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Jan. 4, 1963 - Regular meeting held with Commissioners Julius Peterson, Lz Gamertsfelder and Arthur Voss present. Upon motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Voss, Julius Peterson, as the senior member of the board, was named Chairman of the Board for the next two years. Lz Gamertsfelder, as the next senior member, automatically becomes Vice Chairman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Mgr. reports that he called the Pros. Attorney, Geo. Walters, about the garnishment served on the Road Commission by the Farm Bureau Services re William C. Martin, and Prosecutor says that the garnishment is not effective unless road commission owed Martin something at the time the garnishment was served.

Mgr. shown sommission the plans for the 11.37 miles of blacktop programmed for 1963 on which we can receive federal aid. This will be by contract in the approx. amount of \$40,000. for our share, but part of the work will be done by our forces and about half of this amount will be repaid to us by the contractor. Mgr. says we have to kno something on this program wight away so that it can be submitted to the state highway department. Discussion by commission but no decision. Chairman Peterson thinks that some of the roads on this program are not as important as some others NOT on the program at this time.

Bids on gasoline and fuel oil were opened at 11:00 A.M. Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson that the low bid of the Mobil Oil Co. be accepted to supply gasoline for themonths of Jan., Feb., and March at a price of 12.22¢ per gallon, terms 1% 30 days. This was the low bid of 10 bidders.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, sonfirmed by Peterson, that the bid of Standard Oil at the price of 11.58¢ on Premier Diesel fuel, terms 1%-30 days, for the months of Jan., F b., and March be accepted, this will eliminate buying two grades of fuel, since they are used interchangeably anyway.

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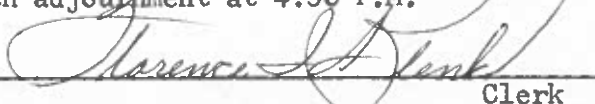
Commissioner Voss suggests that the system of each driver gassing up his own truck be changed and have just one man tend to this work so that responsibility can be pinpointed. After some discussion on this matter pro~~x~~ and con, Commissioner Voss suggests that this matter ride until the next meeting until Mgr. Abrahamson can figure out how to handle this.

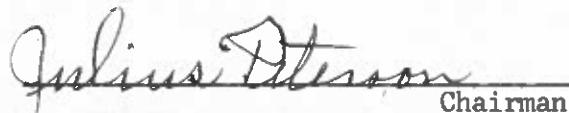
Commission is advised of the visit of Mr. D. McLellen, Supervisor of Colfax Twp., in Oceana County, on Jan. 2, 1963, at which time he requested that a copy be made of an entry from the Oceana Road Commission minutes as follows: "Aug. 15, 1941 - 100-01-Mason Co. Rd. Comm. take over and maintain the East $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles, grade the E $\frac{1}{2}$ mile common to Section 33, Logan Twp., and Sec. 4 Colfax Twp. & gravel the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of this mile that Mason County Road Commission has already graded with a course of gravel sufficient to allow floating, Oceana Co. Rd. Comm. to gravel the E $\frac{1}{2}$ mile common to Section 3 Logan Twp., and Sec. 4, Colfax Twp. with a course of gravel sufficient to allow floating and to take over and maintain the mile common to Section 33, Logan Twp., and Sec. 4, Colfax Twp. and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ mile common to Sec. 34, Logan Twp., and Sec. 3, Colfax Twp. Minutes cancel minutes of May 13th."

(A check of Mason County Road Commission records at this date revealed no record of these ~~with~~ minutes nor the ones to be cancelled)

At the time of this visit, clerk was unaware of the reason for this visit or request, assuming that Mgr. Abrahamson would know what it was all about from previous discussion since Mr. McLellen said he 'thought this would clear the matter up for us'. Mgr. however says he does not know what brought this up, and therefore, it is entered here just as a matter of record.

Commission and Mgr. adjourned for lunch and afternoon session was spent in the car, with adjournment at 4:30 P.M.


Clerk


Chairman

Jan. 11, 1963 - Regular meeting held with Commissioners Gamertsfelder and Voss present. Chairman Peterson is in hospital.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Voss that snow-plowing be done at the Airport but only when it does not conflict with the work on the main roads, and this work is to be paid for.

Mgr. wants decision on the Federal Aid program. Engr. Lunde is requested to attend the meeting and further explain this program need to the commission. Map of traffic flow on the road in Hamlin Twp. showed that 2800 cars per day travelled over that stretch of road.

Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder, that the blacktop program as presented by the Mgr. for the 11.37 ~~blacktop~~ miles of plant-mix blacktopping, and 2.5 miles on the E. Sugar Grove Road, of our own seal, be approved so that same can be submitted to the State Highway Department for approval.

Some discussion on the Millerton Road for 1964 work. This involves a big tube to be placed, instead of a concrete bridge now there; some discussion on grading program; also on the proposed work for the bridge on Freesoil road; some discussion on Comr. Peterson's statement made at the meeting with the Road and Bridge Committee that the road into the Victory Twp. dump is a county road.

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Mgr. requests that a blue-print machine be purchased in order to facilitate and speed up the making of blue prints for the Federal Aid work. This machine would be about \$300. At the present time it is necessary to send for these prints to be made in Traverse City, Grand Rapids, or sometimes at Dows.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, that this machine be purchased.

Clerk is requested to make reservations at the Central Park Plaza hotel in Chicago for two commissioners, Manager and Engineer, for the nights of Feb. 24th, 25th and 26th.

Commission and manager went to lunch, toured the county and adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Florence Stenck
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Jan. 18, 1963 - Regular meeting held with Commissioners Gamertsfelder and Voss present. Chairman Peterson is still a hospital patient.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Motion by Voss and supported by Gamertsfelder that the plat be approved for the P.M. Woods and Rapids plat upon receipt of the \$4,000. performance bond to cover the \$2400 gravelling program and the \$1600. estimate for the grading and shouldⁿ stabilizing.

Mgr. mentions how much the sand-lift has lowered the snow banks on the Stiles road where road was raised about one foot.

Commission will ask for bids for lubricating oil, gasoline and fuel oil, to be opened on March 5th. The lubricating oil bid will be taken for a period of one year, from April through March 1964, and the gasoline and fuel oil bids will be taken for six months from April 1, 1963 thru September 1963.

Commission and Mgr. went on tour after lunch and adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Florence Stenck
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Jan. 25, 1963 - Regular meeting held with Commissioners Voss and Gamertsfelder present. Comr. Peterson still house-bound and unable to clear his driveway.

Performance bond in the amount of \$4,000. was received from the Porter-Mulder Company and their plat for P.M. Woods and Rapids was signed by the two commissioners present.

Discussion of snow-plowing problems and complaints as relayed to commissioners by disgruntled county residents; discussion on false calls using doctor's name; discussion on plowing twp. dumps; all must be charged alike.

Commissioners and Mgr. toured county road in the afternoon and adjourned without reconvening at 4:30 P.M.

Florence Stenck
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

ADA200

Feb. 11, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the previous three meetings were read for the benefit of Chairman who has been absent because of illness. Minutes of the Jan. 25th meeting were approved as read.

The reading of the minutes of the 11th of Jan. brought up the subject of snow-plowing in to the Victory Twp. Dump. There is some question as to our right to charge for this service in this instance and if no charge is made here, then no charge can be made at the Branch Twp. Dump where a similar condition exists of a county road leading directly to the dump and the road would have to be opened up for this express purpose even tho' no actual plowing were done in the dump itself. Two hours of this type of plowing has already been done in Branch Twp. and clerk is awaiting instructions whether or not this is to be billed in accordance with the establish policy of a minimum of one hour which in this case is two hours.

Discussion also ensues regarding doing some clearing snow for the Boy Scouts and it is pointed out that regardless of the worthiness of the cause, the Auditor General's recommendations that all other than county road work be paid for, makes no exceptions

Clerk refers to the action taken on Sept. 14th at which time a decision was made that all materials and parts which were considered obsolete or salvage, this was to be advertised in the news media in the area in order to give everyone an equal chance to bid on same. Bags of chains which are of too small a size for any trucks we now have and which are not returnable because of rust, etc. are on the inventory as of Jan. 1, 1962 at a price of \$11.35 per bag and are being sold at \$5.00 per bag. Clerk asks clarification of this issue since there will be considerable difference on each bag that must be charged off as Adjustment to Available Operating Funds. Motion by Camertsfelder, supported by Voss and confirmed by Peterson, that the shop foreman and the manager will be responsible for declaring any inventory materials obsolete, which shall be placed on a list with a declared price thereon, and such list advertised publicly.

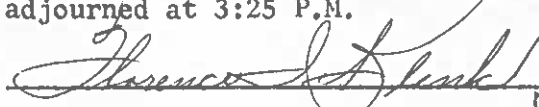
Chairman Peterson questions the payment to Harry Barre for 'red dirt' at a gravel price, and asks who made this deal with Barre without their knowledge. Comr. Voss says this deal making should be one man's responsibility and the commission should be in full knowledge of any and all deals. Motion by Voss, supported by Camertsfelder and confirmed by Peterson, that Manager Abrahamson shall be solely responsible for ALL DEALS made relative to the furnishing of gravel, dirt, sand, etc., and no one else should make a deal without his authority, if this material is to be paid for, and this information should come before the commission regarding any deal to be made.


Manager answers phone call from Irving Pratt regarding cleaning the driveway at the Fairgrounds and one lane into the buildings. The Western Michigan Fair Board is to be billed for this work per Pratt, Sec'y of the Fair Board.

Mgr. shows commission the grading program for the next three years; says this program may be changed, but something must be definite about approving it now.

Jack Mitchell of the Wolverine Co. was in to invite the commissioners to lunch and inform them of the Wolverine services at the coming Road Show in Chicago, re International Harvester tour, etc.

After lunch, commission and manager went on short tour, returned to the office and adjourned at 3:25 P.M.


Clerk


Chairman

Feb. 5, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Regarding the snow-plowing question re Victory Twp. dump, there was some question whether Supervisor Pratt had stated at the meeting with the Road and Bridge Committee that he wanted the dump plowed; Comr. Peterson maintained that it was only the road to the dump which he had requested opened.

After the Feb. 1st meeting, Comrs. Gamertsfelder and Voss requested the Mgr. to call Irving Pratt regarding this matter, and he clarified the issue to the effect that he wanted the 'Victory Twp. Dump' plowed.

Considerable discussion on the snow-plowing being done without authority from the Mgr. or the Commission. Specific issue was the driveway plowing done at the Emmet Fenner residence by Supt. Wing, where no real emergency had existed. The first plea to Comr. Gamertsfelder was one for doctor's services, but Fenner's would not give the name of the doctor to be called to verify the need; later this request was made because of the need of bottled gas. Supt. Wing plowed this driveway without issuing a slip authorizing collection of a charge for this work.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, that Emmet Fenner be billed for the snow-plowing done in their driveway and no more calls like this shall be accepted by anyone. Supt. Wing is to make out one of the forms showing that he authorized this work, so that the billing can be made.

From the payroll, it is noted, that Clarence Everson who has been absent for some time as a result of a severe heart attack has been working in the stockroom for a few hours a day. Comr. Peterson questions Mgr. as to who authorized his return to work without a written release from his doctor that he is physically fit for any work at all. Mgr. says that 'Everson talked to Bob Wing'. Everson is requested to furnish this written release from the doctor. Check for the hours shown is NOT signed by the Chairman pending the receipt of this release. According to information received from the insurance company, Claims Dept., any employee returning to work from such illness without the written consent of the doctor would not be covered by workman's compensation in the event of another heart attack; thereby the road commission would be assuming full responsibility for any claims made by this employee not so covered. Clarence Everson will not be considered as being on the payroll of the Mason County Road Commission in any capacity until this release is received.

Discussion on grading program and whether we have enough and the proper equipment to accomplish this program. Mgr. tells Comm. of tentative budget he has worked on, that he thinks about \$60,000. should be used in 1963 to buy new equipment. Specific discussion on the John Deere loader as to the cause of its inefficiency in past performances, whether it be the machine, operation thereof, etc. Mgr. says the counties along the lakeshore do not have much luck with the John Deere equipment, perhaps because of the type of earth being moved. Others along the shore favor LeTourneau, but these have to be in pairs, one is no good alone.

Commissioners and Mgr. make tour of county in the P.M. picking up the material sent to Comr. Voss by Aud. Gen. office. This is a Uniform accounting manual and an Equipment Accounting manual which means nothing at all to a Comr. not familiar with book-keeping methods of road commissions.

Meeting is adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Clarence A. Hunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Feb. 8, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Letter from Dr. Wild re Clarence Everson's ability to return to work. This states that he should NOT return to his heavy equipment operator job at this time or do any heavy lifting. Motion by Gamertsfelder that Everson go to a lower rate of \$1.65 per hour until he is physically able to resume his regular work as a heavy equipment operator, or other similar work on other equipment.

Further discussion on plowing driveways in the case of emergencies, Comr. Voss says we cannot refuse these real emergencies and take a chance on endangering a life.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, that driveways will only be plowed out when a doctor calls and verifies that his patient is an ambulance case and that the call is to be checked by calling back to the doctor; this motion is supported by Voss, and confirmed by Peterson.

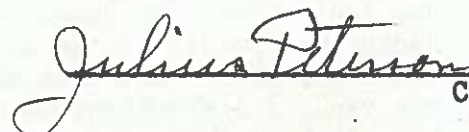
Byron Masten, Supervisor of Logan Twp., and Cecil Decker were in to see about the county line road between Mason and Oceana and just where jurisdiction lays in maintaining same. It appears that the part about which they are inquiring is the responsibility of Oceana County. They are shown the minutes brought to this office by the Supervisor of Colfax Twp. in Oceana County relative to this matter. Altho' Decker lives in Mason County, his children attend the Oceana schools. He wants the Road Commission to snowplow the private road into his property, for which he is willing to pay. He is told to try and get some private contractor to do this for him if possible, and if absolutely impossible, the road commission will do this for him. (The Commissioners and Mgr. went to look at this situation after lunch, and Mgr. informed clerk upon their return, that should Decker call about this, he was to be told that Road Commission would NOT do the work.)

Commissioner Peterson brings up matter of Don Beadle's complaint regarding drain which he claims has been brought to road commission's attention before and he was promised some work on this. This is in Logan Twp. and Sup. Masten says he doesn't know anything about this situation.

Discussion on the future purchases of equipment and just what is needed first. Mgr. says the 1952 Unit Shovel is in bad condition and needs repair or replacement; also should get two more 10 yard tandems as one of the first needs.

Motion made by Gamertsfelder to adjourn at 4:20 P.M. after tour, without reconvening in office.


Clerk


Chairman

Feb. 15, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the Feb. 8th meeting were read and approved.

Motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Voss that Chairman sign the certification of road mileages for the year 1963-1964.

Riverton Twp. Bd. represented by Guy Birdsall, Supervisor; Clayton Marrison, clerk; Don Harmon and Al Dittmer, were in to see about their work for 1963. First inquiry was about 'Children Playing' signs. Birdsall says Twp. doesn't want to be involved in this miscellaneous signing. They are told of commission policy for persons requesting the signs to pay for same and road commission will put them up.

They also wanted to talk about the Anthony Road, the two miles between Stiles and Brye Road which they had previously requested to be made a primary road.

One request was answered after consulting with the State Highway Dept. and they were told that commission did not want to add to the primary system mileage until the miles already contained therein were of an adequate rating. After this a petition was received for this same thing and filed without action.

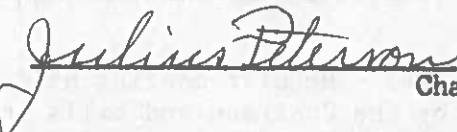
Riverton wants work done ~~mf~~ on the one mile on Blundell road bet. Brye and Morton. Twp. Bd. says Blundell would like corner cut down; and coming from the west should be a stop sign; have Mgr. look at this and see what the possibilities are on it. Twp. has an estimate on the work on the Anthony Rd., but this was made three or four years ago, and will have to be brought up to date.

Dittmer says the Hawley Road gives him the most trouble in the spring from Scottville Road west. There is need for a little gravel on the Blundell road; grading on the Anthony Road.

Emmet Fenner came and paid his bill in cash for the snowplowing of his driveway. He claims he called several times and didn't get it done for a week. He apologizes to the board for the trouble it caused.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, to adjourn at 4:20 P.M.


Clerk


Chairman

Feb. 20, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Mgr. reports that there is a stop sign coming from the west on the Blundell Road and also one coming from the north, but Riverton thinks the one from the north could be a 'Yield ROW' instead.

Mgr. reports on a lengthy letter received from James Cartier, Mgr. of Ludington. Dow wants work done on Sixth Street and a light at the intersection of 6th Street and US-31 and also a third lane there.

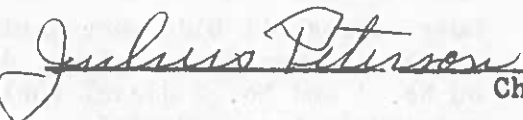
Records indicate that Sixth Street was put in Primary system Jan. 5, 1959, However, it does not show as such on present county map.

Discussion on the charges for Branch and Victory Dump and Mgr. asks for a specific decision on this. Comr. Voss says he thought the matter was all settled that they were to be charged for the same as any others. Comr. Peterson still objects to the Victory charge. No job sheets sent to clerk as yet.

Discussion on the action of April, 1962, re road in Section 10, Amber Twp., road to Amber Dump, that it be closed and abandoned. Commission now feels that this cannot be done. Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder and confirmed by Peterson to rescind the motion of April 20, 1962 because closing the road would cut off access to the Mason County Road Commission property.

