 (Chairman)

January 9, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Manager Anthony and Office Manager-Secretary Larsen.

Minutes of last meeting on January 2, 1976, read and approved as read.

Accounts Receivable as of 1/1/76, were \$23,431.57 and Advance Payments totaled \$6,562.79.

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$22,535.33.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we accept the low bid of Auto Equipment Sales, submitted January 2, 1976, for furnishing a high pressure washer at a cost of \$3335.00 with trade-in of \$350.00 on Malsbury steam cleaner. Carried. Three ayes.

R. C. and D. has accepted 49 sites with 118 structures for participation with Road Commission at a total cost of \$51,600 of which Road Commission will furnish \$24,000 in labor and equipment. Three years to finish project.

Local Road system budget as well as Primary Road system budget discussed.

At 11:00 A.M., Ray Thielman of Barnhart Road in Hamlin Township came into the meeting along with Russell Mavis of the Road Commission. Mr. Thielman said a pump and gas tank were on county property. He had discussed this with Hamlin Township fire Chief and was advised to contact Road Commission to see about its removal.

Mr. Thielman has had one house burned near this site and he says this tank is a hazard.

Riisberg asked if he was sure tank was on the right of way. Mr. Thielman explained that by his lot post, it looked like tank was about 12 feet on right of way.

Biegalle said if we make this man move his tank, if it is on the right of way, we would have to make others move their tanks.

Mavis said there is ~~an~~^a pump inside of a brown fence. Thielman said this was the one he was talking about. Mavis went on to say that they didn't survey to see if this fence was on the right of way but just eyed it in to see if it was on the road and they didn't think so.

Beigalle suggested Road Commission talk to Township Board before going ahead and stirring this problem up. Manager suggests Fire Chief be in on discussion.

Thielman asked what the Road Commission decision was because if he gets no relief in his problem he has been thinking of having a court action.

Road Commission said they will look at the area today and investigate the matter. He will be notified of their decision.

At 11:10 A.M., Thielman and Mavis left the meeting and Dr. John Eaton, President of West Shore Community College, James Davis, President Student Senate, and Gerald Svendor President Faculty Senate, came into the meeting to discuss winter maintenance on roads to the College.

Eaton said their concern was moving approximately 1200 people to the College by 9:00 A.M. as safely as possible. This would mean Stiles and Sugar Grove Roads should be plowed or sanded, before, or by 8:30 A.M.

Manager said he didn't think the snowplowing was the biggest problem because we hadn't had much snow before he received Mr. Davis's letter. He thought possibly ice was of more concern. He explained how because of the reduced finances the shift, that had been plowing the roads mentioned before, had to be dropped.

In September, 1973 Road Commission had 57 people working; in 1974, 53 people. On January 6, 1975, six people were laid off, and on March 30th, 10 people were laid off, due to finances. By November 17th, 1975, ten had been rehired. On December 31, 1975, 43 people were in the employ of the Road Commission. This meant had to drop one shift on the trunklines. He explained how, when the night shifts do not work on State Trunklines, County must absorb their cost. Now people are called in when they are needed. This is the situation due to change in finances.

Manager Anthony went on to explain how "call in" is done and the problems connected with it. Have to watch who is called and when because can not expect people to work an unreasonable amount of hours.

Traffic Counts were discussed. Some on major roads were higher than the count on the Stiles road and Sugar Grove Road. He explained how the State Highway Dept. had worked up a factor to use to arrive at average daily traffic (ADT) from the count on any particular day. On Stiles Road south of the College the ADT was 1142, when last counted. North of the College it fell to 571. This showed a lot of people dropping off at College. On road south of Scottville, the ADT was 2,000 and Jebavy Drive from US 10 to Rasmussen Road was also, very high. On icy conditions and bad snow conditions we try to do as much as humanly possible to get roads in a safe passable condition as quickly as possible.

State Highway has different policy for the stretch of US-31 from Scottville to Manistee

than they do on US 31 from Scottville to the south Mason County line. Overtime on the stretch north of Scottville is to be kept to a minimum. Only enough to keep road passable.

Riisberg said Manistee County has only a few miles to go from their garage to get to the County Line, while its a lot farther from Scottville to the north county line.

Biegalle asked how bad the problem was as far as the College people were concerned.

Eaton said they had had people reporting to them concerning the mishaps connected with winter problems on the roads and davis had had reports too. He said they wondered why the Fisher, Hansen and Johnson Roads were plowed before the Stiles and Sugar Grove.

Manager Atnhony explained how plows that plow Hamlin go out north of Scottville to Johnson Road and go west on this road and into Hamlin, thereby saving deadheading directly to Hamlin. The same is the case with the plows on Hansen Road going up into the Victory Territory. Those that go west on Fisher go to Stiles and then south on Stiles. Unless they have trouble they should not be on Decker and Fisher very long before getting over to Stiles.

Riisberg observed that some of these roads are school bus routes too.

Anthony said every fall we get copies of the school bus routes of the several school districts within the county. Snowplow territories are now larger because of the fewer people employed at the Road Commission, so even though we have better equipment it takes longer to get over all the roads.

Eaton in answer to a question said about equal problem with Stiles and Sugar Grove Roads.

Biegalle said that he was not satisfied that these roads could not get better service.

Anthony
The starting time for employees is governed by the Work Agreement with the Union and all work before 7:00 A.M. is paid at overtime rates. Did have a trial run calling some out early to get some of the primary roads. Worked one Sunday and labor cost ~~was~~ came to over \$1,200.00

Felty said you can see what we could do if we had ten more men. This would make quite a difference.

Eaton asked about getting funds from County Board of Commissioners. The program with the Board of Commissioners was explained. This money must be for specified projects.

Biegalle showed bills for salt and brine explaining this all goes on county roads. The State furnishes their own.

James Davis told of a problem he had had on Sugar Grove Road in the dip wet^s of Amber Road when he had come on a school bus and the road was slippery.

Riisberg we understood most of the students from Manistee were coming down the Stiles Road. Eaton said in the winter time they advise students to not use back roads, but come down the highway. Riisberg said since you've been directing them down the highway and in on Sugar Grove, we should take another look at our priorities.

Eaton said no days had been lost so far this year, but had sent classes home early last nite. Manager said in an emergency, call the one on duty for the Road commission, or else call him, and would do the best possible to help.

Eaton ~~they~~ said they appreciated the opportunity to present the problem to the

Road Commission and they would also, appreciate any help the Road Commission could give them on winter maintenance on those two roads and the Highway. He asked would they be able to send their own equipment out on the roads, if one of their people was in trouble. The answer was that their equipment would be operating just like a private tow truck, or emergency wrecker.

Svendorf said he came across the fisher Road to the College whenever this route was open. He hadn't had trouble this year. He also, stated that it was about five years ago, they instructed those from Manistee to come in on Sugar Grove Road.

Manager said ^someth^g would be worked out and Road Commission said they had new thoughts about the problem.

At 11:58 A.M. College people left the meeting and Road Commission adjourned for lunch.

Reconvened at 1:30 P.M.

Discussion about Budget and Finances.

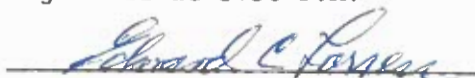
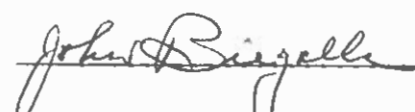
Felty asked about Reek Road. Would it be getting any attention before being taken off the FAS system. Manager said next July this stretch would be taken off the FAS system. State Highway people had recommended to him that the off-system moneys be used for bridges as this would lead to less controversy. Discussion about condition and possibilities of doing anything with the mile from Millerton Road to Dewey Road, which is the worst part.

