two-year requirements of brine.

Voucher for the F.A.S. work was upon motion by Gamertsfelder, and supported by Peterson, for Mason. Co. share of Grading and Drainage Structures on the Sugar Grove Road; low bid by Domres Construction Co. as certified by M.S.H.D. amounted to \$82,336.70 plus 10% for contingencies.

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Sept. 5, 1961 - continued

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, to pass a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the agreement with M.S.H.D. for a contract to grade and install drainage structures on Sugar Grove Road bet. Stiles Road on the west and the Custer Road on the east end, not including 1/2 mile from US-31 east; to be known as F.A.S. Proj. No. CS 53-34, D-3, Federal No. S-1529 (1) a distance of 5.383 miles.

Commission voted to accept the street as graded and gravelled in Rasmussen Subdiv. in Section 12 of P.M. Twp., and to release the performance bond.

Harmon J. Hunk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Sept. 15, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Commission made an inspection tour in the morning and part of the afternoon after which they made the following recommendation:- that the Twps. of Grant and Branch acquire a dumping grounds of their own. Letters to each of these townships to notify them that use of the county pits involved will terminate NOT later than six months from Sept. 15, 1961. It is also requested that within 15 days from Sept. 15, 1961, that the pit be cleaned up, and all rubbish covered as required by the State Sanitation Department. If this is not done, the Road Commission will do the work and charge the Twp. for it.

The commission returned to their office to meet with the Motorola representative about 4 P.M. (no information regarding this meeting).

Harmon J. Hunk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Sept. 20, 1961 - Chairman Eddy signed payroll checks; board reviewed, approved and signed accounts payable. Full board present.

Some discussion of P.M.'s blacktop program request for which the Twp. board plans to appear this P.M.

Western Michigan Electric owns gas pipe line built in 1954; they are going to sell to Peaks Petroleum Co. of Cleveland. Want Road Commission to transfer permission to occupy road. This matter was discussed, and perhaps motion would be in order authorizing letter to the purchaser about the responsibility of removal, construction and re-building of road. (Mgr. to see Pros. Attorney Gavigan and then will insert ~~worded~~ wording of letter).

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder that bond in the case of Rasmussen Subdivision be released, and notify owner of this release.

Engr. reports on Sherman Job. No. S-1361; there is not enough money left to sand-cushion the whole thing; 340 cu. yds. of gravel on 3/10 of a mile is not very much; ditches are 1 1/2 to 2 feet deep; the water will run west but got to get clearance with the State Highway Dept. Commissioner Peterson wants to run water on north side of the road; but says this is between Engr. and the Twp. Board; this pond is a hot issue. Owner of property is H. P. Anderson, Engr. is to contact him.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Eddy, to work Sat. Sept. 23rd so that the crew may be off for the Harvest Festival on the 29th of Sept. if they do not work on this substitution date, it will just be a day off without pay, as no vacation time is to be used.

Letter was read to the Commission from the Michigan State Police at Traverse City, regarding our request for their observance of speed on various locations on which residents had asked our co-operation in controlling the speed: -

- (1) Lakewood Drive, - 4 mi. north of US-10 in Hamlin Twp., NO SPEED ZONE. Several recommendations for signs to be placed in lieu of speed control.
- (2) Lakeshore Drive from 116 north to South Bayou of Hamlin Lake. NO SPEED ZONE. Several sign recommendations here also.
- (3) Oakwood Drive & Virnetta Drive, bet. N. Rath and Washington. NO SPEED ZONE. Recommend placing "Children Crossing" sign at either end of this road. Suggest that complainers take number of vehicle and report same to authorities.

Discussion on request of Ed. Koselski, 1½ mi. north of Sauble River, on 1/2 mi. bet. Section 15 and 22, of Grant Twp. inquired on Sept. 11th ~~xxx~~ regarding program for cutting brush on this road. The commission was in on this road in August and cannot see any necessity for further trimming of the brush along this road.

LoPrete of the First Annex to Birch Grove Subdiv. was in to get plat signed. As this is almost over the one year after which time a new set of maps would have to be drawn up, the commission made the following motion: - Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, that a \$900. check in lieu of a performance bond be accepted in order that the plat described as *get from Engr* may be signed. Check to be made out to John A. Butz, County Treasurer, and placed in escrow with him. Check will be released by the road commissioners upon completion of the work necessary in this subdivision, by written authority to John A. Butz. LoPrete also made out a check for part payment of the work performed in this plat to Bernard Edel (not road commission employee) contractor, in the amount of \$400.

At 1:30 P.M. the three members of the P.M. Twp. Board, Ingersoll, Supervisor, and the two trustees, Leonard King and Mrs. Patricia Schulz were in to discuss the blacktop program desired on the Chavez and Bradshaw roads. Supervisor Ingersoll insisted he had been accused of cancelling a previously scheduled blacktop program on these roads and was informed that the commission did not understand how he could have cancelled anything which had never been officially set up by the signing of an agreement. He was reminded by Commissioner Peterson that at a previous meeting he had flatly stated that they did not want this work done as the Hanson Subdiv. work and the present program were all they could handle.

These three members took the agreement with them to be signed by three or more members of the board; want Chavez and Bradshaw roads blacktopped this fall if the weather permits and if not to be on the blacktopping program next year.