Discussion on road work and what is more important. Must get equipment and put off these big jobs until later. Commission adjourns for lunch and does not reconvene. Due to blizzard, commission does not take their usual tour of inspection. Adjourn at 2:00 P.M.


Clerk


Chairman

ADAT00

Mar. 1, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the Feb. 20th meeting were read and approved as read with some further discussion on the Dump snow-plowing for Victory and Branch Twps. These are to be billed for the minimum charge the same as any other plowing.

Chairman asks for a report on the Chicago Road Show from which two commissioners engineer and manager have just returned. Mgr. states that quite a bit of information was obtained regarding flotation tires and the merits of same as opposed to dual wheels.

Mgr. also informs commission that snowfall at Scottville measured 110 inches as of Feb. 19, 1963.

Glenn Wallace visits board with plat of property at the Southeast corner of US-10 & 31 where the Starlite theatre is. This is a preliminary plat and same is left for study by the commission.

Board goes to lunch and tours county in P.M., visiting the Brown Pit and viewing conditions of snowbanks. Adjourn without reconvening in office, at 4:15 P.M.

Harold J. Link
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Mar. 5, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Payroll checks were signed by the Chairman and bills in the amount of \$3,920.89 were reviewed and signed by the commission. Minutes of the Feb. 20th meeting were read and approved as read.

Bids on gasoline, diesel and lubricating oils were opened and read at 10:30 A.M. Ten bids were received on gasoline, four on diesel fuel and seven on lubricating oil.

Gasoline bids were: - Blarney Castle Oil Co. - 15.0¢ per gal. net 30 days
Cities Service Oil Co. - 12.84¢ " " 1% 10 days
Crystal Refining Co. - 12.92¢ per gal. 1% 30 days
Mobil Oil Co. - 12.36¢ per gal. 1% 30 days
Osceola Refining Co. - 13.19¢ per gal. 1% 30 days
Naph-Sol Refining Co. - 12.49¢ per gal. 1% 10 days
Sinclair Refining Co. - 12.15¢ per gal. 1% 30 days.
G.L. Slaggert & Son Oil - 14.25¢ per gal. 1% 10 days
Standard Oil Co. - 12.05¢ per gal. 1% 30 days
Texaco, Inc. - 12.26¢ per gal. 1% 30 days

Diesel bids were: - Blarney Castle Oil Co. - No. 1 - 12.6¢ per gal. net 30 days
No. 2 - 11.6¢ per gal " "
Sinclair Refining Co. - No. 1 - 12.4¢ per gal. " "
No. 2 - 11.4¢ per gal. " "
G. L. Slaggert & Son - No. 1, - 13.0¢ per gal 1% 10 days
No. 2.- 12.0¢ per gal " "
Standard Oil Co. - American Premier (blended) 11.5¢ per gal
1% 30 days.

Motion by Voss and supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Peterson, that the GASOLINE and FUEL OIL BID be awarded to the low bidder on each, the Standard Oil Co. with gasoline at 12.05¢ per gallon and Premier Diesel at 11.5¢ per gallon, both with terms of 1% 30 days.

Lubricating oil bids were tabled for further study. George Slaggert who was present at the opening for gasoline, diesel and oil, was perturbed that bids were requested on No. 1 and No. 2 diesel fuel, whereas a manufactured dual purpose fuel had previously been accepted.

Bids on asphalt, corr. metal culvert pipe, grader blades, etc. were opened at 1:30 P.M. Identical bids were received from Buffalo Tank Div. of Bethlehem Steel Co.; Metal Products Div., Armco Steel Corp.; Jensen Bridge & Supply Co.; Yeager Bridge; Beach Mfg. Co.; Wheeling Corrugating and Shelby Culvert Co. at \$1.97 for round 12".

*accepted all bids on
Corr. culvert
pipes*

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Motion made by Gamertsfelder and supported by Voss, but NOT confirmed by the Chairman that all bids be accepted on the corr. metal culv. pipe as all prices are the same.

Bids on the other materials were tabled for further study.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, and okayed by the Chairman to adjourn at 4:50 P.M.

Lawrence A. Hank
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

March 12, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the March 5th meeting were read and approved as read. Commissioners signed vouchers for bills in the amount of \$12,560.46.

Mgr. reports that he called the Standard Oil Representative regarding the specifications of their lubricating oil which was bid in at 46¢ per gallon, the low bidder, and he stated that their oil was made a Sup. #1 oil in the fall of 1961 and a new book has not been issued since. This bid will be tabled pending verification of this information.

GUARD RAIL:-

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, that the bid for steel beam guard rail be awarded to the low bidder, the Anderson "SAFEWAY" Guard Rail Corp. at \$1.05 for straight rails and \$1.55 for curved, with terminals at \$3.00. Other bids were from Yeager Bridge at \$1.37; Beach Mfg. at \$1.19; and Armco at \$1.46.

ASPHALT:- Motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, that the bids of Leonard and Great Lakes be accepted at 12/72¢ per gallon each, so as to have two sources of supply available. Other bids were from Standard at 14.25¢; Industrial Fuel at 13.66¢; Seneca at 13.21¢, with Great Lakes and Leonard low at 12.72¢.

EMULSION:- all bids identical. Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, NOT confirmed by Peterson, that all bids be accepted. Bituminous Materials, American Bitumuls; Industrial Fuel and Seneca all bids 13.21 per gallon, net.

BLADES:- Pending information regarding quality of steel in blades offered in Gregware bid which was low of three, with Gregware at 95½¢ for lots of 50 for 6" and 95¢ in lots of 100; with 8" at \$1.50 in lots of 50, and \$1.49 in lots of 100. Schults bid was 96¢ for 6" both quantities; and \$1.65 for 8" in both quantities; Yeager Bridge bid 96¢ on the 6" only.

Arnold Carlson and Floyd Wever were present to request a definite answer on Road Com. Services on plowing the parking lot and driveways at the Victory Unit school. Willing to pay, and commission says they do not object, altho' Manager reminds all present that we are not supposed to be in the private snow-plowing business and in competition with those who want that kind of work.

It will be their responsibility to call when they want this done as commission does not want this left up to the driver who might in in that area and see that it needed plowing. Request to come to Mgr. and he is to give the order for this service.

Adjourned for lunch at Manistee where commissioners, engineer and manager went to look at some White Trucks being operated by Dan Parr, contractor.

Discussion on State Highway radio system they want commission to let them install. Nothing definite can be learned as to the maintenance responsibility on these radios. Wiseman says he assumes the maintenance would be performed by them, but nothing in writing to that effect thus far.

ADA200

March 12, 1963 - continued

Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder and confirmed by Peterson to adjourn at 4:35 P.M. Commission will meet on Monday, March 18th, to sign payroll checks and then proceed to the annual highway conference in Grand Rapids.

Lawrence A. Henk Clerk Julius Peterson Chairman

March 18, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Payroll Checks were signed by the Chairman as Annual Highway Conference at Grand Rapids would be taking place on regular payday of the 20th.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read with exception of request for more emphasis on the request from the Mason County School Supt. for snow-plowing work that this request should come to the Manager and he should be the ONLY one to order this work done.

Two copies of the Annual Report were signed by the Chairman for forwarding to the State Highway Dept. Local Government Unit.

Some discussion on disposal of junk and obsolete materials.

Clark Jarmer of Manisteel, Inc. was present.

Commission adjourned at noon to look at road from Wiley, south, which has been reported as being badly broken up. Will proceed to Grand Rapids conference in the P.M.

Lawrence A. Henk Clerk Julius Peterson Chairman

March 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1963 - Attending annual highway conference in Grand Rapids.

Mar. 29, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the March 18th meeting were read and approved as read. Edward Larsen, Equipment Expense Accounting Clk was also present at this meeting.

Robert Scott of Scott Engrg. Co. is present to acquaint the commissioners with his analysis of equipment records which he has tabulated in several different reference forms and put into three books for use in determining equipment to be replace, disposed of, and some which need more use to make it pay to have such equipment.

He has compared these figures to state averages and also to figures he has compiled on contractor's fleet costs. Mason County's biggest problem is the percentage of replacement of this equipment which has been too low, making the repair costs correspondingly high, the situation should be ~~reduced~~ ^{adjusted} so that depreciation figures would be high and repair costs low.

The commission has requested that Mr. Scott be present when they meet with the Board of Supervisors to present the annual report.

Mr. Shade was in regarding a problem on the new part of the south Stiles Road. Commission to look at this problem in the P.M.

Clarence Everson, employee, now on part time duty at a reduced rate of pay has requested a one-year's leave of absence due to his physical condition. He has bought the Carr Settlement store and will try this for a year. Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Peterson to grant Clarence Everson, a leave of absence for one year for the purpose of regaining his health and conducting a business of his own. He plans to work here until the 10th of April.

Engr. Lunde is present at the commission meeting with two plats. Another plat for Smedley and one for Joe Francis. Smedley's is a replat of Outlot B in Emerson Lake West Shore Subdiv. Commission will have to take a look at this.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, that Francis Subdiv a part of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Sec. 3, T 18 N, R 18 W., of Hamlin Twp. be approved.

Mgr. states that an inquiry has been made by the M.I.O. Exploration Co. of G.R. regarding the leasing of the Johnson Pit property in Riverton which we now now for oil drilling purposes. They offer \$1.00 per acre and have sent a sight draft for \$18.00 with their offer. Commission is not favorable to this until something further is known about the company making this inquiry. Comr. Gamertsfelder says he can find out about them from some of the other Riverton people who have leases with them; Comr. Voss is in favor of accepting a lease on this property; Comr. Peterson doesn't want any part of it with any company.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, and confirmed by Peterson, that the bid of Standard Oil Co. for furnishing Sup. 1 lubricating oil for 46¢ per gal. be accepted. 10/0 306

Adjourned at approximately 4:30 P.M. without reconvening in upper office.

Lawrence A. Hunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

April 5, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Chairman signed payroll checks and board reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for bills in the amount of \$8,700.16.

Sobanski, Hamlin Twp. Sup., is in with two men who have a drainage problem at the Hamlin Grocery location. Sobanski will arrange for a meeting with the drain commissioner and road commissioners.

He presents his road complaints as follows: -

1. Holes in the blacktop at Stadler Corners, Lakeshore Road.
Len Edmondson suggests that intersection on Lakeshore and Abrahamson Road be tightened up when blacktopping starts in Hamlin, for about 50 feet.
Mort Westlund suggests that intersection on Lakeshore and Jackson Road be feathered out.
2. Wants intersection on the Y at 116 and Lakeshore Drive taken out; also arrow pointing to west side of Lake be replaced. This has been brought to attention of the board about four times.
3. Grade on Piney Ridge Road should be started.
4. There is a washout on the Townline Road.
5. A NO LITTER sign will be placed on 116 at first bend nearest Lake.
6. Lakewood Drive from store to Angling Road should be finished as promised.
7. Danielson wants at least six loads of gravel on road he lives on, no gravel put on for twelve years or more he says.
8. All roads need blading.
9. People are complaining about Shadowway Road, would like to have this road blacktopped.

Freesoil Twp. Board is in with Supervisor Maue, Clerk Marcellin Marquardt, Treas. Michael Rybicki, and two others. They want to talk about the Darr Road bridge, wonder why ~~nothing~~ nothing has been done about it. Minutes of the 1962 meeting with the Freesoil Bd. on Apr. 5th, were read showing that Sup. Maue said to forget about the bridge project until the Bd. of Supervisors had put money in to take care of their 30% share. They had also thought the estimate too high and were talking some of having tubes put in instead of the bridge. Maue says the bridge is so bad the school bus stops and leaves kids out on one side, drives across and picks them up on the other side.

Maue says road by Eddy Moran's needs fixing; also the bottom is right out of the Tuttl Road which was fixed last year. Also mentions some car going in on the Koenig road up to its front wheels.

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Road Com. Clerk calls County Clerk's office to check on amount in the bridge fund at the present time, and is told the balance is \$2500. Victory has obligated about \$1100. of this balance and since the county share for the Freesoil bridge would be \$1,800. there would not be enough left in the fund to cover this project at the present time. Chairman Peterson tells Maue, the road commission is willing to go along with this project, but would have to wait to hear from him when more money is available in the county fund.

Regarding the oil lease inquiry on Johnson Pit, Comr. Peterson says that he thinks the amount of land in the Johnson Pit is more than 18 acres.

Thrston Widmark, local Ford dealer, appears before the board to ask a delay in the bid opening on trucks due to their bid not arriving from Traverse City as promised by the dealer there. Commissioners do not feel they can do this, and there is no assurance that the bid will arrive at all.

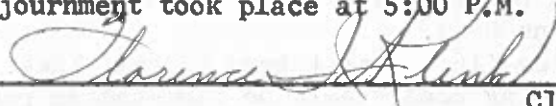
Twelve bids (12) which were in at the bid opening time of 11:00 A.M. were then opened and read: -		Al Chinnery - International	two trucks -	\$24,883.72
Gasoline powered		Mack -	" "	32,910.20
		Duplex - Warner Swasey	" "	25,194.00
		FWD - Northern Contractors	" "	29,481.90
		White - Dermody White Co.	" "	29,512.20
		G M C - N & K Serv. & Parts	" "	25,850.00
		" "	" "	27,722.00
	"	Howard Thiel & Son	" "	27,300.00

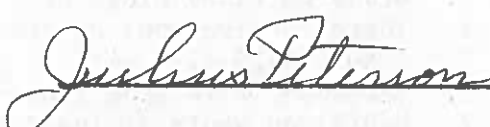
While the bids were being opened, Widmark and Mottl appeared with their bid and with the consent of bidders present, they were allowed to present same. Signatures of those bidders consenting and present were affixed to the secretary's notebook as follows: -

Al Rafferty for Mack Trucks
 Lewis Hendershot for N & K Service & Parts
 D. O. Nixon for Allied Truck Equipment Co.
 M. G. Dermody for Dermody White Truck Co.
 Al Chinnery for International
 Paul H. Behm for Northern Contractors Equipment Co.

Adjourned for lunch and reconvened to study bids. Bidders were invited to return if there was any explanation desired on their bids. Clerk did not attend the study session, but Engr. Lunde was present with Manager and Commission. No decision was made at this time.

Adjournment took place at 5:00 P.M.


 Clerk


 Chairman

April 12, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Mgr. reports that Hamlin Supervisor and Drain Comr. wanted to meet with road commission at 1:30 P.M. on April 19th regarding the drainage problem at Hamlin Grocery location. Since insurance bids are scheduled to be opened at 1:30 P.M. this meeting will have to be re-scheduled.

Some discussion on the bridge program with Engr. Lunde present. Darr Road Bridge in Freesoil, which needs repairs badly was not on the original list of those approved by the Supervisors when the original program was set up. Commission is willing to go along with this repair work when money is available from the County fund and the Twp. fund. Freesoil still owes on the Tuttle road at this time in the amount of \$1,990.

After a discussion on flotation tires and quotation of prices obtained by the Mgr. a motion was made by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder and confirmed by Peterson, to purchase the tires and tubes at a price of \$142.50 each; and the lock rims at a price of \$97.50 each, for the Caterpillar Grader, from the Recappers Company. These are new tires regardless of the name of the company.

Mgr. asks action desired on the request from the employees union district office as to a meeting date. Commission says to write a letter asking what they want to discuss.

Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Peterson that purchase be made of the two White Trucks from the Dermody-White Truck Co. of Grand Rapids, as bid at a price of \$29,512.20 with the 470 (a) engine, with cab chassis and dump box, Daybrook Model 933. (since the motion was made on this purchase, it was decided to purchase the 490 (a) engine instead of the 470 (a) as originally mentioned in the minutes)

Commission, Mgr. and Engr. went on a tour of county in the afternoon. Voss and Gamertsfelder came up to commission room and upon motion made by Gamertsfelder and supported by Voss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M. Chairman Peterson who had not been feeling well, went directly home.

Lorence A. Hensel
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

April 19, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with certain corrections re engine on new trucks.

Two men present re dump box problems. Mgr. and Comrs. Voss and Gamertsfelder go with them to look at the dump box in question.

Payroll checks are signed by the chairman and vouchers in the amount of \$8,281.61 are reviewed, approved and signed by the board.

George Kloet, representing the M.I.O. Exploration Co. who want to lease the Johnson Pit in Riv. Twp. for oil drilling was present to discuss this with the commission. The \$18.00 sign draft previously forwarded with their letter was returned to Kloet, and he replaced it with cash to simplify the depositing of this money with the county treasurer. Motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, that the entire board shall sign the lease of the M.I.O. Exploration Co. to allow drilling operations in the Johnson Pit property which belongs to the Road Commission.

Bids for insurance coverages were opened at 1:30 P.M. with Herman Deake, William Connelly present for Michigan Mutual; Frederick Templar for State Farm Mutual and O. Glen Davidson of Ludington, for Nationwide. State Farm bid only on the Automotive Liability and Contractor's Floater policy on non-automotive equipment. Decision on this coverage will be made at the next commission meeting on April 26th, 1963.

Sherman Supervisor Donald Villadsen was in with Board Members James Walker and Chas. Goff, with the following requests for work:-

(1) 400 cu. yds. gravel on the Mavis Road -	(Sec 19) \$1104.00
(2) Section 31-32 - Clear & Grub -	350.00
Grading	250.00
Drg-Str.	215.00
Salvage Gravel	500.00
Sand Lift (4000 yds)	2000.00
	Estimated - \$ 3,315.00

Lorence A. Hensel
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

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Villadsen inquired what the commission had found out about the stump-cutting machine by which he was so impressed at the time the stump at the Ivan Anderson farm south of Scottville was cut out. Comm. told him they did make inquiries about it. (Letter was later written to Villadsen by clerk telling him of the price involved, and state rental rate, compared to hours of use it would have, showing that this piece of equipment was not profitable to own as long as it could be rented so reasonably when needed.)