Chairman then read a letter of resignation submitted by Manager Ivan Anthony. In the letter he stated he had applied for the County Clerk position and had been notified of his appointment. He will be starting on this position as of February 1, 1976.

After discussion on above Manager and Office Manager left the meeting and the Road Commission went into executive session.

At 3:30 P.M. Riisberg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Felty and confirmed by Biegalle.

Adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

 (Secretary)  (Chairman)

January 16, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty, and Riisberg, also Manager Anthony and Off-Mgr-Sec Larsen.

Minutes of last meeting on January 9, 1976, read and approved as read.

Chairman Biegalle reported he had contacted Supervisor McDougall of Logan Township at the Township Officers meeting last nite and McDougall said Logan Township would pay something on their account with the Road Commission.

Insurance refund check has been received from Meny-Lenz Agency in the amount of \$8,247.00.

Labor negotiating meeting to be held at Commission office at 1:00 P.M., January 20, 1976.

Three Road Commissioners to be present at above in case their approval is needed to an agreement.

Soil Conservation District's Annual Meeting to be January 21, 1976. Manager read Letter

from District asking that someone from Road Commission be there to take part in the program.

Discussion about drainage along Custer Road near Koenig Road intersection.

Discussion about right-of-way purchase at the South Bayou Bridge. Secretary read from the minutes of March 29, 1974, where Supervisor Gilligan of Hamlin Township had agreed to pay for this right-of-way, if no one else would.

Secretary read application for Road Commissioner from Licia Hughes.

Commission agrees to ask Hamlin Township Board to come into a meeting to get matter of paying for Right-of-way straightened out.

Filled out questionnaire for taking to Paul Bunyon Meeting.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we accept and authorize the signing of an agreement with Summit Township for graveling on Lenox Avenue, Park Avenue, and Avenue "C", at an estimated cost to the township of \$865.00. Carried. three ayes.

Letter read from West Shore Community College expressing thanks for chance to express their concern for winter maintenance on roads to the College, at a meeting with Road Commission. Also, for Sympathetic attitude of Commission for early winter maintenance on Stiles and Sugar Grove Roads.

Discussion of parking problem at Cameron's Landing north of the North Victory Cemetery on the Townline Road. Fishermen are parking along this area and creating a problem for other traffic. Manager to look into the possibility of putting up "No Parking" signs. Manager reported that a State Highway Soils man had checked Reek Road north of Dewey Road. He recommends a sand lift and placing it on existing blacktop mat. About \$25,000 estimated to put this down and have a gravel road. Estimate was also, given for putting a deep blacktop base and if this is down a mat would have to be put over for a wearing course. Black base cost runs around \$45,000 per mile.

At 12:08 adjourned for lunch.

At 2:50 P.M. reconvened at office

Agreeable with Commission to take annual bids for materials on February 27th, 1976.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we adjourn carried.

Adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John Biegalle (Chairman)

January 23, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Manager Anthony and Off-Mgr-Sec Larsen. Also, in attendance was Mr. Earl A. Conklin.

Minutes of last meeting on January 16, 1976, were read and approved as read.

Chairman Biegalle then explained the presence of Mr. Conklin and asked him to speak. Mr. Conklin said he had talked to Mr. Hansen of the Road Commission, about snowplowing the road he, Mr. Conklin, lives on (the Colburn Road east of U.S. 31). Mr. Hansen had explained the policy for plowing roads and the financial problem Road Commission was now in. For one thing in an emergency involving medical attention a doctor must call the Road Commission asking for this plowing. He asked where does money come from for

Road Commission's operations. Chairman Biegalle told how the majority of Road Commission's money comes from the gas and weight tax.

Mr. Conklin said he had only been in the area about 7 or 8 months, but he was wondering why some counties seem to be able to keep their roads in better condition than Mason County and is there a reason for this.

Comm. Riisberg answered that he thought Mr. Conklin was mis-informed and went on to explain the conditions in Manistee County that allow their truck from Manistee County Road Commission to go about 4 miles and be at the County Line with Mason County, while a truck from Scottville has to go about 18 miles to get to the same county line. He also said that in the last storm he had traveled through several counties and found the roads in poorer shape than Mason County Roads.

Biegalle explained about the article in the Manistee paper complaining about the poor job Mason County Road Commission does compared to Manistee County Road Commission. This he had discussed with a Manistee County Road Commissioner and the Commissioner had also explained about the short trip to the County Line being the reason for the difference in the looks of the road sooner after a storm.

Manager explained that when Manistee County truck goes to county line he stays and widens it out because the trip back and forth through the City of Manistee causes too much "dead-heading".

Mr. Conklin said he wasn't complaining, just looking for information. He then went on to say he would like to be considered for the job of Road Commission Manager. He had worked in a firm in Ohio involved in public works projects. He is a registered surveyor in Ohio and Michigan. ~~His firm had been involved in public works projects.~~

Biegalle said the need was for a manager not a surveyor and what experience did he have in managing. Mr. Conklin told of his work in the firm and how he had been involved. This did not include any Union negotiations.

Comm. Felty explained how Road Commission is doing job with 9 less men than last winter. How can you do the same amount of work? There are also four less hours due to the government making all hours over 40 per week, overtime hours. He also, asked if Conklin had submitted a written application. Conklin said no.

Riisberg asked how many employees had been in Conklin's firm. Answer-approximately 23.

Riisberg then asked how many Conklin was in charge of. The answer seemed to be that it varied.

At 10:45 A.M., Mr. Conklin left the meeting and Mr. Melvin Herban came into the meeting.

Biegalle said we would like to straighten out this question about purchase of right-of-way for the South Bayou Bridge.

Secretary read portion of the minutes of a meeting held on March 29, 1974, in which former Supervisor of Hamlin Township agreed to township paying for this right-of-way if no one else would.

Felty explained that Gilligan had not wanted the Township to furnish the money directly to the people involved in this right-of-way, but he had agreed that if Road Commission paid these people Township would re-imburse Road Commission.

Manager explained why billing had been held up due to coordinating program with Board of Commissioners on the Bridge.

Herban explained that they had authorized paying of the bill, but then the former

Supervisor had questioned the township paying of it, so they had held up payment until they could get more information.

Felty said the Township had gotten this bridge without paying one cent for the bridge itself.

Herban asked if anyone had been paid for the right-of-way obtained for Sherman Road. Manager explained the charges on this billing were for recording instruments at the Courthouse and no money had been paid to anyone along road for this right-of-way for the project in question. Previously right of way had been obtained for some township jobs and when township changed its mind about doing the job, Road Commission had to charge this labor and equipment cost to Administration. Now Townships will have to pay, whether project is done, or not.

Discussed finances and number of employees, also, snowplowing problems.

Herban left meeting at 11:27 A.M.

Letter from Summit Township concerning having passed a resolution requesting the Road Commission have a blinker light installed at Washington Road and Lakeshore drive. Manager ~~ager~~ has investigated this and request should be addressed to Oceana County Road Commission as this intersection is in Oceana County.

On the "No Parking" signs for Cameron's Landing, it seems the problem stems mainly from wiggler diggers and Manager requests hold on putting up any signs until this problem can be brought to the attention of the Dept. of Natural Resources. The DNR licenses these people and can perhaps keep them from obstructing traffic on this road. Road Commission agrees to hold off on this until see what comes.

William Johnson will be down Monday to work on bridge program. Also, culvert program with Board of commissioners.

Discussion about guardrail at South Bayou Bridge.

Applications for Manager position read from Louis P. Pellam, Mark Seebach, and Emory E. Ames, Sr.

At 12:08 P.M. adjourned for lunch.

At 2:30 P.M. reconvened at office.