Mr. Leonard King brings up many matters re ditching, bad spots, etc. with Engr. Lunde. Much discussion, King says someone is passing the buck; Peterson says he is NOT, but King says, someone is, as when they asked Engr. about certain work, he says it is up to the commission and when they ask the commission they say it is up to the Engr. Board says go ahead and sign the agreement, three members that are here are enough; Ingersoll demurs that he shouldn't sign; Julius says if any more work is to be done than is specifically stated on the agreement he wants it on there before anyone signs. King wants to know whose responsibility the shoulder of the road is at the turn of a driveway in case it is washed out; Engr. says, Road Commission; King brings up troubles at Ray Lange's, Brunson's Store, on the Inman Road, north, shoulders need pulling in, and motorgrader doesn't do it.

P.M. Board brought in the Agreement regarding the Hanson Subdiv. work, signed by all five members of the Board.

(This session was tape-recorded if there are any questions, altho' some of it is noisy and traffic noises from outside are prominent (first part only). This recording will be kept approx. one year from date of recording.)

Lawrence J. Lunde
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

ADA-700

Sept. 26, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. This meeting held on Tues. instead of Friday, due to Harvest Festival on Friday which is to be a non-work day.

Present at this meeting were the Grant Supervisor Helminiak, Lyle Hilden, Treas. of the Twp. board and Ed Koselski on whose behalf they were appearing. This meeting was tape-recorded if more details are needed. (Will be kept on file for one year)

Mr. Koselski claims he has not had any service from the road commission except once when some loads of dirt were hauled on this road, in the 13 years he has lived there or tried to, which was only part of the time due to no snow-plowing, etc. (He spends winter in Florida) In July he talked with Supt. Englebrecht about having road widened as to having brush cut back and trees trimmed so that he can haul out loads of tree boughs which he sells. He says Supt. Englebrecht promised him that something would be done about it but as of Sept. 11, 1961, when he again called the office, nothing had been done. Mgr. Lunde says that the Supt. proposed to take a bulldozer up there, but he thought it would only make matters worse and this action was stopped. The commissioners and Mgr. then took an inspection trip up there and their decision was that it did not need further trimming of trees and if anything was to be done on that road it would have to be at the rest and at cost to the Twp. Bd. Mr. Koselski was notified of this by a copy of a letter which was sent to the Grant Twp. Supervisor. Mr. Helminiak expressed great surprise that the commission and Mr. Lunde did not know of the Twp's willingness to pay for this work since this was discussed in one of their twp. meetings and the clerk was supposed to contact Mr. Lunde and advise him of this matter. Mgr. Lunde says the clerk did call him at his home when he was absent and when he called back he got no answer, and therefore assumed that she would call later at the office.

They want an estimate of the work necessary to make this road meet the adequate specifications such as a local road. They would not specifically name an amount they were willing to contribute, since they felt this would limit Engr. Lunde in making an estimate of the necessary work, however, mention was made of \$1,000., 1200., and \$1500. as possible contributions. The commissioners and Engr. Lunde adjourn at noon for lunch and are to meet this Grant group at 2 P.M. at the location of the road in question.

Grant Supervisor also mentioned the matter of notice regarding the closing of the Grant Twp. dump which has been in the County owned pit for a number of years. Also about the notice for the dump to be cleaned up within 15 days from date of letter or the road commission would do it and charge them for it. Sup. Helminiak claims he did have this done at the cost of \$32.00 to the Twp. and he questions the criticism of its condition. He also asks the possibility of the road commission selling this property to the township so that they might continue this as a dump. This suggestion meets with complete silence. He asks if there is ANY POSSIBILITY of such a sale and absolutely no indication is given of the reaction to this question.

Commission readjourns at 4:00 P.M. reporting their inspection trip to Meade Twp., the new blacktop road north of Freesoil, to Koselski road in Grant Twp., also the dump in Grant Twp.; Victory Twp., and Sherman Street in Hamlin Twp. Commissioners report that the Grant Twp. dump has NOT been cleaned up since their previous visit in spite of the claim of the Supervisor to have spent money in doing so.

Mgr. presents the agreement for the 150 cu. yds. of gravel which was put on the road to the Gareld Hilden place in Freesoil Twp. Altho' the Freesoil Twp. Board had signed this agreement, the commission had refused to do so because the price of the gravel was not on same. Since this was to be done at a 100% cost to the Twp. the price could not be put on at that time until the job was finished. The figures which were charged to the Project No. S-1161 brought the cost of the job to \$271.72 which was only \$1.81 per cu. yd., which seemed too low for the length of the haul. The clerk then checked the time slips and found that the spreading charges had not been charged to the project number as they should have been and when this was added the price of the gravel was \$1.97 per cu. yd. This had been charged to Freesoil Maintenance. The commission signed the agreement.

Sept. 26, 1961 - continued

Mgr. tells commission that he has had a call from Traverse City from ^{GT,} FORD DEALER and they can fix the hub on the #27 FORD for 170.61; commission says okay if it does not exceed that amount. TANDEM

Roger Hekhuis, Motorola Representative, and John Petters, United Communications Service Representative were in regarding final okay of the installed system which is now completed and checked for satisfactory operations. Petters and Hekhuis meet with the operators as they come in from the job to see if they have any questions on the operation of these new units. They report some very logical questions were asked by some of the crew, others do not seem to know what the score is.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Eddy, that the system be accepted as satisfactory and the check in the amount of \$19,389.00 in full payment of same be ~~not~~ released to Mr. Hekhuis for transmittal to the Motorola Company.