Ken Stephens, county surveyor, was up to the office to get plat of Outlot B of Emerson Lake West Shore Subdivision, which had not been signed by the Commission. Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, that the Replat of Outlot B of the Emerson Lake West Shore Subdiv. be signed since the road is already a county road and the orig. plat was approved, of which this re-plat is a part in its entirety formerly not subdivided.

Motion by Gam. supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson to continue to charge \$1.00 per yard for gravel from any source except from the county yard stockpile, for which a charge of \$2.00 shall continue to be made.

Motion by Voss, supported by Gam., confirmed by Peterson, to adjourn at 4:45 P.M. Mgr. and Engr. will attend Senior Gov't day in Ludington on April 22nd, 1963.

Horace J. Hunt Clerk *Julius Peterson* Chairman

April 26, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the mtg. of the 19th were read and approved as read.

Leo Monton, Sup. of Custer Twp. was in with request for work. Wants to get 1 mile of the Wilson road ready for blacktop; wants this work limited to \$4,000. Mgr. will look this over and have Engr. prepare an estimate. Monton says some banks will have to be cut back and they have permission to do this; he says to see how much the fill will cost and then how much gravel can be put on for the money named. Monton says he has the grading permits.

Discussion on Insurance bids. Motion by Voss, supported by Gam., confirmed by Peterson, that the bid of Michigan Mutual Liab. Co. be accepted with the \$100. deductible on the Non-Automotive coverage.

Wischnief of P.M. Twp. has plat on which he wants street gravelled. Commission prefers that he get a contractor to do this work.

Of the 7 trucks in the yard to be sold, Mgr. wants to know what prices should be placed thereon. Comr. Voss thinks that an auction of all saleable materials would bring the best price. Mgr. to look into this and get in touch with Don Deising, Auctioneer.

International Rep. was in and says that the application for credit received from the Gersonde Company was their own doings and had nothing to do with International police and should not have had their name thereon.

Chairman Peterson wants to know what happened with Hamlin Twp. Supervisor and Drain Commissioner. It appears the location of the Hamlin Gro. was not clear to the Drain Comr., he was at Stix corner and Sobanski and Lunde were at the correct location.

At 1:30 P.M., the Victory Twp. Board with Supervisor Pratt, Clerk John Ruba; Treas. Devere Sterley, Vance Peterson and Bob Anderson, met with the commissioners. Pratt asks how much the bridge is going to cost, or how much Victory's share is going to be and is told \$698.00.

1. They want gravel on the Beyers road, west of Huisenga's.
- 2.. Tubes on the Peterson Road north of Sterley's.
3. Swamp by Dale Riffenbargers on the Becker Road

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4. West of Baukus Bridge - big hole in culvert; got a flag in it now.
5. What plans for tarvia west of townshall.
6. West of Dennis road; bet. road and Catholic church, mud hole there.
7. Supervisor plans to talk with Chas Hubbel, Sup. of Amber Twp., re gravelling the Townline Road.

Some talk of gravel locations in Victory; claim there is some by the Victory dump but told it is costly to test these locations and pockets of gravel.

Discussion on the letter written by Clerk Ruba asking for an explanation of the snow-plowing bill for the Victory dump. Supervisor says he did order it done but that he doesn't think they will in the future because it only makes things worse when people just drive in and throw things right at the edge of the plowed road. It appears they are satisfied now that they are told the road would not have been plowed if they had not requested it and they were not charged for the one hour on the road plowing, but only the minimum charge for plowing into the dump itself.

Ruba mentions the ditch there by the townhall; and wants to know if there is any objection to him filling it in.

Victory Twp. wants 320 yards of gravel on the Beyers Road; and 60 yards on the Decker Road. Mgr. will check these roads and make up an agreement for the Twp. to sign.

Commission advised by clerk that Victory Twp. has already had 131 yds. stone and 47 yards of gravel from yard in patching work the first three weeks in April.

Edward Larsen requests audience with the commission to make a report of what he has accomplished since taking the job of Equipment Expense Accounting Clerk in June of 1962. (A complete copy of this report is in the Minutes Supporting File)

Mr. Larsen is commended for the fine job he has been doing and the report he has just made by Chairman Peterson and Commissioner Voss.

After this report there was further discussion on the absence of the stockclerk Louis Lund, and the ~~xxxxxx~~ reason for his absence without the knowledge of someone in authority whether he was on vacation, sick, or just why? Comr. Voss felt this absence without notification to the Mgr. was a show of too much independence. Comm. feels since Clerk and Equipment Clerk are dependent upon stockclerk for records necessary to their work being current, he should notify them when he intends to be off for more than a day.

Also, there is some question of money being retained downstairs and not being immediately turned in to the office. This has been a very definite rule in the past that no money is to be kept down there since desk drawers are not locked and too much traffic through that room.

Discussion on the merits of a grade-all compared to John Deere Loader, power shovel and LeTourneau scraper.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, to adjourn at 4:50 P.M.

Lorenzo H. Hunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

May 3, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the ~~May~~ previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Peterson signs payroll checks and board reviews and approves and signs vouchers in the amount of \$1,549.75.

Chairman Peterson asks clerk about Louie Lund's absence without notice to anyone in authority. Leave slip was put in signed by Manager for 3 days Apr. 24th thru 26th. This slip was dated 4/19/63, but manager says he instructed Louie to put in the leave slip, but he did not date it at all.

Mgr. now says that Louie had spoken to him about wanting leave when the material arrived so that he could work on his garage. But when this time arrived he did not notify anyone that he was going to be off or how long.

Discussion of promise made by Molt. Wing, Supt. to Fred Fredericks regarding hauling wood to his yard. Mgr. says Major's have called about wanting the wood by their place. Some of this land where wood has been cut is Forestry Service land. Comm. says if Major wants wood let him take the whole thing except that by the Fredericks place, if Fredericks wants to get it himself, road commission will not haul any of it for anyone.

Mgr. reports Don Deising, Auctioneer, was up regarding sale contemplated being held on the old trucks and he said this would be similar to farm machinery on which he asks 3% for selling, with a minimum guarantee of \$30.00. Discussion about letting Brody Bros. have junk and scrap iron at going junk price. Should keep this cleaned up as safety inspector from insurance company insists on it, and this junk must be taken on a cash basis.

Walter McNitt and new rep. for Contractors Mchry. were present to discuss merits of Northwest shovel. Ed Kainz of Miller Equipment also in with sales pitch for Link-Belt Speeder. Wants commission to visit plant at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, plans to make the trip by plane to which Commissioner Gamertsfelder does not prescribe.

P.M. Twp. Sup. Harry Luxford, Trustee Leonard King and Mrs. Connie Anderson, Treas. were in to ask about blacktopping the Hanson Subdiv. An agreement had been signed by the former P.M. board but work was not performed because of the large account owed by P.M. Twp. A new agreement is drawn for the new board to sign, with same estimate but with the requirements added regarding payment of actual cost and payment to be made upon completion of project. Also overhead was noted to be in addition to materials.

Some discussion as to the reason for the two names Virnetta Drive and Oakwood Drive in Linlook Park area, they think one name is sufficient. They think other roads in P.M. Twp. need work more than Hanson Subdiv. but Leonard King who was on the previous board said they had petitions ~~for~~ for that work and hadn't had any on the other work mentioned.

They present resolutions from the P.M. and Hamlin Twp. Bds. for the Road Commissioners to change the name of Lakewood Drive to Jebavy Drive (Resolution said Jebavy Rd Motion was made by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss and confirmed by Peterson, to make this change. Mr. Jebavy has offered \$150. to the Twp for this change. *see resolutions*)

P.M. Twp. Bd. asks Rd. Com to reply to the letter from Paul Wischnief who wants 1200 feet gravelled in his plat. Commission advise Wischnief they do not want to compete with other contractors for this work and prefer him to get someone else to do it. They also inquire about a stop sign on Iris Rd at Lakeshore Drive. Mgr. tells them they have to be authorized by sheriff's dept. otherwise they could not arrest anyone for not obeying them.

Commission adjourned at 4:45 P.M. after inspection of Jagger Road, where William Wengers want road extended beyond Danielson's to their building site. Mgr. reports this to be a jungle.

Flarence A. Hunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

May 10, 1963 - Regular meeting held with Commissioners Peterson, Gamertsfelder and Voss present, with manager and clerk. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read with a correction regarding the motion made by Com. Gamertsfelder regarding the changing of road name Lakewood Drive to Jebavy Road. The petition stated Jebavy Road, however, the P.M. Board had mentioned it as Jebavy Drive, and Comr Gamertsfelder said that is the way he worded his motion. Further discussion on this controversy. Maps are being printed and in view of the persons and business affected, this change could not be made too immediately.

Roy Peterson, representing the Bay City Shovel Co., was in to see the commission. One of their shovels has just been purchased by Rd. Com at West Branch, Ogemaw County, and Peterson wishes to take the commission to a demonstration at that location and then on to the factory at Bay City. This trip is planned for Saturday May 18th.

Letter rec'd from union rep. saying that the only issue they wish to discuss is a 10¢ per hour wage raise. Commission says to notify them that commission will meet with them on May 24th at 3:30 P.M. Commission will discuss their views on this request for ~~age~~ wage raise and other matters on May 17th.

Mgr. reports that he toured P.M. Twp. on May 9th with the new Sup. Luxford, and again that evening with the rest of the board, and they think the P.M. roads are in good condition with the exception of conditions at Linlook park with the sand problem. They also want 55 road name signs ordered for their Twp., however, they are told by Mgr. that with the present work program on the agenda, these signs will probably not be put up until fall.

Mgr. reports that he has talked with employee Geo. Vitucki regarding the cutting back of his wages to heavy truck rate. Motion is made by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss and confirmed by Peterson, that the rate for George Vitucki shall be \$1.70 and Stan Raspotnik shall be \$1.85 as of June 1, 1963. Reasons for these cut backs are: - Geo. Vitucki not capable of performing heavy equipment operation duties; and the position of Grade Foreman which Raspotnik held has been eliminated.

The work policy states the policy of raising a rate, but does not specifically cover the lowering of a rate; it should contain this provision - "should a job be eliminated or an employee be put on a lower rate job for the reason of his inability to perform his higher rated job, the lower rate shall be effective 30 days after such change."

Contractor Machinery representatives Walter McNitt, Hank Schoenwandt, and Harold Woodsum, Dist. Sales Rep. for Northwest Engineering Co. were present to set forth the merits of a Northwest Power Shovel.

Commission looked over the plat of the Pines Subdivision on the Johnson Road. This is same road Mrs. Lake complains of not being designated with a sign so that people can locate it. It is included in the sign program requested by P.M. Twp.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, to adjourn at 4:22 P.M.

Flarence A. Hunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

May 17, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present together with mgr. & cl
Minutes of the May 10th meeting were read, and approved as read.

Fred Wurtzel, Rep. of the Telford and Doolen Co. was present to extol the merits of the ~~Max~~ Bucyrus-Erie Power Shovel. Makes a date to meet the commissioners and manager at Lake City on May 29th, to witness a demonstration of this type of shovel at the Missaukee County Road Commission, who have had one for five years and are well pleased with it.

Mgr. reports that Paul Monton was in to see him about the Monton-Beard controversy. Monton wants the road closed and will go to court to get this accomplished. The commission feels this is purely a personal matter and should not involve the road commission.

Mgr. reports that the men would like to work on Sat. the 25th of May, in lieu of Friday the 31st, so as to have a four day week-end over Memorial Day. This is agreeable with the commission, if someone is on duty in case of emergency calls.

Commission signed the agreement with the Sargent Sand Co. for the work on the Pine Ridge Road, which they are to pay for.

Edw. C. Larsen, who is on the Amber Twp. Park Committee inquired about a road near Crystal Lake. This road is not certified as a county road at the present time.

Commission decides to stand pat on their motion to change the name of Lakewood Dr. back to Jebavy Drive, and feel that the petitions of 99 persons from P.M. Twp. and 66 people from Hamlin Twp. should be referred to the respective boards, and it should be their decision if the requested change should be rescinded.

Commission and Mgr. went to visit the Porter Mulder Subdiv. in Logan Twp. for which they have been requested to sign a plat. This is the P.M. Woods and Rapids Subdiv.

Adjourned without reconvening at 4:30 P.M.

+ Lawrence A. Smith Clerk Julius Peterson Chairman

May 20, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, also mgr. and clerk. Minutes of the May 17th meeting were read and approved as read.

Further discussion on the road name change requested by P.M. and Hamlin Twps. Mgr. asks if decision is to stand so that Danielson can be advised how to print the map. Commission says they will stand 'pat', any rescinding of the previous action should originate from the Twp. boards requesting the change.

Joe Bayak, contractor, wants to know if the gravelling in the P.M. Woods and Rapid plat is satisfactory. Performance bond in the amount of \$4,000. is on file for this work. Comm. says the holes in these roads should be fixed.

Leo Monton, Sup. Custer Twp. is in to see if agreement is ready on the Wilson Rd., Mgr. says, not yet, as they are getting F.A.S. project ready, but this will be next.

Motion by Gam. supported by Voss and confirmed by Peterson, to sign the plat of the Pines Subdiv, part of the S.E. quarter of the S.E. quarter of Section 11, T 18 N, R 18 W., of P.M. Twp.

Some discussion on wage raise requested by employee committee, but matter was left for discussion on the 24th which date they are to meet with union rep. and committee at 3:30 P.M. Commissioner Gamertsfelder thinks they should not have an answer ready, but negotiate with them when they get here.

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Adjourned to look at roads, returned to office, did not reconvene.

Lorenz A. Hunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

May 24, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes read by Mgr. as Clerk has ear infection, and cannot hear well, with voice sounding as tho' in a barrel. Mgr. says Wm. Martin wants his money for gravel taken from Brown Pit thru' May 1963, address Route 2, Hart; going to be 524 Elm Ridge Drive, Carpentersville

Geo. Walkers, Pros. Attorney present. He says that it would be better for Twps. to come in with a resolution re road name change that is desired to avoid confusion and duplication rather than present reason given.

(Minutes of the meeting with the Employees Committee taken by Edward Larsen, Eq. Exp. Acct'g. Clerk as clerk cannot hear well enough, however, is present at the meeting.)

Meeting of Committee Representing employees and Road Commission held May 24, 1963 at approximately 3:30 P.M. Committee was composed of Art Fredericks, Harry Bedker, Loui Gimbutis. All Road commissioners present, together with Mgr., Clerk and Eq. Clk Lars

Committee asked for a 10¢ per hour raise. They cited a July 1, 1962 report showing the average wage paid in the following counties; Mason \$1.80 per hour; Manistee, 1.99; Oceana \$1.91; Oceola \$1.90; Lake \$1.84. It was brought out that the fringe benefits vary greatly in the several counties. The Commissioners expressed the opinions that the fringe benefits in Mason were higher than in the others, so that the total hourly cost per man would be more nearly in line. Mgr. Abrahamson said the Commission would go along with a 5¢ per hour raise.

Committee asked if Commission would absorb the increase in Blue ~~Shield~~ Cross-Blue Shield. Mgr. and Comm. discussed fringe benefits. Mich. Hosp. Service now costs \$8.31 per man per month. The increase would amount to about \$1.75 per man per month. Comm. Voss said commission program for buying new equipment should result in getting more township work and then they would be in position to do better by employees.

At suggestion of Chairman Peterson, Larsen read copy of a letter Peterson had received from Mrs. William Nickleson complaining about the way Hansen Road has been maintained this year. Chairman Peterson said, "This is a sample of the way the public gets after us."

Committee brought up the subject of the letting of equipment. Especially relating to seniority. Mgr. read the "Job Bidding and Advancement" and also, "The Assignment to New Light Truck and Heavy Truck" parts of the working policy. The question of why Walter Englebrecht was not left as operator of #99 Hough Loader was brought up. Mgr. said that Stewart had more experience on Loaders and that Englebrecht seemed to like the motor grader especially now since the new tires had been put on. He also said he had talked to Englebrecht and Walt seemed satisfied. On the subject of #17, the 1962 Dodge truck the committee said Don Gordon had bid on the truck, but he didn't get it. Why? Discussion about needing one more equipment operator. Also about eliminating two shovel and replacing with one Gradall-type machine. Commrs. Voss and Gamertsfelder questioned this.

Discussion again about wages, also about equipment to be purchased in the future. Mgr. read from list of proposed future purchases, summing up that it would amount to about \$80,000 a year. Comr. Voss said, "As soon as we can afford to give more, I'll not be against it, but we can't afford to now." Mgr. said a 5¢ per hour raise with fringes added will amount to about six cents per hour. Mgr. stated the two new tandem trucks will be assigned to drivers who snowplow in certain territories.

Committee asked if Commission would go along with one more day per year of vacation. The vacation set-up here and in other counties was discussed. ~~The commission~~ Commissioner Voss said, "I'll go along with one more day vacation". Chairman Peterson said, "I am against any more fringes and more vacation would be more fringes. I would rather go along with more money". Mr. Gimbutis said, "We'll accept that." Commissioner Voss then said, "I hadn't thought of the vacation in just that way." Commr. Gamertsfelder said, "I'll stick to our original proposal."

Committee brought up the question, "Pension plan is set up for a retirement age of 65. Under Soc. Security it is now possible to retire at 62. If an employee should decide to retire at 62, what affect would this have on his pension plan?" Commission instructed Mgr. to obtain this ~~information~~ information.