Manager said arrangements had been made for whole crew to work Saturday. Discussion about Manager's resignation. Road Commission expresses the hope that he will change his mind and stay on.

Agreeable with Road Commission to hire a temporary night mechanic with the possibility of it becoming permanent. Joseph Faltinek is to be contacted by phone and registered letter, and position is also, to be posted on the bulletin Board.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we adjourn. Carried. three ayes.

Adjourned at 3:31 P.M.

Edward C. Lane (Secretary) John Riisberg (Chairman)

January 30, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00A.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Manager Anthony and Off-Mgr-Sec Larsen.

Minutes of last meeting on January 23, 1976, read and approved as read.

William Johnson will be in today. Manager has talked to insurance company engineers (this concerning the bridge on Walhalla Road that collapsed under a load of bolts). Engineers have about completed their report for the insurance company. It is to go to insurance company this coming week. Manager agrees to handle this bridge settlement even though he has decided to leave Road Commission employ.

Manager had made up a list of miscellaneous information on various projects and -matters that could help an orderly transition. Items on list discussed at length.

At 11:15 A.M. William Johnson of Perla and Stout, came into the meeting to discuss the work he has been doing for the Road Commission in the survey of bridges. He has completed all primary bridges except the one on Custer Road near Freesoil, Consumers Power Co. Bridge, and Campbell Bridge .

He has preliminary report on the bridge over Carr Creek on Masten Road. Report shows this structure very adequate and acceptable under present conditions. Also, has report on bridge over the Pere Marquette River on the Scottville Road. Report shows this structure adequate and acceptable for future.

He will soon have all of the Primary Road Bridges done. He suggests waiting with some of the LOCAL ROAD Bridges until the snow is gone. Has finished up three on the Primary and has 10 yet to go. The pony truss structure causes a great deal of figuring and calculating. He has checked the following bridges:

1. bridge over the Pere Marquette on the Reek Road
2. bridge over the south branch of the Lincoln on Darr Road
3. bridge on Darr over the north branch of the Lincoln
4. bridge over the Sauble on LaSalle Road
5. bridge on north branch of Lincoln on the Tuttle Road
- 6 & 7 Bridges at the intersection of Stephens and Decker Roads.
- 8 bridge over the south branch of the Lincoln on Amber Road
9. bridge over Pere Marquette on Landon Road
10. bridge over South Branch of Pere Marquette on Anthony Road

He will be back with a report on bridges on Primary Roads in a couple of weeks and possibility soon of having the Local Road Bridges.

At 11:57 A.M. Johnson left the meeting.

Continued discussion on list of miscellaneous items.

12:02 P.M. adjourned for lunch.

At 1:40 reconvened at office.

Chairman asked Office Manager if he would accept the position as Acting Manager. He agreed. Questioned if he could work some weekends and the extra hours as Manager Anthony had, he said yes. Salary to be negotiated.

At 2:01 P.M. Road Commission had Assit ant Superintendent Richard Hansen in and gave him the information that Edward Larsen would now have the responsibilities and authority of Manager of Road Commission operations. Snowplowing and other pro-

blems were discussed.

At 2:12 P.M. Mr. Hansen went out and Shop Foreman Stanley Kazlauskas came into the meeting and was informed of Mr. Larsen's appointment. Discussed equipment repair.

At 2:25 P. M., Mr. Kazlauskas left the meeting.

Chairman read application for Manager position from Mr. Dennis W. Dunlop.

Secretary read letter from Laman Asphalt and Paving Co.

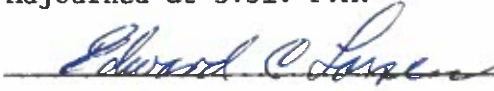

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, Laman Asphalt and Paving Co. has informed us by the above letter that they have pledged our account(their account receivable) as security for a note at the Manistee Bank and Trust Company and they ask that when we make any payment to them regarding this, the check be made out to both Laman Asphalt and Paving Company and the Manistee Bank and Trust Company. The amount stated in their letter (\$50,090.81) is not correct according to our records, therefore we agree to this request with the proviso the correct amount of our bill (\$49,373.20) be the amount agreedto. Carried. Three Ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, We hereby appoint Edward C. Larsen, Acting Superintendent-Manager of Road Commission operations, with the full responsibilities and authority of the position. Carried. Three ayes.

Commission went into executive session, Manager and Office Manager left the meeting.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we adjourn. Carried. Three ayes.

Adjourned at 3:31. P.M.

 (Secretary)  (Chairman)

February 6, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 AM.

Present Chairman Biegalle and Commissioner Riisberg and Acting Manager-Secretary Larsen.

Minutes of last meeting on January 30, 1976, read and approved as read.

Secretary read news release from the State Highway Department concerning weight tax and fuel tax. Fuel tax in the October-through-December period dropped 0.2% from the same period in 1974. Weight tax was up 31.3% comparing the same two periods. This attributed to the early rush by car owners to buy Michigan's 1976 red-white-and blue license plates, which commemorate the nation's Bicentennial year. Mason County's share is \$226,674, up from \$212,291 in 1974.

Miller Bros. have a salt well in the Sippy field that they would give the brine to the Road Commission. A sample will be tested.

Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Allen Zerby of Fountain, Mich. complementing the Road Commission on their winter maintenance.

Manager reported Mr. Helmeniak had called and said the snowplowing was the worst he had ever seen it. Manager had told him Road Commission was meeting today and if possible, he would ask them to take a look at Mr. Helmeniak's road and other roads in that area. Road Commission agrees to this.

Bulletin No. 1016 from the County Road Association of Michigan was read. This bulletin in regard to the possible changes in the Federal Energy Act rules. The final version of these rule changes will be in in two, or three months from now and Road Association will advise counties.

Letter from Highway Department stating at this time they are not approving the reclassification of Hoague Road, from Custer Road east 1.04 miles, as a Primary Road. Their investigation indicates that the road serves basically as a residential collector for the immediate area and does not have a great deal of benefit to the entire county. Therefore, under present guide lines it is not eligible for reclassification.

Michigan Association of Counties Legislative Action Bulletin has information that the Spaniola Bill has been voted out of committee. Action in House postponed until February 17, 1976, while County Road Association, Highway Dept., and Municipal League try to work out something.

Night Mechanic posting has been signed by two people not employed by Road Commission. Manager recommends no action on temporary night mechanic at the present time.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, we authorize the hiring of two temporary employees to start immediately and be laid-off on March 15th, 1976. "Laid-off" employees are to be notified of this opportunity to come back to work. Carried. Two ayes.

Application for Manager position was read from Rodger L. Bennett of Wilcox, Arizona.

Letters are to be sent to all those submitting applications for Manager, thanking them for submitting their application and stating that Road Commission has not as yet, asked for applications.

Adjourned at 11:35 A.M. for lunch.

Inspected snowplowing in afternoon. *Helminiak's roads were as good as any others*

Adjourned at 3:31 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John Biegalle (Chairman)

February 13, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle and Commissioner Riisberg, also, Acting Manager and Secretary Larsen.

Minutes of last meeting on February 6, 1976, read and approved with the addition of "Helminiak's roads were in as good a shape as any others" to that part about inspecting snowplowing in the afternoon.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, we accept into the County Road System the 525 feet of Ohio Street, west of Lakeshore Drive in the Plat of Weimer, Hamlin Township and also, the 1000 feet of road on the East-West quarterline in Section 18, of Victory Township, east of the Angling Road. Carried. Two ayes.

Agreeable with Road Commission to have Transportation Committee of the Mason County Planning Commission come to next Friday's meeting at 10:30 A.M.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, We authorize the Chairman to sign the County Road System Certification maps for the year of 1976. Carried. Two ayes.