Meeting adjourns at 5:30 P.M.

Lawrence A. Hekhuis

Clerk

Floyd Eddy

Chairman

October 5, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Payroll checks are signed by the Chairman and the accounts payable are reviewed, approved and signed by the board.

Visitors at this meeting were Roy Sorenson of the F. Yeager Bridge and Culvert Co. and Graham Brimhall, of the Replogle Company.

Commissioners and Brimhall lunched at the Pines in Manistee and then went for a tour of the county in Grant, Victory and Hamlin Townships. Also visited the Campbell bridge and several other locations. This report was given to the clerk by the Chairman of the Bd.

Chairman informed clerk that next meeting would be changed from Friday the 13th to Thurs. the 12th, reason given that he wished to attend a big beef sale to be held at Baldwin on the 13th.

Lawrence A. Hekhuis

Clerk

Floyd Eddy

Chairman

October 12, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Again present at this meeting was Roy Sorenson of the F. Yeager Bridge and Culvert Co.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, to proceed at once with the repairs to the Campbell Bridge in Logan Twp., on the south banks of the P.M. River, on the Walhalla Road. Proposed work shall include repairs to the existing structure:

- Remove entire existing floor system
- Replace with new needle beams
- New 10" floor beams
- Metal Decking
- Asphalt Surfacing

The steel necessary for these repairs shall be purchased from the F. Yeager Bridge and Culvert Co. at an estimated cost of \$5,270.00, payable in May 1962; said material to be delivered before Dec. 1, 1961.

Lawrence A. Hekhuis

Clerk

Floyd Eddy

Chairman

Oct. 12, cont'd - In the afternoon of Oct. 12, the commissioners and the engineer made a tour of southern part of county visiting a prospective source of gravel in Oceana County, went to the Townline Rd. between Summit and Riverton; Lakeshore Road where gravel is being screen from the Peterson pit and also looked at the Vorac Pit which proved to be a dud and very expensive for the gravel obtained; also inspected the culv. project at Swan Creek.

ADA700

Oct. 13, 1961 - During the session of the Bd. of Supervisors, three members of the Road and Bridge Committee, Chairman Ingersoll, Don Villadsen and Leo Monton, visited the Road Commission Office, but since the regular meeting day had been changed from Fri. to Thurs. that week, they were unable to see the commissioners.

They asked a number of questions of the clerk, and were shown various phases of her work, however, the questions in which they were most interest^d, that is the cost of a mile of blacktop, etc. were referred to the engineer-manager since that is his department and this information has not been required of the clerk, since every job will vary depending on the conditions prevailing on that certain road.

They however did inquire of Mason County's participation in Federal Aid and were informed on this score by the clerk.

Oct. 20, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and voucher for Michigan Hospital Service. Due to lack of funds, no other accounts payable were signed.

Clerk requested a clarification of the agreement with Joe O'Farrell who had inquired as to when he would be paid for the gravel taken from his pit in March and May, 1961, but when he was given a check for the March gravel in the amount of \$586.50 for 3,910 cu. yds. at 15¢ per cu. yd., he did not want same. He wanted full payment in 1962 and some agreement as to payment for his sand.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, and confirmed by Eddy, to pay Joe O'Farrell 15¢ per cu. yd. for gravel removed by the Mason County Road Commission from his pit, but that any other material removed while processing this gravel will be replaced by the Mason County Road Commission with waste sand from the Jones Pit during stripping operations.

Torrence J. Henk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Oct. 27, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, also Engr.-Mgr. Lunde and Robert Smith of Smith and Eddy Ins. Co.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, authorizing Chairman to sign Statement of Values on buildings and contents and Agent of Record letter for Robert Smith. Smith will send necessary forms in; and company adjuster will be in to determine value of buildings and contents; then when Smith gets all premiums together, he will come up and see the commission again.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, to install safety valve on big gas tank. Manager to get details and price from Seaman Co., in Grand Rapids.

While Smith was here he brought out several points about troubles which might arise for the County from people doing work for Road Commission without assurance that they themselves carry sufficient workman's compensation coverage and liability insurance. A certificate of insurance should be demanded ~~before~~ before hiring such outside help, otherwise if they did not have coverage the liability for any occurrence would revert to the Road Commission coverage increasing our premiums.

Mention was also made at this time of the desirability of requiring a physical examination before any new employee is hired either for temporary work, or prospective permanent employment. This was unanimously passed upon motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy. Mgr. or Clerk to contact doctors on their willingness to act as company doctor, and also get a form suitable for this purpose, which will satisfy future necessary medical information, and have a fee set by the doctor for this examination.

Mgr. discusses the possibility of an open-sided pole-shed for housing some of the equipment, especially the motor-graders and larger equipment when equipped with snow-plows which cannot be accommodated in the present buildings. This pole-shed will have no heat in the building, however, there will be electric engine heaters installed so that this equipment will be ready to go in the morning. Commissioner Peterson also brings up the matter that he would like to see additional buildings at each end of the county, north and south, to house some of the equipment working in that area so that there would not be so much wasted time in getting the equipment to the site of operations in the morning and not having to leave the job so early at night. This received favorable acclaim from the other two commissioners and will receive further consideration when funds allow.