Motion by Comr. Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss and confirmed by Peterson, "to give employees a five cent per hour raise for this year."

Meeting with committee adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

/s/ Edward C. Larsen

John O'Neil (Long and Wetzel, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.) in requesting permission to bury gas line as proposed previously. Must bury line 30" deep on road right-of-way.

Adjourned at 5 P.M.

Horace A. Kunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

June 5, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with Mgr. and Engr. acting as Clerk while bids on power shovel were opened and read.

Mrs. Patricia Schulz came after the petitions submitted by P.M. and Hamlin resident ~~pro~~ protesting road name change. Mgr. gave her these petitions so that she could have them photostated at the courthouse.

John O'Neil in with new agreement re gas pipeline which is now to be buried to a depth of 30". Comrs. read agreement. Nothing signed this date.

Sheridan Twp. wants road from Fountain to Ford Lake, then east 1/2 mile, blacktopped. They can't pay for this until Feb. when they get their mill from county.

May 24th resolution re raise for employees did not mention the effective date, this now declared to be June 1, 1963.

Adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Horace A. Kunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

June 14, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the June 5th meeting were read and approved as read. Comrs. reported they visited Manistee Iron Works to see a Bucyrus Erie crane; this on the 10th, and on the 11th visited Leelanau County where they saw a Koehring in operation, at Leelanau Co. Rd. Comm. Communications rescinding Lakewood Road name change read.

Mgr. absent taking engineer's exam., Engr. acts as Mgr. Informs commission of the bid letting for the blacktop work which he attended on June 12th in Lansing. Low bid was that of Globe Constr. Co. at \$71,568.00. Road Comm. share will be about \$39,000. Net return of around \$20,000, will leave a final outlay of about \$19,000. for the 11.7 mile program.

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Lorain Shovel Rep. addresses the board briefly; three representatives of the Bay City Shovel Co. in (one of them had a ~~removable~~ immovable hat) and addressed the board NOT so briefly; Wurtzel in re Bucyrus Erie, and about credit of \$11.00 on parts returned; rep. of American shovel in, would like to have commission look at shovel owned by Bernard Edell (Not employee) who is working at Onkama; has had this machine 5 years and claims he has not had to buy any parts for it.

Comr. and Engr. to to lunch and then look at the property in question in Ludington re Gen. Telephone Co. matter; also look at Akesson plat in Hamlin Twp.

Motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, to sign the plat of Akesson Resort, a part of Gov't Lot 7, Section 2, T 19 N, R 18 W, in Hamlin Twp., Mason County, State of Michigan.

Engr. receives some statistics over the phone from Robert Scott on the comparative costs for various shovels. More discussion on the list which he has tabulated on which he had narrowed the field down to four or five machines which would be acceptable. Comrs. not in agreement on this.

Since no mention of a raise for salaried employees had been made since hourly raise was granted, it was understood that it was necessary to ask for same; Secretary and Equip. Exp. Accounting Clerk presented written request to commission and was told that due to equipment trips they had not had time to give it any thought, and it would therefore be brought up on June 28th.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, to adjourn at 5:05 P.M.

Loraine A. Hink
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

June 20, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved as read.

A meeting with the commission has been requested by some residents of Lakewood Drive some evening next week. Will meet at 8:00 P.M., June 25th, Tuesday.

Discussion on shovel bids with engineer in attendance with information he has compiled. A secret ballot was taken on this vote and it was unanimous on the first ballot.

Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Peterson, to purchase a crane from the Earle Equipment Co. at the bid price of \$33,918.00 + optional equipment in the amount of \$1,100.00, total \$35,028.00, less the trade-in of \$9,500., leaving a net balance of \$25,528.00; this crane to be the Model 305, Koehring crawler with GMC 4-71 Diesel engine, equipped with a Donaldson Dry type Air cleaner (air filter indicator) 13'2" crawlers; power boom; Page Model RM 31.8 cu. ft. bucket; 30" shoes; Rud-o-matic tagline; 45' boom; 2 sheave point; Immediate delivery promised, from one to ten days.

Discussion on the request of Earl Langfeldt to be admitted to the pension plan. He was offered this plan for three years which was the policy set up for taking advantage of this benefit. He now desires to get in the plan at the 4th year. The first premium paid by the commission would be \$18.84 more than if he had come in last year, therefore in order not to set a precedent in view of others who might want to come into the plan later, and whose differential might be a great figure, motion is made by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, and confirmed by Peterson, that Langfeldt pay this difference himself.

Comm. and Mgr. go out to inspect the Sugar Grove blacktopping job. Return to the office for ~~such~~ further discussion; Com. Gamertsfelder absent at this meeting. Adjourn at 4:15 P.M.

Loraine A. Hink
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

June 25, 1963 - Special meeting held at the request of a citizen's group from Hamlin and P.M. Twps. Present at this meeting at 8:00 P.M., were Commissioners Peterson, Gamertsfelder and Voss, Engr. Lunde, Mgr. Abrahamson, Sec'y Klenk, with citizens Don Ryon, Charles Ferguson, Peter C. Garofalo, William F. Dunn, and Wilman Danielson.

Chairman calls the meeting to order and asks to hear spokesman for the group. William F. Dunn reviews the past actions taken in regard to the changing of the name of Lakewood Drive to Jevavy Drive, refers to the rescinding actions taken by the two Twp. boards and the petitions sent in from 165 residents of the Twps. which he states said petitions contained the names of 95% of the Lakewood drive residents, 4 were not at home and 5 refused to sign.

Mr. Dunn says that there was a petition presented about 12 or more years ago to have the road named Lakewood Drive and he was one of the signers at that time. They have gone through four address changes with the Post Office Dept. in the last ten years, and they have to have a permanent address they can depend on, Route numbers mean nothing in finding location.

Mr. Lunde is questioned as to the name of the road in former years, and he stated that on the maps of 1936, Jevavy Corners was indicated; the road name was then Upper Hamlin Lake Drive.

Comr. Gamertsfelder asks Danielson how he identifies his property as being on Lakewood Drive, and Danielson says there is a sign there on the corner which says Lakewood Drive and Jagger Road, and for the purpose of directions to people delivering to or obtaining materials from his print shop, he uses this intersection designation. Mr. Dunn says "We object to this change to Jevavy Drive. The people who use that as an address should have more to say about it. For 12 years it's been Lakewood Drive and my children never heard of Jevavy Road."

The resolutions which asked for this change are shown to the group, also the rescinding motions, the letters from the Fire Department and the Sheriff's office. They maintain that the original request for the change mentioned nothing whatsoever about any matter of confusion in the names of Lakewood Drive with that of Lakeshore Drive.

Mr. Garfaolo stated that this name change matter was only incidental to a special meeting the twp. was having about their dump, and while they were there Sup. Luxford had the board sign the name change resolution. Residents knew nothing about it until they heard it on the radio and saw it in the paper.

Mr. Dunn said that while the first resolution regarding the request for change was slipped through at the dump meeting, there were 41 persons present at the meeting when the motion was rescinded, and that should be evidence enough of their interest in the matter.

Dunn also said that he had talked to Lange of the Fire Dept. and he didn't seem to think that there was much confusion encountered on account of the name Lakewood Drive any more than an emergency situation might confuse certain people no matter what the name was.

Danielson asks, "What more can we do now to get this thing back where it belongs?" Commission says they will consider the matter further. The group thanked the commission for meeting with them in the evening as a convenience to them, and meeting is adjourned approximately 9:20 P.M.

Thomase St. Lenz
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

AD-700

June 28, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the June 20th meeting and the special meeting of June 25th were read and approved as read.

Further discussion on the road name change. Mgr. suggests that the name be put on the map as Jebavy's corners and leave the road name as Lakewood Drive. No definite action taken on this.

Went to look at Thunder Lake plat and the one in Logan Twp., P.M. Woods and Rapids. Motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, to have owners get extension on Bond on Thunder Lake Subdivision for another year. (Sheridan Twp.)

Motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, to release the performance bond of Porter Mulder Land Co. on the Logan Twp. plat of P.M. Woods and Rapids.

Considerable discussion on raises for the salaried personnel. (Sec'y absent ~~during~~ during said discussion) Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder, but NOT CONFIRMED by Chairman Peterson, to grant the following raises to salaried personnel: - No increase at this time to Mgr.; Increase Engr. Lunde \$300.; increase Equipment Cost Accounting Clerk Edward Larsen \$200.; increase State Highway Foreman Harry Brankert \$200.; increase Clerk, \$100.; increase Supt. Wing, \$100.

Adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Florence A. Lunde

Clerk

Julius Peterson

Chairman

July 3, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Leo Sobanski was also present. Discussion on road name change on Lakewood Drive. Sobanski says it is now entirely Road Commission matter.

Charles Andersen in re Sec. 27, in Hamlin Twp. He says the road to this section has been closed, it is a two rod road, and there is a cable across this road and he can't get into his property. This is not a county road now and therefore access to same would have to be furnished by the Township.

Clerk reads the minutes of the meeting of June 28th and they are approved as read. Clerk then requests a re-consideration of the amount of salary increase accorded her which was less than that of three other salaried personnel. This re-consideration is DENIED by Commissioner Voss and Mgr. Abrahamson.

Discussion regarding the responsibilities of Supt. Wing and State Highway Foreman Harry Brankert.

Vouchers are reviewed, approved and signed by commissioners.

Letter read from Dr. Kellawan regarding hours to be worked by Otto Kollberg during July, 6 hours per day for one week and then 7 hours per day for the next week and then July 20th, Dr. will see how his work tolerance is.

Agreement with Sheridan Twp. signed by commissioners, same had already been signed by Twp. Board.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, authorizing Chairman to sign the Federal Aid Projects No. CS-53 36, Cl, S 1529 (3); CS 53-36, Cl, S 1338 (1); CS 53-37, Cl, S 402 (8); CS 53-38, Cl, S 1258 (1); 53-39, Cl, S 402 (9); ~~53-40~~ CS 53-40, Cl, S 547 (1); CS 53-41, Cl, S 401 (4). Project engineer on this job will be Robert E. Lunde. It is not planned to claim construction engineering costs. Road Comm. share on this project is \$37,960.00.

Commission and Mgr. to on tour of county in the afternoon and then adjourn approx. 4:30

Florence A. Lunde

Clerk

Julius Peterson

Chairman

July 12, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present.

Leo Monton, Sup. of Custer Twp. and Dwight Hall, Custer Twp. Trustee were in with agreement for work to be done for Custer on the Wilson Road. Hall questions the fact that there is no completion date on the agreement. He objects to starting this job and having it sloppy in winter if not done. Monton emphasizes the fact that they want the cost only to go to the extent of the pledged amount stated on the agreement.

Hall who lives on the Bean Road, wants a ditch deepened on the south side of the Johnson Road. Mgr. asks Hall, who is a U.S. weather observer what the snow-fall measurement was, and he says 127".

Harry Luxford, P.M. Twp. Supervisor is in, and he is asked about the confusion now existing as to final action renaming Lakewood Drive, Jebavy Drive. He says the pressure for continuing the name Lakewood Drive will die down in time. Chairman asks who is going to pay for the signs which will have to be changed in Hamlin Twp. and Luxford says, "I will." He has it figured that the 7 signs which have to be changed will cost \$2.30 each, and will only amount to \$16.10, which does NOT include the cost for erecting them but only the sign itself.

Commission Voss says there should be something on the radio and in the paper about what decision has been made and why it was made as such.

Luxford mentions he will attempt to talk to Corey of Dow Chemical regarding the pro road commission is paying for brine to see if it can be lowered.

Chairman Peterson said he told Willism Green to have a committee come up here about the 6th St. Project which Ludington and the Dow Company wants done, altho' the work could not be done this year anyway. Mgr. reads the resolution received from the City of Ludington regarding the 6th St. work, and what they intend to do and what they want the Road Commission to do.

Motion made by GAmertsfelder, supported by Voss and confirmed by Peterson, to sign the agreements with Custer (1); Eden (2) and Branch Twp. (1).? *(this one never returned signed by Comr.)*

Mgr. presents a letter from State Highway Department showing formal acceptance of Project CS 53 34, C 4, Sugar Grove Road, east of US-31.

Comr. Voss and Mgr. relate trouble encountered by Dick Hansen in operating the new Koehring crane. Earle Equipment Co. to have man up to look into this.

Discussion regarding the financial picture, and money on hand will suffice until next quarter MVHF receipts, by paying only necessary bills, for the crane, and the Federal Aid project, but holding back the payment for the tandem trucks inasmuch as delivery date was way overdue, and payment will be made accordingly.

Mgr. and Commission toured county in the P.M. visiting Custer, Riverton, P.M., and several other Twps. Adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Flarence J. Blank
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

ADA700

July 19, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved after deletion of Sup. Luxford's personal remarks regarding the Lakewood Dr.-Jebavy Dr. controversy.

Chairman signed payroll checks, and commissioners reviewed, approved and signed vouchers for other bills in the amount of \$45,379.97, which included the payment for the Federal Aid projects to be done by Globe Construction Co. in the amount of \$37,960.00.

Mr. O'Neill (gas pipeline man) in with Mr. Wooster, introduced as head of their land department. He brought insurance certificate to replace the one forwarded by the insurance company which was not the amount for the requested coverage, this one calls for 100/200,000 property and bodily injury damage coverage, the other one being only half that amount.

Lawyer Christman has prepared a substitute sheet to be inserted as page three of the original document which contains a paragraph to the effect that such insurance is being renewed at least thirty days before expiration of the present coverage, on March 1, 1964. Clerk is requested to insert this substitute page 3 into original document which has not as yet been signed by either party. The agreement is reviewed by the Commissioners and Manager.

Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder and confirmed by Peterson that the agreement with Long and Wetzel giving permission for the laying of the pipeline as indicated be signed. All three commissioners sign, clerk signs attest, Mgr. and Dept. Land man sign as witnesses. Then it is discovered by O'Neill that the signatures for Long and Wetzel were prepared for President and Secretary of their company and O'Neill takes both copies with him to get the President's signature thereon.

Graham Brimhall is present after lunch to discuss a new procedure with the commission whereby blacktop which has broken up can be patch. The procedure is for stabilizing roads; called SA-1; costs \$25.00 per mile for one foot width.; a 34' wide road would cost \$850. per mile. This discussion was terminated by the appearance of the Ludington Daily News photographer who was going to take pictures of the commissioners and manager with the new equipment recently purchased. (it was later learned by the clerk that this trial work was to be done on the road west of the Victory Townhall) (8/9/63)

Before proceeding to the picture location, Russell Miller, newsman, at the request of the commissioners takes a statement from them regarding the Jebavy Dr.-Lakewood Drive, name change controversy. He reads this to them, and promised to send them a copy to review before publication, and also notify the radio and the Mason County Press. (this picture and news item appeared in the 7/20/63 issue of the Ludington Daily News, with no copy sent for review before its appearance.)

And That's Final

It's Jebavy Drive, Not Lakewood, Says Commission

It's Jebavy Drive and it will remain Jebavy Drive. And that is the final word from the Mason County Road Commission.

During the commission's regular meeting Friday the following statement was issued:

"On May 3, 1963 a resolution changing the name of Lakewood Drive to Jebavy Drive was passed by the Mason County Road Commission.

"Since that time certain groups have requested changing the name back to Lakewood Drive while other groups have asked that the name remain Jebavy Drive. The

Mason County Sheriff and Mason County Fire Departments have said that they prefer the name Jebavy Drive since in the past patrol cars and fire trucks have been mistakenly sent to the wrong road because of the similarity in names of Lakewood and Lakeshore Drives.

"The Mason County Road Commission has decided that the May 3 resolution will stand unchanged and the road will remain Jebavy Drive."

Some time ago the commission ordered road signs for Hamlin and Pere Marquette Townships with

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Meeting is adjourned at 3:30 P.M. and Commission and Mgr. proceed to the location for picture to be taken with equipment. Final adjournment is at 4:30 P.M.

Storance A. Link Clerk Julius Peterson Chairman

July 26, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Commission^{ers} are shown the brine record through June, a total of 527 loads having been hauled as follows: 79 loads from Liquid Dustlayer in Manistee; 42 loads from Sauble Wells; 238 loads from Dow; 143 loads from Millers (free) and 25 loads from Sippy (free). Most of the free brine was used on the State Highway, 105 loads from Millers, and 14 loads from Sippy; 47 loads from various sources went on Construction Projects, and 68½ loads went on Primary roads; 292½ loads went on Local Roads as Maint. 189½ of this amount was from Dow; 60½ from Manistee; 32 from Sauble, 8½ from Miller's and 2 from Sippy.

168 loads of brine must be used to equal the advance payment now outstanding on the Sauble Wells, and thus far only 42 loads have been ~~admx~~ hauled out this year. The Sauble brine deal with W. A. Pratt is explained to Comr. Voss and Mgr. Abrahamson who were not here at the time the deal was made.

Mgr. reports that he has contacted Wadel and Marek (both overdue Accounts Receivable accounts) and both have made vague promises to pay.

Mgr. reports that the used culvert has now been brought up from Ludington. Also, reports that Ken Stephens surveyed the property involved in the Monton-Beard controversy, and the fence was on Monton's property.

Commission and Mgr. left at 11:30 A.M. for lunch and to go to the Jones Pit and Sauble Wells, and other locations.

Storance A. Link Clerk Julius Peterson Chairman

Aug. 2, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of the July 26th meeting were read and approved as read.

Carl Christensen, was in to see about a culvert tube which goes cornerwise across the road between Section 20 and 29 of Eden Twp. This needs replacing, but Mgr. tells him they probably cannot do this right away.