Motion by Biegalle, seconded by Riisberg, we authorize the retaining of Robert E. Lunde as Engineer at \$100.00 per month. He has agreed to work one, or two days per month for this retainer. Carried. Two ayes.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, we authorize the signing of the facing page of the FAS Project RS 449 (101), Scottville Road paving project, beginning at Chauvez Road and then north 2.5 miles to Scottville City Limits. Carried. Two ayes. Commissioners signed above.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, we authorize the signing of the facing page of the FAS Project RS 452 (104), 2.0 miles of paving on Custer Road from Chauvez Road to Hawley Road. Carried. Two ayes. Commissioners signed above.

There will be a State Highway used equipment auction on Saturday, February 21, 1976, at the Grand Ledge Maintenance garage.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, we accept as presented the following as our 1976 and 1977, Primary Road Construction Program: -

The following programed for 1976;-

1. Scottville Road, Chauvez Road to Scottville City Limits, 2.5 miles of asphalt paving at an estimated cost of \$100,100.
2. Custer Road, Hawley Road to Chauvez Road, 2.0 miles of asphalt paving at an estimated cost of \$46,000.
3. Schoenherr Road, Hansen Road to Sugar Grove Road, 2.0 miles of grade and Drain, etc. at an estimated cost of \$133,313.
4. Schoenherr Road, U.S. 10 to Sugar Grove Road, 3.31 miles of gravel surfacing at an estimated cost of \$39,113.
5. Jebavy Drive, U. S. 10 to Rasmussen Road, 1.26 miles of widening, turn lanes, and paving at an estimated cost of \$140,000.

Of the above 1, 2, 3, and 4, have already been approved as Federal Aid Projects and 5 is being considered for Federal Aid.

6. Campbell Bridge rebuilding at an estimated cost of \$60,000. This on Walhalla Road at South Branch of the Pere Marquette River.
7. Lakeshore Drive, Washington Road north to Lattin Road, 1.75 miles of patch and seal at an estimated cost of \$15,000.
8. Jebavy Drive, Angling Road to Fountain Road. From Angling to North line of Sections 23 & 24, would be wedge and seal and then a seal from Angling Road to Fountain Road, 1.75 miles at an estimated cost of \$30,000.
9. Stiles Road, U.S. 10 to Groth Road, 4.00^{mi} of seal at an estimated cost of \$15,000.
10. Stiles Road, Groth Road to Fountain Road, 2.5 miles of wedge and seal at an estimated cost of \$30,000.
11. Freesoil Road, County Line West, 2.5 miles of wedge and seal, at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

The following to be programed for 1977; -

1. Masten Road, Washington to Anthony Road, 2.01 miles of grade and drain, etc. at an estimated cost of \$172,000.
2. Marrison Road, Darr Road to Custer Road, 2.00 miles of grade and drain, etc. at an estimated cost of \$130,000.
3. Hawley Road, Walhalla Road and west, 2.5 miles of grade and drain, etc., at an estimated cost of \$15,000.
4. Millerton Road, Benson Road to Campbell Road, 1.00 miles of grade and drain, etc., at an estimated cost of \$94,000.
5. Schoenherr Road, Sugar Grove Road to Millerton Road, 2.00 miles of grade and drain, etc., at an estimated cost of \$160,000.

Motion carried. Ayes two. Nays none.

Motion by Biegalle, seconded by Riisberg, We designate Edward C. Larsen Acting Highway Maintenance Superintendent on State Trunkline Highways and on Bridges, who shall supervise all work covered by the Maintenance Contract between the Road Commission and the Michigan State Highway Commission. Carried. Two ayes.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, we instruct the Secretary to mark ballot for Director of the County Road Association as a vote for Orval Cutshaw. Carried. Two ayes.

Chairman read a letter from Dow Chemical Co. saying they were sorry, but they would not be submitting a bid for the supplying of liquid Calcium Chloride as requested by the Road Commission.

At 10:55 A.M., Shop Foreman Stanley Kazlauskas came into the meeting to discuss the purchase of a new underbody scraper and the condition of #136, Austin Western motor-grader.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, we authorize the taking of bids for furnishing an underbody scraper. Bids to be in February 27th, 1976. Carried. Two ayes.

Communication from Eng. Lunde was read. Consumers Power Co. is studying the problems connected with setting up a sub-station on the south side of First St., just east of Dennis Road.

The following were discussed; - Load Limits, Exhaust system on the salt storage shed, L. Molyneux's contest of ruling on unemployment (Hearing on this to be February 24, 1976, at 10:30 A.M., at Manistee).

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$26,277.96

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 A.M.

Inspected snow problems along roads in the afternoon.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, we authorize the salary of \$15,538.12 per year for our Acting Manager. Salary to be paid so much per payday as long as he is acting in this capacity. Carried. Two ayes.

Motion by Biegalle, seconded by Riisberg, we adjourn. Carried. Two ayes.

Adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John Biegalle (Chairman)

February 20, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle and Commissioner Riisberg, also, Acting Manager-Secretary Larsen.

Minutes of last meeting on February 13, 1976, read and approved as read.

Letter from Mr. Charles N. Habermehl of Hamlin Township was read. He is objecting to the proposed closing of the road right of way any place east of the western boundary of the Stuart May property line in the area of Jackson Road. He objects because of a potential parking problem and he suggests an alternative- to close 25' of the road in front of his property to insure the access to his home. He requests to be notified of any meetings or proceedings concerned with the closing of said right-of-way. Road

Commission will look at this area this afternoon.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, Since this proposed closing of a street in the Jackson Road Area has been referred back to the original proposers with the request to go through the proper legal steps, we hereby instruct the Secretary to file Mr. Habermehl's letter until the matter is again brought before this Board. Carried. two ayes.

Copy of a letter from Local #214 to Michigan Employment Relations Commission requesting Fact Finding in the labor negotiations with the Mason County Road Commission was read.

L. Molyneux hearing on unemployment payments has been cancelled for the present by notice of the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

Discussion of literature from County Road Association pertaining to "Spaniola Bill". Secretary is instructed to write Legislators from this area advising them Road Commission requests they support this legislation.

At 10:38 A.M., Mrs. Catherine Schilling came into the meeting representing the Transportation Committee of the Mason County Planning Commission. She asks Road Commission thoughts on problems that might arise due to U.S. 31 Freeway ending at U.S. 10.

Chairman Biegalle gave a consensus of Road Commission thoughts arrived at in past discussions;- The possibility of directing that only cars, not trucks, use alternate roads on County System; the thought of improving Hansen Road and possibly Conrad for expected increase of local traffic; turning lanes will have to be established on U. S. 10; Robert Peterson of the State Highway Dept will be contacted on this.

Mrs. Schilling asked , "How about First Street?"

Chairman explained that according to present State Highway plans, First Street would not be a through street.

Mrs. Schilling asked about commercialization and the possibility of some type zoning to be recommended for this area and also, the possibility of eliminating trucking by the Holiday Inn area. Road Commission didn't feel they should get involved in any zoning as far as "commercial, or non-commercial" areas were concerned. Trucking in this area had been discussed.

Riisberg asked what information will you be asking from us?

Mrs. Schilling you people have more information about roads and therefore we feel that you can help us in our planning, We feel now is the time to get the information to possibly alleviate problems that could come up in the future.

Riisberg - maybe we should try to get information on interchanges planned for extension of Freeway beyond U.S. 10.

Biegalle- we appreciate your coming in, Mrs. Schilling, and discussing this matter. Do you want a statement from us?

Mrs. Schilling said she would convey Road Commission thoughts to Transportation Committee and if in the mean time Road Commission had any additional thoughts, or information that might be helpful to Committee she would appreciate their getting in touch with Committee. Committee is looking to the next 20 years or so.