Manager then gave Secretary resume of the inspection trip taken by the commission on the afternoon of Oct. 20, 1961 as follows:-

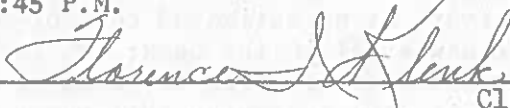
- (1) Primary roads in Riverton Twp. were looked over as a part of the construction program for 1962. Discussion centered on:-
 - (a) Scottville road, on east side of Section 25, in which there is 3/4 mile of rough, poor subgrade and bad snow-drifting conditions.
 - (b) On Chauvez Road, the east 1/2 mile on north side of Section 5, very narrow clay base, and is in poor condition.
 - (c) Stiles road, bet. Sec. 3 & 4, a paved road that is difficult to maintain, should be sand-cushioned entire length, salvaged materials for surfacing, and double-sealed.

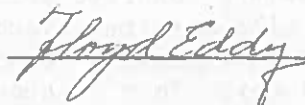
No definite plans are yet made for any of the above locations.
- (2) Commission then proceeded on over to Lakeshore Drive to Peterson Gravel Pit and then up into P.M. Twp., then across on Dewey Road over to Stiles Rd. and on Stiles Road from Hansen Road, south to US-10 and 31; this mile and a half shows considerable edge failure, is very narrow and should be widened and some base corrections made in 1962.

Discussed the failure of the Vorac Pit to prove out. Clerk asks how this expensive project should be charged since it would seem unfair to charge this failure which produced less than 100 cu. yds. against the overall gravel costs for the year. Perhaps this should be charged to Distributive expense as a Gravel Test only. Clerk will request information on this type of charge at the next Clerk's meeting which she attends.

- (1) The commission went on the following tour after lunch, reconvening at 4:00 P.M.:-
Went to Peterson Pit; inspected the new blacktop on the Hawley Rd; at junction of Hawley Rd. and Ordway Road, east of the corner, the swamp fill has sagged dangerously. If weather and time permits, this will be raised with sand, and regravelled as soon as possible; likewise west of this junction a similar dangerous condition exists and shall be repaired and regraded as soon as other commitments are complete.
- (2) Visited the Blue Lake resort where new road around the lake is being built by contractor;
- (3) Visited Ford Lake site where Conserv. Dept. wants to put a pike-spawning pond; road needs raising and same will have to be done at 100% cost to the Twp. of Sheridan on local interests;
- (4) Inspected culvert on Tuttle Road in Custer Twp. (Peterson mentions that Schulz at Amber Corners also needs culvert work.

Upon motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.


Clerk


Chairman

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Nov. 3, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and board reviewed, approved and signed some vouchers for bills, only those imperative such as freight bills and discount deadlines.

Opened bids on coal for winter supply; Abrahamson-Nerheim quoted \$14.95 per ton and L. A. Hawley Co., \$13.75 per ton for commercial stoker coal with similar statistics. This is 15¢ per ton cheaper than Hawley bid which was accepted last year. Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder to accept the low bid of L. A. Hawley and Son Co., this was confirmed by Eddy.

At 1:30 P.M., the Black Creek drainage project area represented by Bob Amsterberg, Russell Mavis, Robert Hasenbank, and M. M. Tyndall, met with the commission to request their co-operation in setting up this program. Some details on culvert were discussed with nothing definite decided. Commission expended their co-operation to the project in general but did not take a specific stand on any financial commitments.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, to adjourn at 3:35 P.M.

Flourence J. Klunk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Nov. 10, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of previous meeting read by Secretary and approved as read. Accounts payable vouchers were signed in the amount of \$28,762.99.

Ray Stakenas was in to see commission about the flooding around his home on the Fountain Rd., west, each spring. About ten feet of water comes from Lincoln River. Says it was flooded every year except last spring. Peterson asks if there is a county drain there. Engr. Lunde asks him how much damage it does. Stakenas says it backs up to the Lincoln River drain. Lunde then calls Drain Commissioner Tyndall on phone and finds out that there is no county drain there, that the ditch there was dug by the WPA and therefore no funds were collected which would now be available for cleaning said drain; at that time there was only a verbal agreement with the property owners, no money was assessed and it is not a county drain. The drain becomes plugged by cattle and hogs wallowing in there, but you can't fence it off to keep cattle and hogs out of there. Commissioners agree to take a look at this situation after lunnnh and agree to meet Stakenas there. Stakenas says he has looked into this culvert and there is a hole there which extends under the road and road may cave in if something is not done.

Letter is read by clerk which is from Mich. Mutual Liability Ins. Co. to Sam Massie of the Massie and Allaben firm who is handling the Jepsen case for Michigan Mutual. Massie has previously asked for the thinking of the commission on settlement of this matter, and Mich. Mutual Attn'y mentions that perhaps \$1,000. would be better than letting the case go to a jury if they would take that. Commission says to advise Mich. Mutual that they feel they are handling this case satisfactorily and they will leave it entirely in their hands. The prospect of a \$1000. settlement sounds good.