Discussion on the cost of repairing Stiles road; cost thru May was approx. \$20,000. and nothing has been done on it since that time except minor patching. The cost of the sand is not yet figured in as engineer has not given clerk the figures on the amount used, but manager says it is approx. 20,000 yards at 2¢ per yard.

Discussion on the construction program for 1963-1964 and 1965 and Comr. Voss thinks the Chauvez Rd. should take precedence over the Millerton Rd. as it has much more traffic and is in bad shape. Mgr. says as soon as they get through with the grading on 1 mile of the Millerton Rd. , they will get started on the Chauvez Road.

Discussion regarding request of Hamlin Twp. Supervisor Leo Sobanski on patching road where Towns trucks made a hole in the blacktop. He wanted Towns billed for this work via the township. Commissioners are not in favor of this, as this was just a soft spot in the road.

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Sobanski also wanted the Nurnberg road in Grant Twp. brined a second time, and says Hamlin Twp. will pay for the brine. Commissioners are against this also until a policy has been established where all will pay for the brine.

Discussion on fairgrounds work which has to be paid for if done. Comr. Voss questions payment of \$81.95 mentioned to him by Bob Hesselund. Clerk informs him that was for Auto Races on the 3rd and 4th of July 1961, and nothing to do with the fair itself.

Commissioners and Mgr. adjourn for lunch and afterwards visit the Piney Ridge road where hole in blacktop is viewed; visit Nurnberg Road, and also the Beyers road by Sutherland's where the Wm. Groh's are questioning why the road commission does not maintain the hill beyond Sutherlands. Mgr. says county road ends at the elm tree on the east side of the road about a third of the way down the first hill, but that maintenance of the culvert at the bottom of the hill has been done by us altho' it is beyond the county road proper. (Clerk notified the Groh's of this the same date and they talked with Engr. Lunde, who confirmed what the clerk told them, that if anything were done about it, it would have to originate with the Twp.)

Commission decided to meet on the 4th of September for signing of payroll checks and bills, and then proceed to the convention at Cadillac. Clerk to make reservations for the 4th and 5th of Sept. for three commissioners, manager and engineer.

Commissioners adjourned upon motion by Lz Gamertsfelder, at 4:20 P.M., seconded by Voss and confirmed by Peterson.

Lawrence A. Lunde
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Aug. 5, 1963 - REGular meeting held with all commissioners present. Mgr. Abrahmsen on vacation for one week, Engr. Lunde present at this meeting. Chairman signs payroll checks and ~~like~~ vouchers in the amount of \$33,879.51 were reviewed, approved and signed by the board; included in this amount was the payment for the Koehring crane.

Minutes of the Aug. 2nd meeting are read and approved with correction by Comr. Voss regarding starting of work on the Chauvez Rd. Also, Comr. Voss requests that the reason for patching of hole on Piney Ridge Road be recorded as a 'soft spot in the road, rather than just wheel damage by Towns trucks. (Minutes of Aug. 2nd were corrected before entry in this minutes book.)

The July Gasoline and Diesel fuel report by Stockclerk brought to the attention of the commission regarding the shortages in both materials. Gasoline is 364 gallons short, which is 2.4% of total amount handled and within the allowable 3%, however, the diesel fuel is 345 gallon short, or 9.4% of the total amount and way beyond a reasonable percentage. This is the first time that diesel fuel has been short in this great an amount, and stock-clerk cannot account for same. He also raised the question of why it is necessary for the night grease man to take 2 hours each night, to take 35 gallon of fuel oil out to the employee who is heating tar, or the fact that it costs \$6.30 to deliver \$4.20 worth of fuel.

Engr. Lunde is instructed to have new loop welded onto cover of underground tank, ~~and~~ which prevented the tank from being locked; and to arrange to have the steel storage shed doors fixed so that they can be shut and locked; diesel fuel dilemma not solved *Lunde*

Chairman ~~xxx~~ received telephone call from William VanDuzer who is attorney representing a group of Lakewood Drive people. He wants to meet with the x commission, but says he cannot come up in the morning so an appointment is made with him for 2 P.M. Engr. and Commission go to lunch and return at 2 P.M.

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At this time a group of Lakewood Drive residents have also assembled for this meeting, the following persons being present: - Mrs. Patricia Schulz, Eva M. McCumber, Mrs. Peter Garofalo, Loretta P. Ostrander, Mrs. Paul Wilbur, Agnes B. Roche, Martha A. Fleetwood, Vanetta J. Charpie, Sally Ann Michels, Mohlon W. Lambert, Henry Petersen, Peter C. Garofalo, P. Wilman Danielson, ~~and~~ Walter Bonser and Attorney Van Duzer.

Mr. VanDuzer tells the commission that he and his clients recognize the fact that the law gives them the right to change the name of the road, however, it must not be done arbitrarily, but their reasons must have foundation. Mr. VanDuzer says the fact that these people who live on this road were not given a chance to express themselves BEFORE this action was taken, and they were informed via the press and radio that this was the way it was going to be. Why, if a change was necessary because of confusion, were not the residents of this road given a chance to express a choice of a change in the name.

Comr. Voss tells VanDuzer he does not like his inference that it was a 'snap decision' that VanDuzer does not know how much discussion was held on it. VanDuzer says that since the road was never named Jebavy Road, the legal name therefore is Lakewood Drive and has been so for at least 14 years, and if there was as much confusion as they now claim, why was it not brought up in the past 14 years. VanDuzer claimed to have a letter from Sheriff saying they hadn't had any trouble with the name, but couldn't produce it. Each person present is then given a chance to tell why they want the name Lakewood Drive retained.

VanDuzer says if it is confusion they are worried about, how about the confusion which might result from the name Jebavy Road being so near and similar to Jagger Road. Duplication and confusion is a legitimate reason for name change of a road, but they must not act arbitrarily and specific cases of confusion would have to be cited.

Van Duzer reads the petitions asking for the change in the name, and as such they definitely requested it as a memorial to a man which is not a legitimate or acceptable reason.

Van Duzer asks Chairman Peterson if he would be willing to work with a committee of the citizens living on this road to arrive at a satisfactory solution? Also he asks, "Will you hold back any physical change until this committee has worked out something?"

Chairman Peterson says that Hamlin Supervisor Sobanski told him that if a vote were taken on it, 90 per cent of his Twp would vote for Jebavy Drive. Walter Bonser said, "What difference does it make to those who are not living on it?" Van Duzer asks if it would be in the interest of the county to have an injunction served. He says there are two things to do, forget about it or go to the board of supervisors. He says the people who live on this road should be the ones to be considered in the matter.

After a brief consultation, Comr. Voss says they were talking about taking a two week period to think this over and then will notify VanDuzer as to composition of a committee to work on this. VanDuzer says a thirty day period would even be satisfactory to his group as long as something constructive is being done on the matter. The attorney and Lakewood residents leave, and after more discussion among the commission, they decide to meet again on the 9th of Aug. to take this under consideration again.

Motion by Voss and supported by Camertsfelder, to adjourn at 4 P.M. sharp.

Therence A. Hamlin
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Aug. 9, 1963 - Special meeting held to discuss the Lakewood Drive problem. All commissioners present, together with Engr. Lunde, and Clerk. Mgr. Abrahamson still on vacation.

Minutes of the Aug. 5th meeting were read and approved as read. Comr. Gamertsfelder thought his remarks to Attorney Van Duzer regarding a ruse in rounding up the Lakewood Drive residents whereas the commission had only agreed to meet with Van-Duzer at 2 P.M. should be of record. Comr. Gam. said "That was a dirty trick, Bill" and VanDuzer replied that he had only made one phone call after talking with Commissioner Peterson.

Engr. Lunde reports that gas tank loop has been installed and the storage barn door problem is being worked on. He suggests that doors be cut off to allow for the build-up of snow and ice in the winter. Commission feels that even if this is done there should be something on the bottom of the doors that would at least leave some evidence if removed for illegal entry.

Engr. presents agreement forms received signed by Riverton Twp. for the work to be done on the Anthony Road, from Brye to Morton Roads, bet. Sec. 20 & 29 for grading, drainage and gravel surfacing in preparation for future blacktop paving. Motion by Gamertsfelder and supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, to accept and sign the above described agreement.

Letter received from Rep. Hans Rasmussen thanking the commission for inviting him to their recent meeting at Northport, Leelanau County.

Request from James Cartier, Ludington City Mgr. for a meeting of his city street committee with the road commission regarding the street pattern in area northeast of US-1 and Washington Avenue (Johnson Road) This meeting is tentatively set for 10 A.M. on August 16th.

Engr. reads letter from Michigan State Hwy. Dept. whereas contract counties are permitted to reduce their property damage coverage in current Maint. Contract from \$100,000. to \$20,000. at their next renewal. Insurance rates are noted and this premium being only \$2.53 on this item, reduction would be unnecessary.

Engr. brings up matter of Monton-Beard controversy. Comr. Voss says to find out if we are in actual possession of that road and if not leave it alone as we would be trespassing.

Edw. Larsen came out to talk about the steel barn situation regarding the orderly storage of grader blades and shop steel which is stored there. Ed. suggests a new rack for the shop steel for the purpose of better inv. and also as a safety feature. Suggestion by Engr. re construction of a new building to house the oil barrels per insurance company requirements and shop steel could be housed in the same building.

Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder and confirmed by Peterson to officially authorize Edward Larsen to go ahead with the work he wants done on racks for the blades and shop steel as an immediate remedy while new bldg. is being considered.

Engr. Lunde is asked for his suggestion on where such a building as he mentioned for storage of oil should be and he said on the west end of the building next to the shop. Commission says to go ahead and figure on some actual plans for this building. With approval of insurance company this would be built against the present shop wall.

Chairman Peterson asked how many of Edw. Larsen's recommendations regarding inventory items and the accounting thereof, have been carried out. Larsen said, "Some, but he has not actually counted them." Chairman Peterson says one thing which was not carried out was bringing in all the snow fence as was recommended, it is an eyesore in the county, especially that which is still in the field in very bad condition.

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Chairman then asks if there are any new ideas on the Lakewood Road name change controversy:- (1) Gamertsfelder suggests waiting a year before signs are put up.

(2) Peterson says, "It is going to be Jebavy Drive as far as I am concerned".

(3) Commr. Voss says he is not in favor of continuing the name Lakewood Drive, but he does feel there is an amicable solution to the problem if they are just able to find it. He would prefer a softer answer than at present.

Clerk is instructed to call Sheriff Anderson to see if he and the Fire Chief Art Lang could come up and talk over the confusion angle with them. Anderson says that he is rather tied down today on account of Maxwell Street Day parade, and special traffic problems. Chairman Peterson then instructs clerk to arrange with Sheriff Anderson and Fire Chief Lange to come up on August 16th in the afternoon for said discussion, and request them to bring information regarding specific incidents where confusion has resulted because of the names Lakewood and Lakeshore Drive being similar.

Commission and Engr. leave for lunch, and Engr. Lunde reports to clerk that the board adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Florence J. Lunde
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Aug. 16, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with Engr., Mgr. and Clerk. Also present at this meeting were City of Ludington's Mgr., James Cartier; Mayor C. Evert Johnson, City Comrs. Peter Copeyon and Walter Larsen.

Chairman announces the purpose of this joint meeting, requests clerk to read the resolution sent to the road commission by the Ludington commission regarding the work they would like to have done at the Sixth Street intersection. Since this work would be under the jurisdiction of the State Hwy. Dept. it will be necessary to contact the regarding this request. Mgr. Cartier said Dow did not seem to feel inclined to share in the cost of this Sixth Street improvement program because it is not their problem and it is not their equipment which travels this route. Engr. Lunde says when Long of the Highway Traffic Div. comes in to talk to Mgr. Abrahamson and then comes down to see Mgr. Cartier, the plans should be over-lapping and agreeable. Chairman Peters says he would like to see this on the program for next year. Cartier asks if they should report back to road commission as to what they come up with as a solution. Chairman Peterson says he thinks that would be the proper procedure.

Also discussed was the street pattern to be developed for the area northeast of the US-10 and Washington Avenue area. Since improvement of this area involves the Twp. of P.M., the City Mgr. indicated that they will arrange a meeting with P.M. Twp. Bd. at an early date. Engr. Lunde says there should be a pattern established so as to know where the new subdivisions will be going in.

Cartier says they will invite the Twp. Bd. to the City Commission meeting and advise them what the requirements would be. City commission should have a street pattern plan and Road Commission should have a road pattern plan.

After city representatives have departed, Chairman Peterson mentions that he thinks the road commission should be present at the meeting with the Twp. Bd. and requests that Mgr. call Cartier and request that road commissioners be included in this meetin

Mgr. says Beard-Monton controversy is active again and that Beard has given Monton ten days to get the fence out of the road. Engr. Lunde surveyed this in 1932. PWA dug the ditch by hand, and Monton bulldozed it shut; this ditch has been closed about five years (per Gamertsfelder). This road is still in certification and has not been abandoned, per Mgr. Commission says to get in touch with Pros. Attorney and see what status is on this situation.

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Sheriff Edw. Anderson met with commission after their return from meeting with Fire Chief Lange at the Municipal Building in Ludington. Comr. Voss tells Anderson that Rdg. Comm. must have specific incidents with dates and names, etc. to support claims of confusion in the road names Lakeshore and Lakewood Drive. Also asks Anderson about the letter which VanDuzer claims Anderson gave his clients saying that the similarity of names did not cause confusion and he didn't care what the name of the road was.

Anderson says it is his personal opinion only that it should be Jebavy Road, but this is NOT an opinion coming from the Office of the Sheriff's Department. Anderson says to find out from Lange about an incident in the past two weeks where they were late to a fire due to confusion in directions.

When commissioners were talking with Mr. Lange, he said that if directions were originally given wrong on a call, the records were corrected after the call was made, therefore it would not be possible to spot these wrong direction cases now. Fire Chief Art Lange cited incidents of confusion but not definite dates, except one which appeared in the Daily News recently. However, he says two of the firemen will testify in regard to this confusion if it is necessary.

Mgr. reports that some fellow approached him wanting to buy the D-6 bulldozer, but he did not make any offer.

Clerk asks about culvert policy as now on record, in regard to culvert installed on July 18th on the Sorenson property on Scottville Road, designated on the job sheet as being "across from the St. Mary's Lake Road." The labor involved with this installation was charged to Primary Maintenance on the Job sheet #194; charged to Eden Local Maint. (drg) by D. McFarland who delivered the 20 ft. of 12 inch tube to the location of installation; and charged to Primary Construction Project No. P-763 by the Motorgrader Operator W. Englebrecht, altho' this installation was over a mile from the construction job. No charge was made for the tube which would amount to \$39.40.

In view of the inconsistency of these charges for the same operation, and in view of the recent confusion in recording an Accounts Receivable work job as S-162/B Local Constr. - blacktop - when it was a grading job to be paid for by the Sargent Sand Co., clerk felt entitled to ask for explanation and assurance that correct charges would be made in the future. Mgr. Abrahamson informed Clerk that 'it was none of her business how the charges were recorded BEFORE they reached her office'. Clerk is therefore relieved of all responsibility herewith, in regard to charges being correct, as long as they are posted as received by her.

In regard to the continuing controversy on road name change, Chairman says have VanDuzer and two of his clients come up Tuesday at 2 P.M. Mgr. says he will make this contact as he wants to talk to VanDuzer. Sheriff Anderson mentioned that he heard a meeting was taking place on Monday, Aug. 19, 1963, between VanDuzer and his Lakewood Drive clients.

Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder, at 3:50 P.M. to adjourn the meeting.

Flora L. A. Clerk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Aug. 20, 1963 - Regular commission meeting held with all commissioners present, also 449
Mgr. and Clerk. Minutes of Aug. 16 read and approved as read. Minutes regarding
the culvert at Sorenson's thoroughly discussed and Commissioner Voss says that com-
mission should know about any special concessions made contrary to the culvert polic
It makes it difficult for the commissioners to explain when someone else is turned
down. Mgr. says he did not know about the Sorenson culvert, but at the same time
says he thought it was to be a used culvert to be placed there.

Comrs. Gamertsfelder and Voss bring up the matter of the Lawrence Brower driveway on
the Stiles Road. This driveway is dangerous and Com. Voss says this should be fixed
He says he has brought this up about four times and the commissioners and mgr. were
out there to look at it once.

Chairman signed payroll checks and board reviewed, approved and signed bills in the
amount of \$41,421.17, including payment for the two White Trucks.

At 2 P.M. Attorney VanDuzer, Peter Garfalo and Wilman Danielson appear for a meeting
with the commission on the Lakewood-Jebavy road name matter.

VanDuzer says the law compels them to go to court in view of the hard-nosed attitude
taken by the commission. They would win everything (in other words it would be Lake
wood Drive) or they would lost everything. There may be a reason for a change in
name, but why does it have to be Jebavy. The last 17 years it has been Lakewood
Drive. It is the fault of the county that confusion exists if it does, because there
was no sign put there saying Lakewood Drive. I maintain that they can stand the bur-
den of the change, but the objection was that it was changed as a memorial to a man.

Your sole interest is avoiding confusion, then why not let the people who live on th
road have a voice in its name. VanDuzer asks Comr. Gasmertsfelder how long he has
been a commissioner and Gamertsfelder answers 10 years (actually Comr. Gam. is now
in his 9th year as commission) and VanDuzer says "either you were negligent in your
duty for 10 years or you are not stating the facts. The Road Comm. is not justified
in coming up with this idea all of a sudden.

Gamertsfelder says they were trying to co-operate with the two townships who request
ed the change.