At 11:10 A.M., Mrs. Schilling left the meeting and Supervisor Elmer Peterson and

Clerk George Collins of Summit Township came into the meeting to discuss road projects for 1976.

They are interested in estimates for improving Kistler Road, east of U.S. 31, a seal coat on Meisenehimer Road, east of U.S. 31, seal coat on street in Chalet Highlands, seal coat on Lattin Road from Fourth Ave. to Lakeshore Drive, and if possible gravel Deren Road, U.S. 31 and one mile east. They thought town=ship would have 20 to 30 thousand to spend on roads.

Estimates will be made on these roads.

At 11:38 A.M. Summit people left the meeting and meeting was adjourned for lunch.

In the afternoon Commission checked area mentioned in Habermehl letter. Inspected Road problem on road on the east side of Indian Pete Bayou in Hamlin Township.

The Roads discussed with Summit Township were driven over and discussed.

Adjourned at 3:22 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John H. Biegalle (Chairman)

February 27, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 AM

Present Chairman Biegalle and Commissioner Riisberg, also, Acting Superintendent-Manager and Secretary, Larsen.

Minutes of last meeting on february 20, 1976, read and approved as read.

Signed Vouchers in the amount of \$4,939.99.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, we accept and authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with Acme Disposal Co. whereby Acme Disposal Co. agrees to pay \$300.00 per week while road restrictions are in force for damages, due to their overweight vehicles, to the Inman and Bradshaw Roads from Chauvez Road to the Mason County Land Fill. Carried. Two ayes.

Road Commission agreeable to send State Highway one box of the Official County Road Maps.

Joseph O'Farrell has submitted his resignation effective February 27th, 1976.

Minutes of the last labor negotiating meeting held on January 20, 1976 were read.

At 10:32 A.M. Harold Craig, Cliff Behrens, Robert Scott, Richard Damore, Dick Schmidt, Jack Feenstra, John Herrygers, and Tim Murphy came into the meeting to hear the reading of bids.

The following bids were opened and publicly read:-

Blarney Castle Oil Co. bid on oil
Gustafson Oil Co. bid on Dies.
Blarney Castle Oil Co. bid on diesel
Standard Oil Co. bid on Gasoline and Diesel
Blarney Castle Oil Co. bid on gasoline
Perry Oil Co. bid on gasoline, diesel, and oil
Standard Oil Co. bid on oil
Roskamp oil Co. bid on diesel and gasoline

(see attached for summaries of above bids)

The following bid on grader blades:

Beach Manufacturing Co.
 Shults Equipment
 Chambers Tractor
 Gregware
 Michigan Tractor & Equip.
 Telford and Doolen

(see attached for summary of above bids)

Shults Equipment Co. bid on Underbody Scraper
 (see attached for summary of above bid)

Morton Salt placed a bid for furnishing bulk Rock Salt
 (even though no bid was asked for on this material
 their quotation was read and is attached)

Liquid Dustlayer Trucking Co. bid on liquid calcium Chloride
 (see attached for summary of above bid)

Western Concrete Co. bid on seal coat aggregate
 (see attached for summary of above bid)

Durable, Inc. bid on Guard Rail
 Beach Manufacturing Co. on Guard Rail
 (see attached for summary on above bids)

The following bid on Asphalt Emulsions and cut-backs:-

Industrial Fuel and Asphalt Corp.
 Gustafson Oil Co.
 Tol Leonard, Inc.
 Bituminous Materials Co.
 Chevron Asphalt Co.

(see attached for summary on above bids)

The following bid on Culvert pipe:-

Jensen Bridge and Supply Co.
 Young Metal Co.
 Beach Manufacturing Co.
 Harold Craig & Son
 Durable INC.
 All Metal
 Cadillac Culvert Co.
 (see attached for summary on above bids)

Cadillac Culvert Co. bid on furnishing concrete culvert pipe
 (see attached for summary of above bid)

The bids for furnishing fuel were set up for furnishing fuel for the six-months period beginning April 1, 1976. The remaining bids were for furnishing materials for a twelve-months period beginning April 1, 1976. Commission will study bids and make decision at future meeting.

Visitors left the meeting. Branch Township asks estimate for work on Maple Road. William Johnson, of Perla and Stout, will be in next Friday to discuss his work on survey of bridges.

At 12:01 P.M. adjourned for lunch.

Mason County Road Commission

P. O. Box 247,

SCOTTVILLE, MICHIGAN 49454

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GARAGE: PLAZA 7-2235

OFFICE: PLAZA 7-2882

(A copy of minutes of Road and Bridges participation in meeting of February 4th, 1977, at Road Commission Office in Scottville)

Board Of Commissioners

Nellis Riisberg, Chairman
John Biegalle, Member
Jonathan Felty, Member

Administration

Ivan Anthony, Mgr.
Robert E. Lunde, Engr.
Edward C. Larsen, Off.-Mgr.-Sec.
William Lange, Supt.

The Road and Bridge committee of the Board of Commissioners came into the meeting at 10:45AM. Present from this Committee were: Chairman Frank Morse and Members William Lehrbass as well as Jerome Rybicki.

Riisberg explained how Road Commission had had several samples of brine tested. Among them a sample from Miller Bros. operations in Victory Township. The sample from Miller Bros. compared favorably with a test of the material we are purchasing. Miller Bros. will give Road Commission the brine, but it will take an estimated 15 to 20 thousand dollars to set up the tank and equipment necessary to operate Road Commission equipment from this source.

Discussion of Township projects completed during 1976. Total projects amounted to \$294,175.55 and of this Townships were billed for \$240,279.78. Of the above amounts were four miscellaneous jobs; City of Ludington, City of Scottville, Packaging Corp., and Susan Jorgensen paid toward the grading of a road in Logan Township.

Chairman Morse commented that he thought it would work much better if Townships could get their projects in a year ahead, so that money for this work, matching on the part of Road Commission, could be arranged for, as well as, more time for scheduling the work. Others agreed with this.

Chairman Morse discussed the proposed Board of Commissioners resolution allowing a Township to contract with the Road Commission for work to amount to approximately what one mill of tax money for that township would amount to. This would not include Pere Marquette Charter Township.

Rybicki asked about what the townships owed the Road Commission and after this was discussed, questioned whether this resolution should state for new work.

Lehrbass agreed that this should be set up for new work.

Since this resolution was going to be presented by the Finance Committee, Morse, Rybicki, and Lehrbass discussed proposing an amendment to have it state for new work.

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Chairman Morse asked about bridge program with Board of Commissioners. Two bridges, one on Stephens Road and the other on Darr are completed except for the paving. Putting cold-patch in the corrugations of the metal decking has been discussed so that traffic can use them this winter and then in warmer weather do the final paving.

Applications have been made to the Corp of Engineers and the DNR for culverts in the Lincoln River South Branch on Victory Corner Road and Lincoln River, North Branch on the Stephens Road. When Road Commission Engineers get all necessary permits, etc., the next step would be getting someone to do the project.

Lehrbass asked about Campbell Bridge. This has been discussed with the Local Government people of the State Highway Dept. and it appears a project can be set up to replace this crossing of the Walhalla Road. Tentative estimates call for a bridge in the price range of \$150,000. Road Commission participation under this proposal would be 25%.

Rybicki asked about the bridge that went down. The adjuster for the insurance company is working on this settlement and it is possible that in the near future something will come of these efforts. Road Commission Attorney is to contact insurance company attorneys for a conference over this settlement.

At 11:49 Chairman Morse left the meeting and Commissioners Rybicki and Lehrbass stayed to participate in the remainder of the Road Commission meeting.



None of Gasoline Prices are Firm,
all subject to change without notice.