Engr. Lunde then asks the commission if in view of the 20th payday falling on Monday if the meeting of the 17th on Friday shouldn't be skipped. This does not meet with favor, and no motion is made and Peterson says more on this matter will be taken up after lunch.

Engr. brings up the matter of the culvert on Dennis Rd. in Victory Twp. He suggests a concrete deck on this culvert at an estimated cost of \$2620; the headwalls must be extended out; all new steel in the deck; 19½ feet long. Sup. Pratt is expecting to ask for some participation from the road commission. Steel work alone is about \$1600. It is also suggested that curbs should be poured on both sides and with some guard rail, possibly could slide along with this for a while.

Letter is read from Fountain Chamber of Commerce re the pike spawning pond previously requested by the Dept. of Conservation. Engr. reads letter to commission and recommends that this be done for them because it needs raising about 3 feet anyway. No mention of participation. Leave same tube but raise the road at least 2 feet. Gamertsfelder says, put in a fill, but do not let them use our road for a dam. More investigation of this matter necessary. Clerk instructed to reply to the letter from the Fountain C. of C. and ask them for complete construction details on this project.

Engr. brings up the matter of the Pole Barn previously discussed; wants 8 stalls; 14-foot width, open on south side and up against the steel storage building on the north; 40' x 120' with no doors; but will have two ends. Peterson NOT in favor of this building not having doors.

Commissioner Peterson voices disfavor of state contract maintenance work, and also brings up the subject of road commission paying insurance for storing state park tables in the barn purchased from Widmark. Policy shows that no contents are covered, but Mr. Peterson insists that Bob Smith, insurance agent, said that road commission were covering these with \$50. each value. Commissioners then go to lunch during which time clerk checks this insurance matter with Bob Smith and finds that during his visit at the previous meeting, he had only mentioned covering these tables as a recommendation for future reference, he did not intend to imply that the road commission were doing so at this time.

After lunch, commission and engineer take the following tour before returning to the office:-

Drove over the east half of the Sugar Grove Rd. contract grading job and noted that work is progressing rapidly in spite of wet weather. All of this section of the job is in sand; also traversed part of the grading on the west half of this job in Victory Twp. The west mile and one quarter is in clay grade and wet weather has slowed up the work. However, it was noted that most of the road culverts are in and work is progressing very well.

Met with Ray Stakenas who lives approx. 1/2 mile west of King's Corners on the Fountain Road. The complaint here is that the crossroad culvert is too small to handle the high water. After considerable discussion, the Commission requested cost figures for the materials and installation of a 72" culvert in place of the existing 36" culvert.

Drove in on a dead end road bet. Sec. 15 & 22, of Grant Twp. to the Koselski residence. There is an agreement with Grant Twp. on file to clear the brush on this road and shape it up. The brush has been cut and removed, the stumps have been removed, but high water has prevented any additional work. It is requested that this road be bladed with the motorgrader and consider the possibility of hauling in some fill sand with the scraper.

Stopped at the Dennis Road culvert in Sec. 8 of Victory Twp, details of the proposed repairs of this culvert were explained to the commission. The Engr. also contacted the Supervisor of Victory Twp., giving him the necessary data so that he could meet with his township board for study of the problem of financing a rebuilt culvert.

Drove thru Linlook Park in P.M. Twp. Found that the sand ridge in the road that was crowding the Parker B. Francis property, had been partially removed by other people who are erecting a new residence on the south side of this street. However, road commission should remove additional sand from the street and cover with top-dirt to stop erosion from wind and permit travel on the street.

Returned to the office by way of the Chauvez road, where the bridge crew were finishing up the steel beam guard rail job at Swan Creek bridge crossing.

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Upon return of the commission to the office, the facts of the insurance matter re coverage on state park tables was presented to Mr. Peterson, but he remains unconvinced. He also wagers 25¢ with the clerk on the name of one of the locations visited on their tour, he and Com. Gamertsfelder maintaining the name to be Linwood Park and clerk declaring it to be Linlook Park. Engr. cinches argument by getting map showing clerk to be correct and she collects her wager. Peterson perturbed!

For the nth time, the discussion resumes about the meeting day being moved up to the 20th with no meeting on Friday, and Com. Peterson and Engr. Lunde cut each other to ribbons on this issue. Meeting apparently to remain on the 17th AND again on the 20th.

Meeting adjourned on motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Peterson, at 4:30 P.M.

Lawrence J. Henk

Clerk

Lloyd Eddy

Chairman

Nov. 17, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of Nov. 10th read by Secretary and approved as read.

Discussions were held on the following subjects:- Regarding the 72" culvert which is contemplated to replace the present culvert on the Fountain Road, west, as complained about by Ray Stakenas at meeting of Nov. 10th; also mention road south of Hamlin School; Engr.-Mgr. also brings up the necessity of acquiring two additional side plows to be on the safe side of having sufficient snow-removal equipment. Engineer had called the Contractor's Machinery Co. that morning, getting a price over the phone of \$925.00 each.

John Davis, from Hamlin Twp., appeared before the board to protest the terrible condition of the Quarterline Road, and also parts of the Townline Road. Says the chuckholes are very bad and something must be done.