Garfalo says, "They also rescinded their request and you haven't said anything about
that. When they found out the facts about how the people who lived on it felt, they
rescinded it."

Commission says, the board did that, not the supervisors. Van Duzer asks what com-
promise they figure they have given the aggrieved people involved. Gamertsfelder
says the compromise is the time we are giving for the change to take effect. (Comr
had previously offered them until April to make the change, but they had reject this
VanDuzer says, we came up here to fight the change. Two things you will have to
prove, in a court of law, that there is a duplicity, another Lakewood Drive, or if
you can show confusion. After 17 years of it being Lakewood Drive, you can't prove
that. Will you be willing to work with a committee on the re-naming of this road.
This proposal for a change was done after it was asked for by Mr. Voss. How are you
going to feel afterwards, when we take it to court and win the case.

Chairman Peterson says we will then know what the rights of the road commissioner are
Gamertsfelder says there is just as much pressure for the name to stay Jebavy, and
VanDuzer asks, Where is this pressure coming from, when more than 90% of the people
who live on that road want it to remain Lakewood Drive. Gamertsfelder says that he
talked to A. E. Johnson, former County Clerk, and he says it never should have been
changed in the first place.

Why do you stick to that name? What commitment do you have to that name, asks Van
Duzer? Gamertsfelder says VanDuzer is only interested monetarily in this case, and
VanDuzer says, "No one is going to get fat off the fee in this case." Then VanDuzer
follows this with remark "Somebody around here is getting fat off Jebavy or they
wouldn't stick with that name." Commissioner Voss jumps to his feet and shakes his
finger at VanDuzer and says, "You better be prepared to prove that." Comr. Gamerts-
felder also voices his resentment at this remark. (At this point Mgr. returns to
commission table from downstairs, alarmed at the trend of the conversation."

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Danielson then tries to impose a calm upon the group and says, "Let's calm down now, bot sides are talking in anger, and we can never get anything straightened out that way."

VanDuzer says, If this is the attitude of our county officials, then it is useless to sit here any longer. What is the real pressure behind you to use the name of Jebavy Drive.

Voss says, it is up to us to pick the name and we can't see why it should not be Jebavy Road.

VanDuzer again asks if they are willing to work with a committee on this problem, and Chairman says he doesn't know of anything that can be done. VanDuzer suggests a vote be taken by the commission on action to be taken. Chairman says he can't vote because he is Chairman. Gamertsfelder says, "Leave it the way it is." Voss says, "It will stay th way."

VanDuzer says, You have it in your ability to prevent a law-suit and you are shirking your duty. Commission says they have plenty of evidence of confusion.

Garfalo says if it goes to court, there will be a lot of smelly information going out ~~for~~ from it.

VanDuzer says any point beyond the removal of the confusion should be the point of compromise. The people who live there and use that name everyday should be represented and considered. And if you are a true representative of this county, you will consider their feelings in the matter. VanDuzer reads the original resolution to commission and says i is a memorial proposal. You will have to hold yourselves responsible for the litigation and fight. VanDuzer and clients then leave.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, that Chairman sign the CORRECTED statement o values on the insurance with Smith and Eddy, thru' Fireman's Fund Ins. Co. This state- ment of values was in error on the main building by a shortage of \$2,000. which had been taken off to put on equipment and materials in the open. The insurance company would not allow this because this amount was not 90% of the total value of articles in the open, but this amount was never restored to the main storage building. This statement of values restored this and was signed by the Chairman. Orig. was retained for file and two copies sent to Robt. Smith of Smith and Eddy, one copy which he promise to have receipted and returned to us. Smith could not produce copy he claimed was signed in January 1963 at time of renewal.

Motion made by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, that meeting be adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

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Clerk

Julius D. Voss

Chairman

7th mtg on Aug 23rd.

Aug. 30, 1963 - Regular meeting of commissioners held with all present, together with Mgr. and Clerk. Minutes of the Aug. 20th meeting were read and approved as read.

Mgr. then advised commission regarding the Brower culvert on the Stiles Road. mentioned in the previous minutes, superintendent went out to look the situation over. There are two culverts there now, one is an 18" culv. and the other a 30" culv. The 18" one will be replaced by a 24" culv. and some headwalls will also be put in.

A sealed bid was received from Bert Butterfield for the painting of the road commission building. Before the bid is opened, Mgr. advises commission that in his discussion regarding this work with Butterfield, he has advised him that the entire charge will be under \$1,000., but that due to much work ahead he is doubtful if he can get around to do anymore than the front of the building this fall.

The bid was then opened and found to read: - "I will paint the outside of Road Commission Bldg., all cement, all windows, all doors and trim; use Sherwin-Williams Paints - Labor \$600. - Paint - \$400. making a total of \$1,000. /s/ Bert T. Butterfield, P.O. Box 232, Walhalla. (I will paint the front only, complete, paint and labor, \$600.00)

Some discussion among commissioners and mgr. as to just what surface he means by the front, and also as to how many coats of paint he will apply for this price. Mgr. is to check these things before decision is made on the job.

Mgr. has letter from Prosecuting Attorney regarding the Monton-Beard controversy over a road in Summit Twp. between their properties. He suggests that we have a hearing on this. Have Prosecuting Attorney to write notice of hearing and to set date for same so that he can be here.

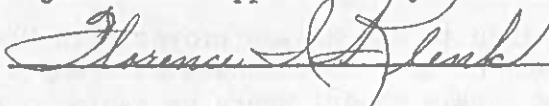
Mgr. tells commission that a couple of hitches are needed for the White trucks for snow-plows. Bid from Contractors Machinery Co. at \$395.00 each. Motion made by Vo supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Peterson, to buy two hitches from the Contractors Machinery Co.

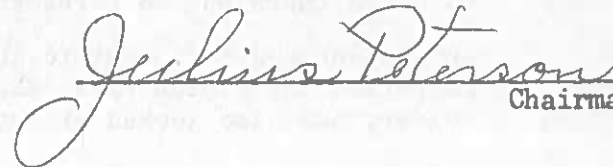
Mgr. also has letter from William Stapleton, former Pros. Attorney, regarding the closing of Second Street in Hamlin Lake resort. Stapleton wants to close this by reason of non-usage as there is no road there, and give the property equally to each of the owners on either side of same. This has never been certified as a county rd from 1937 to 1940, nor in the certification of 1951 per Engineer R. E. Lunde.

Mgr. and Commissioners go to lunch and after lunch pick up Edward Larsen and go to the Crystal Lake site where Amber Twp. is making a park and there is some question about a road there. Mgr. reports that this matter was tabled by the Amber Board until their township meeting in April 1964.

Mgr. also reports commission made inspection of the Millerton Road. Decided that Chairman only come in on Sept. 4th to sign payroll checks, and then adjourn to go to Northern Association convention at Cadillac.

Adjourned at approximately 4:00 P.M.


Clerk


Chairman

ADA700

Sept. 13, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, also mgr. and clerk.

Elmer Nelson is present to show the commission a tentative plat drawing of Larchwood Shores Subdiv. Sec. 33, T 19 N, R 18 W, Hamlin Twp. Comm. will meet him at this site at 2 P.M. this date.

Minutes of the Aug. 30th meeting were read and approved as read. Only the Chairman came in on the 4th of Sept. to sign the payroll checks so there were no minutes for that date. Commission left at noon for the convention at Cadillac.

Read new bid from Bert Butterfield that he will do the front and east end of building this fall. Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Peterson to have Butterfield go ahead with this arrangement to paint the front and east end this fall \$700. and the remainder of the building will be done in the spring for \$300.

Gamertsfelder voices complaint from Mrs. Christensen on Peterson Road about the patching at the corner of this road and Victory Drive. Ray Pappé is complaining about the Mortar Road south of Chauvez Rd., and the corner by the Joe Rodriguez place north of the Chauvez Road should be checked to see if a tube is necessary.

Chairman requests that an adv. be put in the paper asking for coal bids to be opened the 4th of October.

Mgr. says it is his personal opinion that we owe the amount billed by the Allied Truck Co. for items covered by Invoice A-5163 dated 7/31/63 - control valve and hose and quick coupler for snow-plow on two New White Trucks, Labor to install - \$30.00; parts-\$88.34; a total of \$118.34. Motion made by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder, confirmed by Peterson, that this extra bill be paid in view of what was asked for after the bid was accepted without this arrangement.

Discussion on the work requested by County Clerk for a truck to dispose of the records recently declared obsolete by the Historical Commission. Joe O'Farrell was sent down there with a dump truck and instead of the one load expected to accomplish this, it was necessary for him to haul 4 loads as well as help load this junk. He had to go down there two days, 4 hours the first day and 3 hours the next. Mgr. said he had cleared this with the commission, but only Chairman Peterson knew about it before it was ~~done~~ done. No charge was to be made for this work altho' auditors say all other county departments should be charged for any work done for them. Clerk asks by Rd. Com. should pay \$2.25 to have an easement recorded with Register of Deeds and then donate work to them. Voss says this is a good question to bring up at the annual meeting.

Letter is read from Geo. Hallard from Sauble Resort, asking permission to build an overpass from his resort to the beach as he is losing business on account of the speeding cars past his resort.

Discussion on the work done by superintendent on Sept. 6th for the Branch Townhall without the authority of the Board. This work was read about in the Ludington Daily News in a report by the Branch Twp. Bd. but no request had ever come to the board for this work and there was no agreement made on it.

Commission and Mgr. went to lunch and then to the Nelson property in Hamlin Twp. Also inspected the Pineau Plat, the complaint of Mrs. Christensen as relayed by Comr. Gamertsfelder, and also looked at the Hallard Sauble Resort where he wants to put the overpass.

Adjourned.


Clerk


Chairman

Sept. 20, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, also clerk and mgr.

Comr. Gamertsfelder reports that the former dump road in Amber Twp. is being questioned again by Supervisor Hubbell who previously requested this road to be closed on account of the danger of people running into the cable which is across dump. (Comrs. previously voted to close this road, and abandon same, and later rescinded this action because it would close access to County Road property.)

Checks signed by Chairman and bills were reviewed, approved and signed by the commission in the amount of \$8,532.28.

William Lange from the Mason County Sheriff's Department served summons on the three commissioners for appearance in court on September 26, 1963, in regard to the hearing on change of name of Lakewood Drive to Jebavy Drive.

William Schanals, salesman for V-bottom trailers is present. Commissioner Voss mentions that he had heard the Conservation Dept. at Gaylord had an Oakkosh Truck for sale; this is rather vague information as to age of the truck which is not known, but claimed to have about 11,000 miles on it; and can be purchased for \$1,000. or less.

Elmer Nelson in regarding his plat in Hamlin, called Larchwood Shore Subdivision.

Minutes of Sept. 13th are read and approved with minor corrections regarding the locations of complaints brought in by Commissioner Gamertsfelder. (these corrections were made in the Sept. 13th minutes when entered in book from rough draft)

After lunch the hearing on the Monton-Beard controversy is held with all commissioners present, Mgr. Clerk, Mr. Paul Monton, Supervisor Charles Stewart of Summit Twp., Drain Comr. T. H. Caldwell, William Beard and his attorney, John Claire, and Robert Beard, son of William Beard, and also Mr. Beard's grandson, name unknown.

(A tape recording was made of this discussion and is on file for detailed reference.) The following is a brief summary of this hearing: -

Attorney Claire states that approximately six years ago, the road in Summit Twp. (.17 of a mile located in Section 31, known as the Benedict Road, was closed off by Mr. Monton who put up a fence. He suggests that the road commission go out and survey this road. A drain was established there and Claire says his client Mr. Beard objects to the closing of the drain.

Mr. Beard wants the road restored to its original status as it was before the action by Monton. Monton maintains that the Drain Commission told him to go ahead and close it and get the water down there.

Beard says he wants the ditch back where it was. He has been there 33 years and had that road there and wants it that way and no one should try and get him out of there. He says Monton said he owned ~~and~~ the road and Beard didn't have anything to say about it. Beard says he wants the road opened up or the ditch back down the length of the whole 1/4 mile.

Commissioners agree that this should be surveyed by Engr. Lunde, and a meeting held later when definite information on this situation is available. The hearing was adjourned, but Mr. Stewart and Mr. Caldwell remained for other business.

Mr. Stewart then presents to the commissioners some questions he has about some road work he wants done in Summit Twp.; some discussion on extension of Montgomery Blvd. this involve ~~crossing~~ crossing the Archie Walters property and Twp. is having Leonard Cavigan, Attorney, look into this and then Twp. will let road commission know; he also mentions work they want on the Anthony Road, this has been estimated at \$13,000. but they only have \$8000. available for this work.

Motion made by Voas, supported by Gamertsfelder to adjourn at 5:00 P.M.

Lawrence A. Lunde
Clerk

William Peterson
Chairman

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Sept. 27, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, also Mgr. Clerk not present in A.M. due to misunderstanding re necessity of working on Harvest Festival Friday, since crew was off as a NON-work day.

Morning activities reported to clerk by Mgr.: -

1. Frank L. Jones in about the gravel in Section 2(b) of the lease which was to be removed within 5 years from around the area where the cottages are. Wants to arrange a meeting with Rd. Comm. for Oct. 4th. Should get in touch with Jones on the 3rd to remind him of this meeting.
2. Jack Pineau in regarding plat called Walhalla Main Branch Subdiv. of the P.M. River. Commissioners want Pineau to put a turn-a-round at the end of Scenic Lane and stabilize the hill on this same road and also on Pleasant View Trail.
3. Elmer Nelson in regarding Larchwood Shores Subdiv. regarding road between Piney Ridge and his Subdiv. The Road Commrs. recommended widening it further to the north then it is now to keep it inside the county right-of-way. Nelson agreed to do this. Road Commissioners and Mgr. visited this location the A.M. of 9/27/63.

Comr. Voss reminded Mgr. of a hole in the Shagway Road; this was brought to his attention by someone during the hearing on 9/26/63 at the courthouse. They stated that there had been a flag in this hole for a month.

Clerk present in the P.M., at which time the gasoline and fuel oil bids were opened. These were scheduled for 11 A.M. but no one appeared for the opening and bids were locked in the Clerk's room. Bids were received as follows: -

	GASOLINE	DIESEL		
		No. 1	No. 2	Dual
1. Cities Service Oil Co.	12.2¢ 1%--10 da.			
2. Crystal Refining Co.	13.17¢ 1%-30 da.			
3. Farmers Petroleum Co-op.	12.95¢ Net 10 da.	12.9¢	11.9¢	11.9¢
		(all net 10 days)		
4. Leonard Refineries, Inc.	12.2¢ 1% 30 da.	12.4¢	(1% 30 da) no bid on No. 2 or dual	
5. Mobil Oil Co.	11.67 1% 30 da.			
6. Naph-Sol Refining Co.	12.69¢ 1% 10 da.			
7. Osceola Refining Co.	13.63¢ 1% 10 da.			
8. Sinclair Refining Co.	12.25¢ 1% 30 da.	12.3¢	11.3¢	
		(both Net 30 da. no bid on dual)		
9. G. L. Slaggert & Son Oil Co.	14.25¢ net 30 da.	12.5¢	11.5¢	
10. Standard Oil Co.	12.00¢ 1% 30 da.	(both Net 30 da. no bid on dual)		
10. Standard Oil Co.	12.00¢ 1% 30 da.	(no bid on No. 1 & No. 2)		
11. Texaco Inc.	11.99¢ 1% 10 da. net 30 da.	11.58¢	-1% 30 days on dual.	
12. Blarney Castle Oil Co.	15.00¢ net 30 da.	12.6¢	11.6¢	no bid
		(Net 30 days)		

Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder and confirmed by Peterson, to accept the low bid on gasoline made by the Mobil Oil Co. at 11.67 per gallon, with terms of 1% 30 days. This was accepted as a FIRM bid for the six months period. Clerk to request clarification of conflicting information on bid form, stamped on was notice of privilege of cancellation if price should change, but typed on the bottom of the form was the guarantee of a firm price for the six months period.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, to accept the low bid of the Standard Oil Co. to furnish a manufactured dual purpose fuel (their Premier) for the price of 11.58¢ per gallon, with terms of 1% 30 days.

Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss to adjourn at 2:30 P.M. to attend Harvest Festival.

Flarence Hunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Oct. 4, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with clerk and manager.

Edward Larsen, Equipment Expense Accounting Clerk, presented a sketch of an addition to be considered for extension on metal storage building for storage of some \$8000. worth of small equipment now left out in the open. Chairman Peterson tells Larsen to look further into the costs on this building and see that it is carried through. (Comr. Voss had not yet arrived when this sketch was discussed and has not yet seen same).

Clerk read the minutes of the Sept. 20th and 27th which were approved as read, and also read the letter from the Soil Conservation Dept. regarding meeting on Oct. 8th at the State Bank Bldg., at which they would like a representative ~~xxx~~ from the Road Commission. Mgr. Abrahamson is authorized to attend this meeting and see what the problems and plans are for this work in the Black Creek area. (Mgr. did not attend.)

Mgr. reports that he and Draftsman Joe Borsfay, and Drain Comr. Caldwell went out and surveyed the road in the Monton-Beard controversy. Mgr. says he can see where that water should run down on Beard. Profile of this 897' of road was made and will be studied for later decision.

Clerk asks what reply should be made to Geo. Hallard re overpass he wants to build at Sauble Resort from his cottages to the beach for safety purposes. The commission and manager have looked at this situation and do not consider the overpass to be a practical idea. Clerk instructed to write Hallard a letter advising him that (1) no supports could be on the R.O.W. and the span would therefore have to be at least 66'. (2) The overpass would have to be 14' above the road; (3) The Road Comm. would have to be freed of any liability during construction and operation of same thereafter; (4) he would have to submit to the Rd.Comm any plan he might contemplate for this overpass.