NAME	GASOLINE	TERMS
Roskamp Oil Co.	.3610	Net 10th of Month
H. E. Perry Co.	.35	Net 30 days
Blarney Castle Oil Co.	.3435	Net
Standard Oil Div. Amco Oil Co.	.3458	1% 30 days; Net 31 days

NAME	No 1 DIESEL	No 2 DIESEL	DUAL PURPOSE	TERMS
Roskamp Oil Co.	.3565	.3490		Net 10th of month
H.E. Perry Co.	.34.1	33.1	33.9	Net 30 days Fuel Oil Prices are subject to change without notice.
Blarney Castle Oil Co.	.344	.344		Net
Gustafson Oil Co.	.3454	.3332	Min. Del. 9500 gal.	Net 30 days Firm March 1-31, 1976

NAME	SERIES #3 Motor Oil	HYDRAULIC OIL	TERMS
Standard Amco Oil	1.45 per gal.	1.09 per gal	Firm 4-1-76 thru 3-31-77 1% 10 days Net 30 da.
H.E. Perry Co.	1.24 per gal	.97 per gal	Net 30 days
Blarney Castle Oil Co	1.25 per gal.	.99 per gal.	Net

COMPANY NAME	Usage	12 in.	15 in.	24 in.
Allmetal	16	5.02	5.88	8.84
Duorable, Inc.	16	4.37	5.11	7.69
H.H. craig & son	16	4.37	5.11	7.69
Cadillac Culvert Co.	16	4.37	5.11	7.69
Beach Manufac uring Co.	16	4.37	5.11	7.69
Young Metal Prod., Inc.	16	4.37	5.11	7.69
Jensen Brdg. & Supply Co.	16	4.37	5.11	7.69
Concrete Culvert Pipe				
Cadillac Concrete Pipe Co	2.37	3.40	7.65	
Seal Coat Aggregate				
Western Concrete	25A Limestone on dock	4.65 per ton		
	25A Limestone Delivered	5.65 per ton		
	31A Limestone on dock	4.65 per ton		
	31A Limestone delivered	5.65 per ton		
	Peastone on dock	4.60 per ton		
	Peastone delivered	5.60 per ton		

TERMS

1% - 10 days
30% discount page 1-4

Net 30 days
25% discount for truckload

1% discount - 10 days net 30 days
prices firm 4-1-77

1% - 10 days net 30 days
1976 Culvert Requirements

1% discount - 10 days net 30 days
35% discount

prices firm for one year

1% discount - 10 days net 30 days
Seasonal Requirements

Years Requirement of C.M.P.
Firm for 1976

Net 30 days
Concrete Culvert requirements 1976

GUARD RAIL (CO. NAME)	ST. SECTIONS 12' 6"	CURVED GUARD 25'-50' radius	FLARED ENDS	POSTS	TERMS
Durable, Inc.	2.65(1000' or more) 2.55(1200'-1500')	3.40	10.00		1 % 10 da. - net 30 da. price firm for 1976
Beach Manufacturing Co.	2.26		9.95		

ROCK SALT

MORTON SALT Min. Truckload 45 tons Firm Bid 4-1-76 to 4-1-77 Net 30 days Price per ton \$ 22.60

LIQUID DUSTLAYER 26% Liquid Dustlayer in our storage tanks. Prices based on our purchase of total requirements.
 4-1-76 to 4-1-77 Net 30 days \$.031 per gal.
 LIQUID DUSTLAYER picked up at Dow Chemical Co at Ludington for their account \$ 3.50 per liquid ton

Under Body Scraper

Shults Equipment Inc. 1 - Root, Model F-444-G-S-12-Foot Hydraulic Underbody Scraper \$2,995.00

At 1:58 P.M. reconvened at office.

Bid from Duane McCumber for \$200.00 for pickup County #2 was opened. Commission decides to hold this pickup for auction sale.

Application for Manager read from Michael G. Razminas. Secretary will write and thank him same as others who have submitted applications.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, we adjourn. Carried. Two ayes.

Adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John Biegalle (Chairman)

March 5, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Acting Manager-Secretary Larsen.

Minutes of last meeting on February 27, 1976, read and approved as read.

Secretary read a letter to Chairman Biegalle from Inland Lakes Machine, Inc., of Cadillac, Mich., manufacturers of underbody scrapers. They feel the manner in which Road Commission took bids on the last Underbody Scraper was unfair.

Road Commission instructs secretary to write Inland Lakes Machine, Inc., stating that there was no intnsion on their part to treat them unfairly. The notice for bids for furnishing this underbody scraper had been advertised in the State magazines and no pre-notices had been sent out to any firms. One company had noticed the advertisement in one of the magazines and called on the telephone on February 23, 1976. The company that called did place a bid.

William Johnson will not be in today because of the flu setting him back in his work.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we approve and authorize the signing of an agreement amending the 1975 County Maintenance Contract, Number 75-0553 with the Michigan Department of Highways and Transportation to provide for the designation of Edward C. Larsen as Maintnance Superintendent on State Trunk Line Highways and Edward C. Larsen on Bridges, effective February 13, 1976. Carried. Three ayes.

Read application from Robert C. Brimacombe of Berkley, Mich. Registered Surveyor.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we accept the bid of Michigan Tractor and Machinery Company for furnishing heat-treated grader blades and accept the bids of all others for furnishing regular grader blades. Carried. Three ayes.

At 11:00 A.M., Russell Mavis came into the meeting along with Robert Amsterburg of the local Soil Conservation Service to discuss a proposal for a cooperative agreement between the Resources, Conservation and Development people and the Road Commission for the installation of erosion control structures in various places along the county Road System. Program to be spread over three year period. R.C. & D. to pay for materials and Road Commission to furnish labor and equipment.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a proposal for an agreement on a Northwest Michigan Resource Conservation and Development project for the installation of erosion control structures in various places, according to plans, along the Mason County Road System. Carried. Three ayes

Chairman signed proposal and Secretary attested.

At 11:18 A.M., Mavis and Amsterburg left the meeting.

Road Commission wishes more information on gas and diesel situation and bids before awarding, or accepting any bids.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, Since our ~~shop people tell us the~~ experience with the use of oil from the Blarney Castle Oil Company, has shown it to be a superior product for our operations, we accept the bid of the Blarney Castle Oil Co. for furnishing oil for the twelvemonth period beginning April 1, 1976. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we accept the bid of Beach Manufacturing Co. for furnishing ~~crugated~~ metal culvert pipe for the year beginning April 1, 1976. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we accept the bid of Cadillac Culvert Pipe Co. for furnishing concrete culvert pipe for the year beginning April 1, 1976. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we accept the bid of Western Concrete Co. for furnishing seal coat aggregate for the coming year beginning April 1, 1976. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we accept the bid of the Beach Manufacturing Co. for furnishing guard rail for the year beginning April 1, 1976. Carried. Three ayes.

No decision on liquid calcium chloride. Manager to get more information.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we accept the bid of Shults Equipment Co. for furnishing an underbody scraper at a price of \$2,995.00. Carried. Three ayes.

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$70.94.

Secretary is to write letter to Representative Ralph Ostling stating Road Commission is in favor of the use of salt on Michigan's roads and highways because of the lack of any other efficient, economical method of removing ice so as to make winter travel safer.

Grant Township would like estimates for seal coats on County Line Road, Quarterline to Morton Road and also, an estimate on seal coat on Morton Road from County Line Road south to end of blacktop.

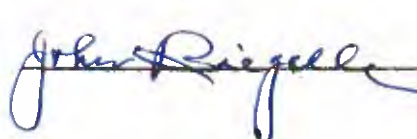
Letter from Rep. Cawthorne saying he appreciates receiving Road Commission views on House Bill No. 5439. This bill modifies the distribution formula to the MVHF).