Mgr. quotes price obtained from Graham Brimhall on the pole barn being considered. Materials only for the stalls, sides, etc. would be \$2344; roofing from Kiefer's would be about \$600., making a total materials cost of around \$3,200.; if constructed by others, it would be \$4,950.00.

Mgr. reads a letter from Attorney VanDuzer regarding the Carl Smith Property at Round Lake. Need more right-of-way on part of this road and Smith is unwilling to give any more on the side toward the lake. Wants this road to be taken out of Primary system and the Primary road established behind his property from Oak Openings corner. Commission will view this situation before taking a stand on the matter.

Commissioners and Engr.-Mgr. drove over the following roads to check conditions:- North on Custer road to the Beyer Road; drove west on the Beyer road to US-31, a distance of three miles, rather muddy but passable in the swamps. Ditching work has been finished on the Beyer Road. Drove the Quarterline Road from the Townline north; this road is rough but quite passable; inspected the roads in Freesoil and Meade Twpw, that has been clayed heavy and re-shaped this past season; they all looked good and were in fine shape. Stopped at Jones Pit to see what gravel was available and then drove to the Round Lake grading job. This clay grade is in pretty rough shape; some sand should be hauled in at the north end to help these people out from their driveway to the road.

Received a call on the ~~radio~~ radio from the office to meet Mr. Grimpe at Ford Lake; had a meeting with him and a Mr. Gedman at the location of the proposed pike-rearing pond. Necessity of raising the road at this culvert crossing on the

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southwest side of Ford Lake was explained to the commissioners; this matter tabled until Monday, November 20; returned to the office by gravelled side roads.

Motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Peterson to adjourn at 4:30 P.M.

Torrence J. Dink
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Nov. 20, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder and confirmed by Eddy, that all hourly employees observe the same rules and regulations regarding the one day vacation and its requirements, that is to have their request for such leave in three days ahead of the day they want off. This resolution was made after Clerk asked ~~xxx~~ clarification in regard to Lund and Dumas who had not observed this regulation but submitted leave slip for vacation pay AFTER the leave had been taken.

Motion by Julius Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Eddy, to purchase two (2) Ross Side-Plows now called WR-23, no deflectors; special high; same as serial No. 15418.

On the Fountain Road, 3/4 mi. west of King's Corners at Ray Stakenas, motion was ~~am~~ made by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, that the present 36" culvert be removed and replaced with 56' of 48" corrugated metal culvert pipe, with concrete bag riprap headwalls.

On the southwest side of Ford Lake, the Road Commission will raise the road approx. 2 feet at the swamp crossing which is proposed to be used as a pike-rearing pond, however, at no time shall the water be raised more than 6" above the top of the existing culvert for the purpose of flooding the swamp, unless a dam is built away from the road. This work will be charged to Sherida Twp. road maintenance. Letter to be sent to people interested in this project to tell them of the limitations.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson to adjourn at 4:30 P.M.

Torrence J. Dink
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Dec. 1, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of previous meeting read by Secretary and approved as read. Secretary also read to Commission letter from the attorneys who have been handling the Jepsen damage suit against the Road Commission for the Michigan Mutual Liability Co. who have this coverage. The attorneys, Allaben and Massie, advise that the \$1,000. offered as a complete settlement of the original \$50,000. suit started, has been accepted by the plaintiffs. Since this suit named both the husband and wife as plaintiffs, the settlement is to be made \$600. to the wife, sustaining the claimed injuries, and \$400. to the husband which will required signatures of both and thereby preclude any possible further action on the part of either.

Supervisor Irving Pratt of Victory Twp. was in to talk about the culvert which they want placed on the Dennis Road in S ction 8 of Victory Twp. Altho' they have the estimate given to them on Nov. 7, 1961 by Engr. Lunde, it appears the board is unwilling to participate for the cost of the new materials. Engr. prepared this estimate with all new materials because of previous accusations that scrap material was being used. The materials, all new, would amount to approximately \$2,357.90; which would include a metal deck with asphalt surfacing; with concrete deck, materials would be \$1,911.50.

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Comparing this with two previous similar jobs in P.M. and Riverdon Twps., statistics show that Twps. paid the cost of the materials 100%, and one ran 53% of the total cost, with the other showing materials to be 59% of the total cost.

Discussion then becomes strictly Twp. management problems between Supervisor Pratt and Commissioner Peterson who lives in that Twp. and was the former Supervisor.

Some discussion on cutting down the cost by using salvage materials. Engr. asked to look the situation over and see how costs could be cut. Some mention made that they would be willing to go along with \$1000. without question, which amount is less than 50% of the material costs only on the original estimate with all new materials.

Supervisor Pratt mentions that they want to spend some of their road money to have some holes patch here and there in the Twp. with Road Commission doing new ditching where these spots are annual bad. Commissioners Peterson and Gamertsfelder object to this type of participation.

After lunch commissioners and engineer take the following tour of the county before returning to the office:-

- (1) Went up on Sugar Grove grading job.
- (2) From there to Grant Twp. to see the work done on the Ed Koselski road, bet. Sec. 15-22; this is finished except for some cleaning up.
- (3) Came back to the Campbell Road in Sheridan Twp. where some grading is being done.
- (4) Went to Campbell's Bridge on the Walhalla Road.
- (5) Went on the Chauvez Rd. bet. Custer and Eden where some gravelling is being done on the sand cushion.
- (6) Returned to the office, did not reassemble in meeting, adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

During absence of Commissioners and Engr., Supervisor Ingersoll of P.M. Twp. was in with several requests.