Coal bids opened at 11 A.M., only two bids received: - Walter Beyers, of Beyer and Thompson - \$14.05; 13.90 and 13.55 per ton; Hawley and Son - \$13.15 per ton. Motion made by Voss and supported by Gamertsfelder and confirmed by Peterson that the coal be purchased from L. A. Hawley and Son at a price of \$13.15 per ton. (This was later verified by the Mgr. by a phone call to HAWLEY that this was a DELIVERED price)

Mgr. presents estimate for P.M. Twp. for Sun Ray Sub. on Jebavy Drive on east side of Johnson Road; between Hazelwood and King Drive, they want that knob off and use the dirt for the intersections. This estimate is \$1,265.; grading \$285.00 and gravelling 350 yards at \$2.80 per yard, \$980.

Discussion of accounts owing by Wadel and HENry Marek. Mgr. says he will stop and see Marek, but prospects from Wadel seem dim, should take the culvert out. Chairman says to send Marek a notice of the balance due from him.

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

Flarence Hunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

ADA700

Oct. 11, 1963 - Regular meeting held with Commissioners Peterson and Gamertsfelder present with clerk and mgr. Comr. Voss absent this date.

Robt. Smith of Smith and Eddy Agency, in regarding renewal of insurance on buildings and contents, wants from now until first of year to submit this to inspection bureau; presents statement of values to be signed by the Chairman. These values total \$189,325.00, and are the same as 1963 coverage after restoration of \$2,000. was made on the metal storage building. Motion made by Gamertsfelder for the Chairman to sign this statement.

Smith is asked if Engr. Lunde has gotten in touch with him regarding the oil storage shed which was discussed sometime ago, and there was a question whether or not the insurance company would allow this to be built against the shop wall of if there ~~there~~ would have to be a double wall. Engr. is summoned for further discussion of this building, as to its size, whether there would an entrance from the main building, or would there be an outside entrance, and whether there were to be heat in same; Engr. and Smith retire to downstairs office to view Engr.'s ideas. No further information on this given for record.

Minutes of the Oct. 4, 1963 meeting were read and approved as read.

Mgr. gets telephone call from Drain Comr. Caldwell who wants to get all interested parties together again regarding the Monton-Beard controversy. Commissioners think the meeting should be in road commission office.

Mgr. asks about some tree removal work they want to do in Hamlin Twp. on maintenance. This work was not requested by Hamlin Twp and supposedly is for the purpose of improving snow-plowing conditions on the Beaune Road.

Elmer Nelson is in regarding this Larchwood Subdiv. which he says is now ready for the inspection of the commission. Commission says they will look at this after lunch this date.

Mgr. shows commissioners preliminary plat of Ben Brown property which is in Summit Twp Section 36, on Bass Lake.

Mgr. reports that screen is moving up to Jones Pit today. Report regarding visit to Jones Pit on Oct. 4th; property owners reportedly will give Road Commission a lease to get the gravel from under the lots and this gravel will be 'free of charge'.

Reconvened ~~at~~ at 4:30 P.M. to sign the Elmer Nelson Plat. Commission reports that work at the Nelson plat was very satisfactory, far better than expected.

Commission wants Yeager Pit Stockpile gravel used up.

Engineer to get estimate for Amber Twp. on gravelling Brye Road; First Street, and the Decker Road.

Motion made by Gamertsfelder to adjourn at 5:00 P.M.

Herence H. Hunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Oct. 18, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present; also manager & clerk. Commissioner Voss who was absent the previous meeting signed the Elmer Nelson plat in Hamlin and Nelson was present to get same.

Harold Walters and Fred Walker were present to ask about renting the seaman-pulvi mixer to work up some acreage that Walters has next to the Harry Barre property in Branch Twp. Chairman Peterson does not favor the renting of road commission equipment in competition with contractors. Walters says no-one he has been able to contact has such equipment as he wants. Commissioner Voss says he thinks the Conservation Dept. would have more suitable equipment for this purpose. Walters and Walker are to see Bob Amsterburg of the Conservation Dept.

Roy Pittard and Hiram Herrick are in to see about the opening of road ~~back~~ on quarterline in Sec. 27 of Amber Twp. Minutes of Nov. 8, 1955, show that motion was made to allow this road to be closed after legal proceedings were completed, upon request for same ~~was~~ made by Pittard, Herrick, Grassa and Miney. Grassa was the one who wanted it closed and the others went along with it. No further record in minutes as to further action, and road was not taken off certification until 1960. There are buildings on this road but no one living in them, just storage buildings. Pittard says they have not talked with Grassa to know whether or not would oppose the re-opening.

Some citizen comes in to ask if he can get some old snow fence, and is told that we are going to use it.

Chairman reports that Road and Bridge Comm. of the Bd. of Supervisors are coming in Wed. and Thurs., Oct. 23 and 24th, for their annual tour.

Mgr. brings up quotation for repair of bridge rails for the Scottville bridge and the Custer Bridge, from the Anderson Safeway Guard Rail Co. of Flint. This would be around \$1390. for the two bridges. No decision as of this date.

A Mr. Pfefferle, who lives on the north end of Peterson Road to ask for snow-plowing and some work on his road. This is a private road, or rather just a long driveway; used to be the Martin place.

A certified, return receipt requested, letter received containing a petition by residents of the Stiles Road and transmitted by Mrs. Eugene Ray, asking that the speed limit of this road be set at 50 miles per hour. State Police will have to be requested to make a survey of traffic on this road to determine if same is desirable.

Gamertsfelder brings up the matter of a pole line being laid by R.E.A. in Section 12, Riverton Twp., on the Appleton Rd. Question as to its being in road R.O.W.

Mgr. reports that Long and Wetzel who are laying gas-pipeline from Sippy Field, were stopped by the Forestry Service, and they must get a permit from them to continue this work.

Ed Larsen tells commission of the inspection he and Ben Coolman, bridge foreman, made of the Locke Bridge of S. branch of P.M. River. School bus driver reported the bad condition of this bridge and Larsen reports that a close inspection of beams reveals a very dangerous condition existing there. Suggests that all bridge should be thoroughly inspected at least once a year. Chairman Peterson says Roy Sorensen of F. Yeager Bridge Company would be glad to come and advise our two engineers on this.

Mgr. and Commission go to lunch and later inspect this bridge. Commission does not reconvene, but adjourns approximately 4:30 P.M. Mgr. reports to clerk that Wilson Road job time slips are to be adjusted by him to include more of the work done ~~at~~ there which had been charged to maintenance, and also the Sorenson culvert is to be removed. (Mgr. said Monday, Oct. 21, 1963, but later changed this to sometime

Mgr. expects to be absent bird hunting on Monday and Tuesday. Forgot to tell commission.

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Comr. Gamertsfelder reports about Senatorial meeting held at Traverse City on Thurs. Oct. 17th, which was attended by Chairman Peterson, Engr. Lunde and Comr. Gamertsfelder. He states that Clark Neidermeir, Ass't. Dir. of the Co. Rd. Assoc. in Lansing gave a talk on road naming and road name changing, quoting from Act 283 of 1909 and Act. 96 of the Public Acts of 1952, and summing it up he had advised the commission that they had 'done the right thing'.

Lawrence J. Hunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Oct. 25, 1963 - Regular meeting of commission held with Comrs. Peterson and Gamertsfelder present; Voss absent; Mgr. and Clerk, present.

Chairman reports that the two days tour with the Road and Bridge Committee found the roads were in as fine a condition as they had ever been, and such condition was commented upon by the Committee.

Mgr. presents letter dated 9/26/63 from the Local Gov't Unit of the State Hwy Dept. setting forth the criteria meeting only the minimum qualifications for compliance with Act 51 in appointing a County Highway Engr. They inclose a proposed form of resolution and certification for a county hwy. engr, to be used when this certification is submitted next June.

This letter and accompanying materials was read to the commission by the clerk. Chairman Peterson says as far as he can see the only section we are not complying with at the present time is having the engineer attend all commission meetings and he doesn't think it is necessary unless he is needed.

Individual invitations were received by the commission and manager from the City of Ludington, to attend a meeting on Oct. 30, on planning of city development and annexations.

O'Neill of Long and Wetzel Pipeline Co. in to tell commission that their equipment can not fix the ditches along the R.O.W. the way they ought to be. Wants road commission equipment to do this work and bill them. Discussion on this but no definite answer given. Chairman thinks this is alright to do this work for them because it is in connection with our road.

Mgr. speaks about a location north on Hwy. US-31, on the Courtland property north of of Sugar Grove, from which sand is being removed and which would make a nice roadside park site.

Discussion on the petition sent in by residents of the Stiles Road. State Police requested by letter written by Mgr. to make a survey of speed on this road to show necessity for 50 mile speed limit.

Mgr. and Commissioners go to lunch and adjourn at 1:30 P.M.

Lawrence J. Hunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Nov. 1, 1963 - Regular meeting held, present were all three commissioners, manager, engine and clerk.

Engr. presents problem of Summit Twp., whereas they want to make a public street out of Montgomery Blvd in Nagasaki Park and Archie Walters is objecting to this to some extent. Twp. wants Rd. Com. to start condemnation proceedings to obtain this remaining property, and twp. will reimburse road commission for the legal proceedings. The Twp. will also have to finance the whole job of work necessary to make this a public road. Twp. has a lawyer, Walters has a lawyer and Rd. Com. would have to have one.

Chairman Peterson says he would like to go along with this project. Motion made by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss and confirmed by Peterson, to start these condemnation proceedings as soon as a written request is received from the township requesting this action.

Engr. says three things are necessary; a hearing to show necessity; if necessity exists, then buy the property.

Engr. then presents the Akesson Plat which was revised due to rejection by the Auditor General's Dept. when same was submitted as a Supervisor's plat of Akesson Resort, due to the fact that one person owned too many parcels of land in this plat. Engr. has now re-drawn this plat with only parcels shown which belong to Akesson and this will now be known as the Plat of Akesson Resort, a part of Gov't Lot No. in Sec. 2, T 19 N, R 18 W., Hamlin Twp., Mason County, Michigan.

Motion is made by Voss and supported by Gamertsfelder confirmed by Peterson, to rescind their action of June 14, 1963 at which time the original plat was signed, due to the rejection by the Auditor General's office.

Motion is now made by Gam. and supported by Voss with confirmation by Peterson, to sign the revised Plat of Akesson's Resort.

Leslie Modweg is present to request the board to allow him to plat his property with the existing public road now therein with a width of 30 feet, which he says is impossible to widen due to location of buildings. He says he has maintained the road for 18 years, and has had only about 4 loads of gravel in there and the Motor Grader comes in there and backs up. He is having this surveyed within a couple of weeks and wants to know where he can put the posts for road widths. Comm. says they will meet with him Nov. 5th at 2 P.M. to look this over.

Drain Comr. Caldwell asks several questions of commission re drainage problems on the north side of Round Lake and Comm. thinks he should contact the Soil Conservation Dept. on this type of problem. He also refers to a culv. on Reek road, Sec. 1 & 2 of Custer Twp., where he says there is a culvert with big headwalls and one of them is practically laying flat and there is a terrific wash-out there. This is on the John Johnson property near Hansen Rd. He wants to know whose responsibility that culvert is and who maintains the ditch from culvert to McKenzie Lake.

Engr. starts to talk about the parcels of land along US-10, near Walhalla, but discussion is short-circuited for time being.

Mgr. mentions Don Lundberg's request for a larger tube to be put in where the 18" one is now, on the south Morton road where he is going to make a ditch. He says water goes over the road, and he is going to put in a 4 or 5 foot ditch and wants the size of the culvert at the end of the road increased to a 4-ft. tube.

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Walter McNitt of Contractor's machinery and Mr. Ziegler, Burch Rep., ~~were~~ in. Engr. and Mgr. talk with them in clerk's room, no report as to reason for their visit.

Mgr. and Comm. leave for lunch and do not reconvene in office. Mgr. reports that Gamertsfelder made motion to adjourn at 4:15 P.M.

Florence A. Henck
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Nov. 5, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, also manager and clerk. Minutes of the Nov. 1st meeting were read and approved as read. Referring to previous minutes, Mgr. reports McNitt and the Burch Rep. were here to see about the snow-plow hitches which did not fit the White Trucks.

Mr. Fred Hackert, of Route 2, Ludington, was in to see about getting a culvert for h. driveway on the Meyers Road just off US-31. Mgr. says they will check on the size needed as he understood Supt. Wing to say it would need a 21" culvert.

Discussion on Leslie Modeweg's request. Comm. is to meet him at 2 P.M. today to look over this situation. Comr. Voss says he looked this over on Sun. and the road he is calling a ~~pub~~ public road looks more like a long driveway to him, and he doesn't see how we could do this for Modeweg and not for others.

Mgr. mentions Pineau's plat in which he wants to make a turn-a-round and also get by with a 30' width road.

Further reference to the request of Don Lundberg to put in a 4-foot tube at the end of the south Morton road; he is putting a ditch east and west and he went to twp. board meeting and it appeared to him that they would be willing to participate in putting in this larger tube as the water goes over the road there in the spring.

Policy on previous situation of this kind, the twp. pays for the tube and the road commission puts it in. Comr. Voss says he wants a tube on the Hawley Road and was told there was not money enough.

Commission and Mgr. go to lunch and thereafter visit the Leslie Modeweg property and Riverton Twp. regarding Lundberg request for bigger tube on Morton Road.

Adjourned at 4:30 P.M. approximately upon motion by Comr. Gamertsfelder.

Florence A. Henck
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Nov. 8, 1963 - Regular meeting is held with all commissioners present, together with manager, engineer and clerk
Minutes of Nov. 1, 1963 meeting read and approved as read.

Discussion on the visit the commission made to the Modeweg property on Piney Ridge Road on the afternoon of Nov. 1st, 1963. Commission feels that Modeweg should make the road in question a full width road if it is to remain a public road, and a private road if he desires to stay with the 30 ft. width. Commission says ask Modeweg for a description map of his property and the adjoining property and show access to same. If the present road is made a private road, the dedication should show that access will be furnished to all lot owners in this plat and those owners of adjoining property back of his.

Engr. Lunde present to discuss the construction program planned for the coming three years which has to be submitted to the State Hwy. Dept. before the first of the year. He illustrates the roads which are in this program with color-codes on large map, showing 12 miles which are shown in yellow for program left over from 1963, and blue for new 1964 work; orange shows 10 miles planned for 1965, and red shows 9 miles planned for 1966.

There is considerable discussion about the lack of an east-west across-county blacktop road in the southern part of the county. Comr. Voss thinks the Hawley Road should be this route. Comr. Peterson maintains that the Victory Drive road should be put into the Primary System, since it is now a secondary road and takes a great deal of the maintenance money.

Mgr. presents the new State Hwy. Maint. Contract for year from Jan. 1, 1964, thru Dec. 31, 1964. Motion made by Comm. Gamertsfelder, supported by Comr. Voss, confirmed by Chairman Peterson, to accept and sign this contract for the period named.

Commission, Mgr. and Engr. go to lunch and then proceed to the Towns property, gravel pit, in Riverton Twp where Michigan Tractor and Machinery Co. is demonstrating a new loader, and then went to Buttersville to see Supervisor Bidsall of Riv. Twp. who is working in P.M. Twp.

Adjournment was at 4:30 P.M.

Harance L. Lunde
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Nov. 20, 1963 - Regular meeting of the board held with all commissioners, manager, clerk and engineer present. Also present, were Don Lundberg of Riv. Twp., and Henry Agens of P.M. Twp.

Mr. Agens reports that there is a dangerous hill on Iris road where people are passing and he thinks there should be a yellow line there so that license numbers can be taken if they pass in violation of it. If no yellow line, then he wants a 'No Passing' sign. Commission says they will check on this.

Don Lundberg said the Riv. Supervisor had said that the Twp. would put \$250. toward the larger tube needed in his ditching project. He said the Twp. Bd. had a meeting but he was not invited to attend. Mgr. says drain commissioner says drain cannot be changed. Lundberg presents drawing made by Soil Conservation Dept; clerk asks if ThermoFax copy of this should be made for our file; Mgr. says 'no' as we should take some elevations of our own. It is thought that a 30" tube will be sufficient; this size is \$5.35 per foot and for 40' would be \$214.00 plus overhead. Mgr. says an estimate will be made and taken to the Twp. to sign as everything thus far has been verbal. The agreement would show that: - Riverton Twp. will pay for the culvert; Road Commission will put up headwalls and will deliver the pipe to the location indicated; Lundberg will dig the road out and place the tube.

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Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder and confirmed by Peterson, that the above is satisfactory if the township will go along with this agreement.

Bills in the amount of \$9,601.84 were reviewed, approved and signed by the comm.

Mgr. reports to the commission of a call he had from Pros. Attorney Walters regarding the court decision and comments on Lakewood-Jebavy Drive hearing.

Al Chinnery and Int'l Rep. in to see about coming truck bids. Mgr. has advertisement to be published and the specifications for the four dump trucks on which bids are to be requested.

Motion made by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, confirmed by Peterson, that the advertisement for the 4 - 5 cu. yd. dump trucks be placed in the Ludington Daily News and also telephoned to the Michigan Contractor and Builder for immediate advertising.

Mgr. reports that the State Police Sergeant was down to review the Stiles Road speed situation as requested by a group of residents on this road. He does not recommend a speed limit on that road, as it would have to be done the same on all other roads of the same construction. Mgr. and State Police talked with Sheriff Anderson and also called on Mrs. Eugene Ray who had submitted the petition.