Adjourned for lunch at 12:02 P.M.

Inspected the following in the afternoon:- Culvert on Meyers Road, north of U.S. 10-31. South Bayoubridge guard rail; erosion control structure on Lincoln Road, north of Dewey Road; Millerton Road, west of U.S. 31; and culvert on Mavis Road, just east of U.S. 31.

Adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

 (Secretary)

 (Chairman)



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March 11, 1976

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Bridge Inventory Report
(File E117530)

Preliminary Report - Local Bridges	Operating			Inventory
	One Unit	Two Unit	Three Unit	Rating
LaSalle Road (S2) Posted at 5 Ton-recommend remain 5 Ton	17	23	31	H8
Amber Road (L5) Posted at 5 Ton-recommend remain 5 Ton	21	35	35	H9
Darr Road (L7) Recommend posting at 5 Ton and 15 MPH	6	9	19	H2
Stephens Road (L10) Recommend posting at 5 Ton and 15 MPH	15	22	25	H2
Darr Road (L15) Recommend posting at 10 Ton and 15 MPH	22	34	56	H11
Tuttle Road (L17) Recommend posting at 5 Ton and 15 MPH	11	15	16	H5
Reek Road (P5) Recommend posting at 10 Ton	23	30	40	H9
Landon Road (P7) Posted at 5 Ton-recommend remain at 5 Ton	23	38	39	H15
Anthony Road (P13) Posted at 15 Ton-recommend reducing to 10 Ton and 15 MPH	15	21	34	H10

Part of minutes
of meeting on 3-1
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March 12, 1976

March 12, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Acting Manager and Secretary Larsen.

Minutes of last meeting on March 5, 1976, read and approved with the striking out of "shop people tell us the" from the motion accepting the Blarney Castle Oil Co. bid for furnishing oil.

Discussion about letter being written to township supervisors asking that they and members of their Board come into the meetings to discuss estimates for road work.

Letter from Jim and Linda Chisholm complimenting Road Commission on the snowplowing, etc. and care of their road was read. This on Hansen Road, east of Custer Road.

Letter from Rep. Dennis O. Cawthorne asking if there was any help Road Commission could give to a Mr. Edward Regan, R#1, Box 801, Scottville. (copy of Letter Regan had written to Cawthorne was enclosed. It also, mentioned that if there was any others that might help in this problem to let him (Rep. Cawthorne) know.

Since this is a problem that was investigated in 1971, the past history was gone over and Road Commission decided to take a fresh look at the problem this afternoon.

Agreeable with Road Commission to have Road and Bridge Committee's suggested meeting date of March 26th, 1976, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., be made part of agenda for that day. Secretary to call and inform them.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we accept the bid of Liquid Dustlayer for furnishing calcium chloride liquid for the coming year starting April 1, 1976. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we accept the bid of Standard Oil Division, of American Oil Co. for furnishing gasoline and diesel fuel for the six-month's period beginning April 1, 1976. Carried. Three ayes.

At 11:00 A.M., Leslie McClellan, supervisor; Mary Jones, Treasurer; Lillian Mayer, clerk; and Orla Allison, Trustee of Custer Township came into the meeting to discuss road work.

After discussion of various road problems, Custer Board wished estimates made on the following: -

- 1 Wedge and pave, or whatever Road Commission thought was needed, on Wilson Road, from Woods property to Kintner Road, approximately one mile.
2. One-half mile of Hansen Road, starting 1/4 mile east of Custer Road- take out trees, turnpike and gravel surface.

Custer Board left the meeting and Road Commission adjourned for lunch at 12:15 P.M.

After lunch inspected Regan drainage problem at Bradshaw and Scottville Roads. Decided levels should be taken to establish drainage pattern before deciding on what if any help, should be given.

Edges on Conrad Road from Darr to Tuttle Road. These are cracking in spots and some distress spots show up in the pavement. Possibly needs seal along edges.

At 2:20 P.M., reconvened at office with William Johnson of Perla and Stout in attendance.

Discussion over the bridges that have been inspected. Johnson gave report on some of them showing the capacities according to his computations.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we hereby authorize the posting of the following bridges as to weight limits recommended by our consulting engineers, Perla Stout Associates, P. C. of Traverse City, Michigan:-

Attached Bridge Inventory Report (File E117530) is part of this motion (Nine bridges)

Carried. Three Ayes.

These recommendations of engineer are to be made public.

Johnson will be back in April with reports on the rest of bridges. Johnson left the meeting.

County motorgrader number 136, Austin-Western, will take between \$1500 and \$2200 dollars to repair the front differential and get a new, or rebuilt, supercharger. This would still leave the engine as a question mark. Road Commission wishes this machine to remain sidelined.

Motion by Riisberg seconded by Felty, we approve and authorize the signing of the title sheet for the FAS project number 12032(001) widening and extra deceleration lanes on Jebavy Drive from U.S. 10 to Rasmussen Road. Carried Three Ayes. Commissioners signed above

Vouchers in the amount of \$29,590.04 signed by Commissioners.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we adjourn. Carried. Three ayes.

Adjourned at 3:33 P. M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John Biegalle (Chairman)

March 19, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Acting Manager and Secretary Larsen. Also, in attendance, Richard Danz of the Ludington Daily News, Scottville Bureau.

Minutes of last meeting on March 12, 1976, read and approved as read

Discussion of posting of bridges as recommended by Perla Stout Associates and authorized by motion of Road Commission at meeting on March 12th, 1976.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize the purchase of bulk rock salt for the coming winter of 1976-77 through the State of Michigan, Department of Management and Budget, as requested in their letter of March 8th, 1976. Two hundred tons is our estimated need. Carried. Three ayes.

Next week the Road and Bridges Committee will be meeting with the Road Commission on Friday, March 26th at 10:00 A.M. Chairman William Karlsen and Alex Lapenas have been notified.

Discussion of Edward Regan drainage problem. Sketches of survey were studied. Road Commission agreeable to go ahead with extending and lowering culverts and ditching enough to remove surface water, but any work along this line to wait until Soil Conservation Service has completed their study of underground drainage in this area.

Also, discussed sketch of survey of drainage problem at intersection of Decker Road and Benson Road. This showing possibility of draining water to the west under rail road tracks. Meeting with Railroad people scheduled for Monday.

Secretary read copy of letter sent to Rep. Cawthorne in the Regan Drainage matter.

At 10:40 A.M., Robert Moomey and Harold Craig came into the meeting to hear the reading of bids for furnishing culverts:-

Chairman Biegalle opened and the Secretary publicly read the following bids:-

H. H. Craig & Son - two(2) pieces of #3 x 1" corrugated steel pipe-arch, 95" span x 67" rise x 8 gage, square ends, each structure having a bottom center line length of 52'-0". Price \$10,790.00

Del.:- material to be delivered to your yard or job-site as per your direction. Terms:- 1% discount-10 days; net 30 days. SPECIAL DISCOUNT 36.25 per cent.

Beach Manufacturing Company Two 95" x 76" 8 Ga corr. metal pipe arch (3" x 1") 52 ft. long (ea) Square Ends 58.00 ft. Total \$6,032.00
Terms;- 1%-10 days, net 30 days. Del. 2 weeks.

Young Metal Products, Inc. Two (2) Pieces (95" x 67" x 52 ft. long each 8 gage corrugated metal pipe arch, 3 x 1 corrugations \$7,200.00
Terms; 1%-10 days, Net 30, FOB Destination

Jensen Bridge and Supply Company	- 4 each - 95" x 67", 3 x 1, 8 Ga. 26' lg. 104 lin. ft.	
	@ 95.00'	\$9,880.00
	2 each 95" x 67", 3 x 1, 8 Ga. Bands	
	@ 190.00 ea.	380.00
		<u>\$10,260.00</u>
	Delivered to Mason County Road job site. Terms 1%-10 days; net 30 days.	