- (1) On Oakwood Dr. just off N. Rath Avenue where fly-ash from Dow's was applied last summer, the road is full of chuckholes.
- (2) At the entrance to the Cartier and Ludington Public School property just off Bryant Road, bet. Lincoln Rd. and Lakewood Dr., someone has placed a big log chain across bet. two trees. This was reported to Sup. Ingersoll by Mrs. Cecil Morse who lives directly across from this location, asking him if anyone had a right to close off this road.
- (3) At Sixth St. where it comes out from Ludington onto US-31, there is a stop sign but Twp. Bd. thinks there should also be a line painted across Sixth Street showing where to stop, since encroachments on US-31 in making this stop have nearly caused several ~~at~~ accidents.
- (4) There was a stop sign at the west end of Iris Rd., and someone has moved it so it is on Lakeshore Drive around the corner to the north. Twp. Board feels there should be a sign where this one is now, but also that another should be re-established at the west end of the Iris Road.

(These requested items were recorded by clerk and given to the Engr.-Mgr. Commissioner and Engr. were contacted by radio in regard to the barricade matter just off Bryant Rd. but they did not visit this location as anticipated. Engr. later visited this location and found that this is a private road and in no way involves the Road Com. nor the P.M. Twp. Board. Mr. Ingersoll was so advised on Monday, Dec. 4, 1961 by the Clerk)

Thorne A. Klenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

December 5, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Payroll checks were signed by Chairman and thoroughly reviewed by Comrs. Peterson and Gamertsfelder. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

Engr. gives commission his estimate of cutting down cost on Dennis Road culvert in Victory Twp. Cuts the material cost by \$750., cutting job down to \$1,861.10. The salvage material to be used from the yard would not be charged for. Cannot reduce labor, but salvage material will reduce total cost.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, that \$1,000. be accepted as Victory Twp's participation on the Dennis Road culvert now estimated at \$1,861.10.

Free trimming permits are being requested for the coming year by Michigan Bell Telephone Co. and Consumers Power Co. Engr. says no trouble has been encountered with them thus far, and Chairman is authorized to sign both permits.

Engr. asks for decision on paying W. E. Reader the balance of \$824.79 due on their account. This has been held up for an adjustment due to having to re-make these mowers for highway use. Credit of \$344.92 was allowed on the parts used, but Road Commission was to pay for the labor and some iron used in installation of these grass boards. Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, that this account be cleaned up immediately.

Also, the matter of the Cole Bros. account for repair on the John Deer Loader has been pending for some time, and this \$831.15 account balance is to be paid upon Motion by Peterson, and support by Gamertsfelder, with confirmation by Eddy. Vouchers for both of the above accounts were signed.

Engr. had request from Devere Sterley of Victory Twp. who lives on Victory Drive for permission to place a one-inch water-pipe under the road, and engineer gave him this permission.

Engr. gives commission information on tank vent with manhole on top with 6" safety valve from R. V. Seams Co. of Grand Rapids at \$60.00 approx, but not installed.

Engr. says Summit Twp. would like to have the following arrangement made regarding payment of the Sunset Lane (Montgomery Rd) extension on which more work was done than Summit expected. This bill amounted to \$1,012.50 and they will pay this if the Road Commission is willing to complete S-2461, which is clearing, grubbing and turnpiking in Section 26. In view of the fact that Summit Twp. has agreed to pay \$2000. or more upon completion of the seal-coating on Lakewood Rd. bet. Deren and Kistler Road, the commissioners decide to accept this agreement, requesting the Twp. to split this primary road money so as to cover the cost of doing Project No. S-2461, a local construction project, and then the balance to be applied on the Primary job.

Commissioner Eddy brings up the matter of trying to make the Freesoil Rd. bet. Freesoil and Meade Twp., a state highway. Peterson says this has been talked about for years, and nothing done. Eddy says Supervisor Hasenbank brought the matter up to him, but he did not know who brought it up to Hasenbank. Commission turns thumbs down on the idea feeling that it would reduce the Primary funds received by this county which are needed. Chairman asks clerk to notify Max Carey by phone at Freesoil that commission will NOT be meeting with him as tentatively set up.

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Motion by Peterson, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Eddy, to put request for bids in Michigan Roads and Construction, to appear in the Dec. 9th issue, for a 14' snow plow blade to fit the Austin-Western motor-grader.

Engr. mentions sending two of the mechanics to the Peninsular Diesel school in Grand Rapids to be held the 11th and 12th and 13th and 14th of December. Commission says it would be a good idea. This is a two-day session only would not involve too much expense.

Engr. mentions repairs necessary on Tractor No. 50 and Chairman Eddy says he would not approve of another nickel being put into repairs on that machine since it was practically rebuilt only three years ago.

Engineer reviews 1961-1962 Road Program with Commission after lunch.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, to adjourn at 4:30 P.M.