Comr. Voss reports a complaint on the corner of Bryant Road and Jebavy Road, and he thinks there should be double arrows at the end of Bryant Road ~~and~~ on the East side of Jebavy Road.

Agreement signed by the commission for Eden Twp. gravelling of Pine lake, Ordway and Eden Lake Roads; the estimate is in the amount of \$784.00.

Carl Hansen bought 60 acres of the Matt Dereski farm, and Comr. Gamertsfelder says Hansen wants to know if he can fill the ditch to go into this field as there is no tube there. He was to put some stakes where he wanted it so Comrs. would know how to answer him.

Leslie Modeweg called, wanted to know what the decision was. Comm. says he should come up again with his plans, since his survey has been made.

Commission reconvened in the office after lunch, together with engineer and manager, and the construction program was further discussed. Also some discussion on the equipment needs. Mgr. also recommends that the Walhalla Bridge which needs repair or rebuilding should be programmed at this time while there are available funds. Comrs. decided to have some bridge building consultants requested to come in and take this job over.

Adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

Lorence J. Hunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Nov. 29, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, together with Mgr., Clerk and Engineer. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

First persons to appear were Edwin S. Carlson, B. J. Holcomb and Max Raymond, who have property in the Oak Openings Subdivision in Sheridan Twp. The whole area was platted up back in 1900.

According to records petitions were received from the owners of these lots back in January 1962 and were then referred to the Twp. Supervisor, Florian Kaminski, and the owners were all advised what action had been taken on these petitions. Nothing had been brought up about it since that time. These men were again referred to the Twp. Board.

Arnold Pineau and William Shoup, Sup. of Branch Twp. were in regarding Pineau's plat, Walhalla Main Branch Subdiv. Plat on P.M. River. Pineau wants to leave just a 60' turnaround at the end of the lots near Lot 1, rather than sacrifice any of that small lot, whereas there is a big sand hill on the other side which would have to be removed and he doesn't want to do that as it would wash away too much. Pineau says he doesn't want snow-plowing done in there, if someone builds in that plat and wants snow plowing done, it would be ~~suppose~~ up to Pineau to do it.

Comr. Voss asks the question, "If this private road was approved now with a 60' turnaround, could road commission demand the greater width before accepting it as a public road." Engr. Lunde says when the petition came in to make it a public road, then the road commission would have the right to ask for any stipulations they wanted before accepting this petition. Lunde suggests that turnaround be placed between lots 3 & 4 with reservation in deeds to this effect.

Pineau says he will make a 66' turnaround at the end of the Plat at Lot 1, and then show on the map the other one to be made between lots 3 & 4.

Regarding the Walhalla Bridge to be rebuilt, Mgr. consults with Engineer Lunde and he suggests that the Scott Engineering firm be called in regarding this work.

The written request has now come in from Summit Twp. for the Road Commission to start proceedings regarding obtaining Archie Walters property for the continuance of Montgomery Blvd. in Nagasaki Park at Bass Lake.

Chairman Peterson asks for an expression from the board in regard to the letter received from Attorney VanDuzer on behalf of his clients for further settlement of the Jebavy ~~Drain~~ case as suggested by Judge Stephens after his OFFICIAL DECISION had been rendered. They made the following three offers:

- (1) That Plaintiffs shall consent to the use of the name Jebavy Corners, and that the corner shall be so designated.
- (2) That the road shall be called "Lakewood Drive" and shall be so designated.
- (3) That the costs of providing the necessary signs and the erection of same, be without expense to the County, and be borne by the plaintiffs as suggested by the court.

VanDuzer to be told in the event he inquires, that the board meets every Friday and anyone is privileged to attend any session of the board meetings.

Mgr. asks about paying the crew for the Monday which was declared a non-work day due to the declaration of Pres. Johnson that Monday was to be a National day of mourning for Pres. Kennedy. Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss and confirmed by Peterson, to pay for that day as tho' worked.

Mgr. reports that Soil Conservation Dept. will not go along with a 30" tube so the agreement with Lundberg is off at present.

Lawrence H. Hunk
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Dec. 5, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present; also engineer, mgr. and clerk.

Comr. Voss tells Mgr. that Buttersville people want a sand barrel by the Butters place.

Sup. Hubbell of Amber Twp., wants to know when road commission is going to grade the Herrick Road which was thought abandoned. Mgr. says Hubbell has been in several times, but never seemed to be very anxious for this work.

Mgr. reports that Bonsers' Market at Custer will furnish Swift's canned hams, the 5# size, for \$3.75 each. Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder and confirmed by Peterson to purchase 56 hams from Bonser Food Market in Custer at \$3.75 each, ~~Motion by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder and confirmed by Peterson to purchase~~ These are of the Swift Brand, for employees Christmas.

Mgr. shown sample of chain which Marek wants us to buy to balance off some of his over-due account. These are smaller than the ones now being used and of inferior quality as some of the same have been tried before and were not satisfactory. Chairman Peterson says tell him we want the money.

Bids were opened for 4 - 5 cu.yd. dump trucks; 8 bids were rec'd from the following dealers: - Howard Thiel & Son, Scottville, - Gross Price 35,000.

G. M. C.	Discount	8,000.	
	Trade In -	1,000	Net - \$ 26,000.
Mottl Motor Sales, Ludington -	Gross Price	35,849.20	
Ford F-800 F-800	Trade In -	9,124.04	Net - \$ 26,725.
Grand Traverse Auto -	Gross Price	38,688.48	
Ford F 857	Discount	7,900.48	
	Trade In. -	1,688.00	Net-\$ 30,100.00
Urka Chevrolet, Scottville	Gross Price -	\$ 33,853.08	
C 8303	Discount -	5,000.00	
	Trade -In -	2,879.32	Net-\$26,023.76
MacIntosh & Co. (Bob Stone)	Gross Price -	\$ 35,756.00	
GMC V6 VH 5005	Discount -	5,363.40	
	Trade-In -	4,442.60	Net-\$ 25,950.00
T. D. Smith, Scottville -	(Identical with Mottl bid)		
Al Chinnery, Ludington -	Gross Price -	\$ 34,524.00	
Int'l R-185	Discount -	5,838.00	
	Trade-In -	1,252.00	Net-\$ 27,434.00
Dermody White Truck Co. -	Gross Price -	\$ 45,075.08	
White 4200 -	Trade-In -	9,875.08	Net-\$ 35,200.00

All dealers, except Dermody, were present at this opening.

Commission adjourned for lunch and did not reconvene in the office.

Flourance A. Klink
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Dec. 13, 1963 - Regular meeting held with all commissioners present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved as read.

Comr. Peterson asks about the progress of the Summit condemnation proceedings. Mg says he has been unable to contact the Pros. Attorney.

Comr. Voss reports that Brechtschneider says road by his place is rough and a big hole south of his place. Chairman says have superintendent go on Amber Road and see about an old broken down snow fence on this road and do something about it.

Discusson Jebavy Drive controversy to name this road Kennedy Drive. Motion by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss and confirmed by Peterson to retain the name of Jebavy Drive as now designated. Statement of commission for the news media is as follows: -

"This statement by the Mason County Road Commissioners, issued Dec. 13, 1963, to a news media, is furnished with specific stipulation that same be printed or broadcast exactly as set forth below, with no variations, additions, or deletions:-

On May 3rd, 1963, the Road Commission changed the name of Lakewood Drive to Jebav Drive because of confusion, and therefore a resolution is made this date, Dec. 13 1963, upon motion by Commissioner Gamertsfelder, supported by Commissioner Voss, and confirmed by Chairman Peterson, that the name remain Jebavy Drive.

Letters on file from the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department, testify to the previous confusion between Lakewood Drive and Lakeshore Drive which run parallel only two miles apart. The Road Commissioners feel that leaving the name as now designated is to the best interest of the county.

Pere Marquette Township requested that road name signs be erected and same was do in accordance with the previous policy whereas the township bought the signs and they were erected by the Road Commission. No private funds were involved in this signing program. The signing of Jebavy Drive was done as part of the whole township signing program."

Above statement was dictated and approved for release as stipulated above: -

/s/ Julius Peterson, Chairman
Lz Gamertsfelder, Member
Arthur Voss, Member

This statement to be given to the radio station WKLA, Ludington Daily News, G.R. Press and Muskegon Chronicle, and Mason County Pressx simultaneously. (Ludington Muskegon Chronicle and Mason County Press used it as requested, however the radio station and G.R. Press put out their own versions, the radio station ~~only~~ include this station, but G.R. Press had entirely their own version)

Pineau Plat discussion. The motion to approve the plat of Walhalla Main Branch Subdiv. on the P.M. River, being a part of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 19, T 18 N; R 15 W, Branch Twp., Mason County, State of Michigan, in which the streets are private an in which the reservation for building set-back line on lots 3 and 4 is a part of this agreement on the part of the board in approving the plat. The purpose of this set-back line is for a turn-around at such time as the road may become publi by petition. Motion made by Voss, supported by Gamertsfelder, and confirmed by Peterson, that this motion by adopted.

Discussion on truck bids; -Engr. Lunde to see Thiel as to a larger transmission, his is the low bid at the present time, and he would have to furnish this transmiss ionat the bid price. Chairman Peterson says for Mgr. and Engr. to study the bid and make their recommendations which shall be purchased. Truck bids tabled for further information from Thiel.

Discussion on Manistee's request that the Campbell Road which continues on from the Manistee Big M Ski area should be made a primary road, but state will not allow it unless Mason County also makes it one.

Motion by Gam. that meeting be adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Lawrence A. Lunde
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

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Dec. 20, 1963 - All commissioners present for regular meeting, also manager and clerk.

Reading of previous minutes postponed to take care of Supervisor Sobanski from Hamlin Twp. He asks if commission was still considering doing the Shagway Road in their blacktopping program for 1964. Mgr. says it has been discussed to do that one mile down that hill. Sobanski says there are 15 or 20 year-around people there. Engr. says he wouldn't recommend a mat on top of this road because there is clay there. He suggests putting a single seal on and watching it for a year or so and see what happens, and then give it a mat afterwards. The board is in favor of doing this Shagway road in this manner.

Sobanski was asked about the Jebavy Drive matter, and he says there were 35 people at the first meeting when resolution to change the name of Lakewood Dr. to Jebavy Drive was made, and there was only one objector. The next time the hall was full when the motion was rescinded. Sobanski says he wants to thank the board for taking the stand they did on the Jebavy Drive decision.

- He is requesting a road program in the amount of an estimated \$11,125; for work on the
- (1) Lincoln Road, from Decker to Sugar Grove Rd; one mile of regrading, shaping, stabilizing and double seal; estimated cost \$6,251;
 - (2) South side of South Bayou, from Lakewood Drive, east, approx. 2700 lin. feet, 18' wide Reshape, stabilize and 18' double seal, at estimated cost of \$2,180.
 - (3) Gulf-wood Drive, Sec. 4, a fill, 240 cu. yds. gravel and double seal materials at an estimated cost of \$2,474.
 - (4) Clearing, grubbing and grading, on Travis Subdiv. St., relocation, new right of way has been secured in Section 27, estimated cost \$220.

Agreement forms have been made up by engineer and Sobanski takes these with him for signature of his board.

Some discussion on the work being done for the Mason County Airport, snow-plowing which is done ahead of our work. Mgr. says this work was done at night.

Notice of hearing from Attorney Gen. Kelly set for Feb. 12, 1963, requesting information as to whether the commission has any objection to closing this road, - described as "Second Street as is located bet. Lots One through Six of Block Three and and Lots Seven through Twelve of Block Ten, Plat of Hamlin Lake Resort, Mason County, Michigan, which said Plat of Hamlin Lake Resort is of record in Liber One of Plats, page 49, Mason County Records and which Plat is located in Sections 22 and 27, T 19 N. R 18 W, Hamlin Twp., Mason County, Michigan, according to the Gov't Survey thereof." (copied from Notice File #1-131)

Clerk mentions that she is supposed to notify the Aud. Gen.'s office regarding the name change on Lake Drive since it borders on two plats. Mgr. says he will look up the names on the two plats so that clerk may notify Aud. Gen. of this change since it is not effective on their records until this notice is received and it should be done within 30 days after definite change. Also register of deeds office in Ludington has to be notified re plat changes.

Dr. Kellawan, is present to request that snowplow circle his driveway instead of using the turnaround as it is now. County road ends at his driveway starting point. Commrs think this should be done for him since he is a doctor and must get out to hospital and patients.

Roy Forman, claims adjuster for Mich. Mutual is present to discuss coverage on cab which burned up on No. 13. He at first claimed that the mobile radio unit was NOT covered, as it would be in an automobile whereas it is part of the permanent equipment of the car and used solely for pleasure. However, in looking over the ins. policy he changes his opinion and says it looks as tho' this item WAS specifically covered. He says we should have Herman Deake, Ludington representative of Michigan Mutual come in and explain what insurance we need. He has a cab in view to replace the burned one and is to check whether or not the wiring is all right.

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Engr. reports that Howard Thiel will stay with his bid on the four trucks and the larger transmission will be furnished. However, he makes stipulation that if the trucks to be traded -in are not the same as when bid was requested, he will want ~~for~~ \$395.00 for truck not traded-in. Considerable discussion on the term "AS IS" and the understanding of when it applies. Motion made by Gamertsfelder, supported by Voss, and confirmed by Peterson, that the low bid for the 4 Model VH 5005 GMC trucks with fu air brakes and 12 cu. ft. compressors, be accepted from Howard Thiel and Son, Scottvil Michigan, at a total cost of \$26,840. as bid; box to be a Daybrook, Model 802.54.

Engr. reads description of a Reo truck which Dermody-White wants to sell to the commission for a price of \$7,250. - with possible trade-in of No. 70. This is a heavier truck than is now being considered, one which is in their yard at the present time.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 P.M.

Science H. Link
Clerk

Julius Peterson
Chairman

Dec. 27, 1963 -- Regular meeting held with all commissioners present, also clerk and mgr.

Letter from Drain Comr. Caldwell is presented by Mgr. in which he wants a meeting with the Road Commissioners and the Drain Committee of the Bd. of Supervisors regarding the Don Lundberg drain situation, sometime during the coming session of the supervisors.

Mgr. reports that Supervisor Stewart of Summit Twp. called in regarding 30 acres belong to Fred Brye, who wants a 1/4 mile road in swamp area put on certification.

Mgr. reports that he called Geo. Walters, Pros. Attorney, and he has not done anything yet on the ~~the~~ condemnation of the Archie Walters property; says he will get after this the first of the new year.

Scott Engineering Co. representative Krause was present to discuss the matter of the Walhalla Bridge; this would be about a \$45,000. job. Their fee on this would be approx. \$1,400. for preliminary plans, \$1,000 for final plans, and \$750. for borings, testings and mileage. Krause is asked about having federal funds cover the engrging cost and he replies that Stu Byam of the State Hwy. Dept. who approves plans for Federal Aid, does not favor using funds for this part of the work, he says the funds should be used for the actual bridge or road work. Also the requirements for including these engrg. costs are quite detailed and might hold up the whole project for months. Scott Engrg. will prepare a contract for study by the commission. There is plenty of time for approval of this work since borings cannot be taken for several months.

Chairman Peterson reports he had a call from Russell Anderson complaining about the lack of co-operation of the Road Commission with the schools; saying that had been the report to him by Arnold Carlson, Supt. of MCC Schools. Chairman said he called the county garage after receiving this complaint and he was told that only two calls had been received and those were from a doctor and from the Riverton School. No call had been received from the MCCS. Carlson had then written a letter to Supt. Wing saying that he understood some bus patron had taken it upon themselves to express 'his' thoughts about the co-operation by the Rd. Comm. and denying that he had said co-operation was lacking and referring to a letter he had written previously in Jan. of 1963, saying what good service they had been receiving. At request of the Chairman, Mgr. made a phone call to Carlson to get this straightened out. Carlson then makes a personal visit to the office with Floyd Wever to further discuss this controversy.

Chairman says he thinks any communications regarding co-operation or lack of same should be addressed to the Mgr. or to the Board, and not to individuals. Carlson heatedly denies having said there was a lack of co-operation. Chairman requests that he call Anderson and have him retract this quotation. Carlson refuses as he thinks his word direct to the board should be good enough, and he says IF ANYTHING IS UNSATISFACTORY AT ANY TIME, he would come up here and tell the board so. Carlson and Wever leave.

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Considerable discussion as to the extent of snowplowing to be done, other than on the county roads. Comr. Voss thinks any request from the Supervisors should be honored if for cemeteries, townshalls, parking lots, dumps, etc.

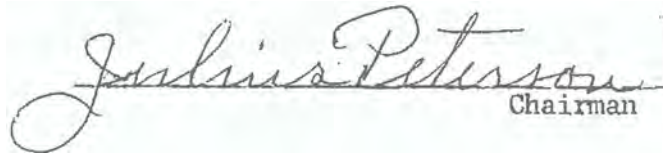
Henry Ritters from Branch Twp. was in regarding 80 acres of land owned under the name of Julius Ritters in Sec. 12 of Branch Twp. He wants to know how the chances are of getting a road into it. Wants to put a warehouse in there on the southwest corner. Wants one mile running down to US-10. He says they put their own road into the NE corner of this 80 acres. He is referred to the Twp. Board.

Edward Larsen told the commission that Herman Deake said radio of cab which was burned up, was definitely covered and to go ahead and fix this truck. The cab which the adjuster sent up was not acceptable, glass all broke, etc.

Motion to adjourn made at 4:45 P.M.



Clerk



Chairman