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Clerk ~~Chairman~~

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

Dec. 12, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Secretary reads minutes of previous meeting and same are approved as read with clarification by Lumde as to the size of the vent for the gasoline tank and the price for same. Engr. explains about the vent to be put on the gas tank as discussed on Dec. 5, 1961.

Peterson asks about Victory agreement on Dennis Rd. bridge, and Mgr. says he sent the papers with revisions to Irving Pratt, and hasn't heard anything from him.

Discussion on joint venture on bridge bet. Oceana and Mason County. Final tally sheet has been received from State Hwy. Dept. but they have divided it 50/50 including the approaches which were supposed to be the sole responsibility and expense of the Oceana Co. Rd. Com. Peterson makes motion, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Eddy that clerk notify Oceana to this effect.

Engr. then brings up the matter of the collision involving the 1958 Ford passenger car belonging to the commission which was run into by Mrs. Gilbert Cobb (Betty) at the intersection of Lakewood Drive and Rasmussen Road, on Friday 10:20 A.M., Dec. 8, 1961. License number of the car was WB 1861, a 1956 Buick.

They live on Route 2, Ludington, known as C-7. The husband is an oiler for the C & O carferries, and they have no insurance on their car. Estimate of repairs by Hallberg's Body Shop is \$178.09. Mgr. asks commission what they want to do about it and Peterson says, sue for damages and see what can be gotten out of them, and then decide about fixing car.

Discussion about pole barn for housing equipment in winter. Peterson says it is too late to start this and it should now wait until spring, and he would like to see the quotations of the cost all in one lump sum, rather than piece-meal as it has so far been presented as one part from Graham Brimhall, roof from Kiefers, etc. with no estimate on labor.

Engineer brings up subject of Questionnaire received from the Co. Rd. Assoc. asking the feeling of the counties in regard to the prospective tie-in with the State Highway Department in a Cross-Monitoring system when their two-way radio system is set up throughout the State. This was tabled until more information could be obtained by the Engr. regarding cost of setting it up, maintenance of it, and antennae for same.

Engr. brings up subject of Stokely's wanting to hook onto our tower for them to have a radio system. Commission says nothing doing. Rd. Commission is under civil defense program and could not be used in this way, also license forbids same.

Motion to adjourn at 5:00 P.M.

Horace J. Klenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

December 20, 1961 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks, and board reviewed, approved and signed a few bills with discounts and freight bills.

H. Schoenwandt of Contractor's Machinery and Howard Bennett of the Don F. ~~Nick~~ Nickel Co. in to get decision on the bids for 14' wing blade for the A. W. Motorgrader. Decision made in favor of Schoenwandt; Unanimous; for one complete 14' snow-plow wing to mount on A. W. grader at cost of \$1860.00 delivered, for complete unit.

Hamlin Twp. in for blacktop program next year, which was set up as follows:

1. Double seal - Piney Ridge Road, width 18' - 2.10 miles
2. Double seal - Bill Karlsen Road " " - 0.42 miles
3. Double seal - Hamlin Lake Resort " " - 0.21 miles

Total - 2.73 miles

Coarse stone - 576 tons @ \$3.35	- - - - -	\$ 1,929.60
Fine chips - 362 tons @ 3.35	- - - - -	1,212.70
Asphalt - MC-5 - 24,570 gals @ 15¢	- - - - -	3,685.50
		<u>6,827.80</u>

(Item 3 above - 250 cu. yds. gravel @ \$2.37 - - - - - 592.50

TWP COST \$ 7,420.30

Commission went to Manistee for lunch as guests of Texaco Co. Returned at 10 minutes to 4 P.M. and adjourned at 4:30 P.M. During this interval they toured the northern end of the county on road inspection going from Manistee on M-55 toward the Blue Lake resort project, however, they got stuck and never reached the ~~intend~~ intended destination.

The Hamlin Twp. project as described above was approved on a motion by Peterson supported by Gamertsfelder, and confirmed by Eddy.

Motion made by Gamertsfelder, supported by Peterson, confirmed by Eddy, to accept the bid of Contractors machinery for one complete 14' snowplow wing to mount on our Austin Western Grader at a cost of \$1860, delivered, for complete unit.

Adjournment as indicated above.

Horace J. Klenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

December 29, 1961 - Regular meeting held with Commissioners Eddy, Gamertsfelder and Peterson present. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Engineer presents commission with large county maps covered with a transparent sheet on which was marked the potential double-seal program for 1962 and 1963. These were gone over together with the commission and later taken home by the commissioners for further study.

At re-assembly after lunch time, the matter of division of supervision of work load was discussed as a result of the pending retirement of the Supt. Henry Englebrecht on Dec. 31, 1961.

Motion by Commission Gamertsfelder, that after Henry Englebrecht's retirement as of Dec. 31, 1961, the division of supervision shall be as follows:

Maintenance and gravelling shall be under Robert Wing

Structures and culverts under Ben Coolman

Assistant engineering and grading under Edward Larsen

State trunk line maintenance and county night emergency work under H. Brankert

This motion was supported by Julius Peterson; this motion was not confirmed by Chairman Eddy.

Byron Masten, Supervisor of Logan Twp. was in regarding the desire of his township to participate in the McCumber Bridge. Logan Twp. Board to come in for a discussion on this matter on the 12th of January at 1:30 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Laurence Blenk
Clerk

Floyd Eddy
Chairman

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