At 10:50 A.M., Moomey and Craig left the meeting.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Fiisberg, we accept the low bid of Beach Manufacturing Co. for furnishing the Two (2) 95" x 67" 8 Ga. Corr. Metal Pipe Arch (3" x 1") 52 ft. long (ea) Square Ends \$58.00 per foot, Total \$6,032.00. Terms 1%, 10 days, Net 30 days. Delivery two weeks. Carried. Three ayes.

Communication read from Dept. of Management and budget on ordering cutting edges for underbody assemblies with tungsten carbide inserts through them. Prices if ordered during during April, 1976, will be the same as 1975 prices. A six foot cutting edge would cost \$149.04 each. Road Commission decided not to order any of these blades.

Chairman Biegalle gave a report on the Highway Conference held in Grand Rapids on the 16th and 17th of March. It was the consenses of those people giving talks on the program, that no more, or additional, money for road work is in sight and possibly less money may be available in the future.

Richard Danz gave an insight into the thoughts of the Ludington Daily News in putting him in charge of the Scottville Bureau. They will print a weekly giving more county news than has appeared in the daily paper and this edition will be part of the Daily once a week.

Danz ledft the meeting and the Road Commission adjourned for lunch and inspection of roads at 11:25 A.M.

In the afternoon Commission and Manager inspected the Bradshaw Road, east of the Benedict Road in Pere Marquette Township; Kinney Road waterhole, west of the Custer Road Hasenbank Road in Freesoil Township, from Stephens Road to Pickeral Lake; Manales Road, Stephens to Reek Road; then to the water problem on decker Road, at Benson Road. Their recommendation on these various problems will be carried out.

Adjourned at 3:27 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John Biegalle (Chairman)

March 26, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Acting Manager-Secretary Larsen, of the Road Commission, also in attendance were Chairman William Karlsen and member Jerome Rybicki of the Road and Bridges Committee of the County Board of Commissioners and Richard Dancz, representative of the Ludington Daily News.

Minutes of last meeting on March 19th, 1976, read and approved as read.

At 10:15 A.M., Ted Bogus of the Road and Bridges Committee came into the meeting.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a Program Schedule Agreement with the Soil Conservation people (Resources, Conservation and Development). Carried. Three ayes. Chairman signed above.

At 10:17 A.M., Alex Lapenas, of the Road and Bridges Committee, came into the meeting.

Chairman Biegalle then asked Chairman Karlsen to take part in the meeting.

Karlsen asked about what could be done to improve the Nurnburg Road as he is getting complaints about its condition. It was explained that Nurnburg Road is in Grant Township and serves predominately as a route for Hamlin Township people. It would continue to be bladed and patched when needed with gravel. Since this is a local Road, someone would have to help Road Commission financially in any construction work done. Grant Township is not interested in spending money for construction on a road that serves so few of their people.

Bad wash on the lake side of Lakeshore Drive near Sauble Inn Resort. More information will be obtained on ownership of this area. Will be inspected today.

South Bayou Bridge- so many complain turn is too sharp, especially when snow is on. Should be straightened out a little. Will be inspected today.

Lapenas- Would like to see State Highway people lower culvert on Meyers Road, north side. Mr. O'Brien has a drainage problem that he says would be corrected by lowering of this culvert. Custer Village and Lynches are concerned about sedimentation pond proposed for the area where the ball field is. Above two problems to be taken up with State Highway Dept. Road into Lowell Baker's place discussed. Not much solution but to raise road. Campbell Bridge problem is being worked on. Insurance Company representative is to call back Monday, or Tuesday. This being the company carrying liability on the company owning the rig that broke the bridge down.

Bogus asked about the road past Laman's asphalt plant. This is not a road in the County Road System, but more information will be obtained concerning it. He also, asked about a road back of Giant Store. Nelson Road right-of-way problem if extended to Tinkham Avenue was discussed.

Rybicki- Tuttle Road north of Fountain Road either the culvert is plugged, or there is none in the road and water is backed up on east side. Custer Road, north of Free-soil Village dirt should be pulled back to pavement. What are plans for Reek Road,

especially that part from Millerton Road and south one mile? Discussion about Primary Road System changes. Primary would be on Schoenherr Road instead of Reek Road when Schoenherr Road is built to Primary Road Standards. A soils man has looked at this stretch of Reek Road and has recommended a sand lift. So far, no estimate of this cost has been made.

Bogus asked about procedure in changing road from Local to Primary System. This was explained in the case he mentioned of First St. Not likely State would approve placing in Primary System because it is so close to U.S. 10-31. Also, when Freeway comes through present plans call for this road to be cut off. Discussion about where Freeway may come out on U.S. 10-31.

Discussed Jebavy Drive widening project which is in the process of getting approved for construction this year.

Benson and Decker Road intersection drainage problem discussed This has been resolved by opening an old, existing culvert under the railroad tracks.

Lapenas asked about how County Commissioners might help Road Commission financially. There is \$50,000 earmarked in their budget for Road Commission projects. After a general discussion of the question, it was the consensus that wait until after the township officials' meeting to be held on the third Thursday in April, to come up with some concrete proposals.

At 11:12 A.M., William Karlsen left the meeting.

Primary Budget and Primary Construction was discussed. Copies of these were given to the people in attendance.

A letter, showing information on how the various counties used, or did not use, snow-fence and the reasons for same, was read. This from Gratiot County Road Commission.

Discussion of right-of-way acquisition on Jebavy Drive. A proposal read from Fruehauf for a 1965, 6,500 gal. asphalt tanker insulated and in top condition for \$6,000 and a converta dolly(tandem) for \$2,500.00, was discussed. This to wait on more information.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, instruct Secretary to cast a ballot for James Gilbo for Director of the County Road Association of Michigan, from the Northern Association of Road Commissions. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, In order to keep our Local Road System in a safe passable condition, it was necessary to spend more moneys on it during the year 1975, than the amount returned to us for Local Road System, we therefore transfer 15% of the 1975 Primary Road System, Motor Vehicle Highway Funds to the Local Road System as authorized in Act 51. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we authorize the use of the earth auger and jeep(#120 & 121) for rental use to the Mason County Eastern School District on a Saturday. Road Commission operator to operate the equipment. Carried. Three ayes.

At 11:41 A.M. adjourned for Lunch. Inspected erosion control structures on Lincoln Road on the way to lunch.

After lunch the whole group inspected the following:- South Bayou Bridge guardrail; it was recommended to put up "Stop Ahead" sign on Lakeshore Drive; Nelson Road; Lam-an Road; Tuttle Road, north of Fountain Road, culvert needed; Reek Road, Millerton Road and south one mile.

Reconvened at office at 2:56 P.M.

Discussion on possible gravel patching program similar to the one last year. Also, possibilities of getting Right-of-Way for an extension of Nelson Road to Tinkham Ave. from U.S. 10.

Road and Bridge Committee would like to meet with Road Commission on April 16th, 1976. This is agreeable with Road Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John D. Biegalle (Chairman)

April 2, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Acting Manager-Secretary Larsen, also, Russell Mavis and Richard Dancz.

Minutes of last meeting on March 26th, 1976, read and approved as read.

Mavis spoke about his efforts to obtain right-of-way needed for the improvements planned for Jebavy Drive, U.S. 10 to Rasmussen Road. Some owners reluctant to give right-of-way. There is a water problem from Grant's Plaza north to Hazelwood Drive. Should have some R-O-W in this area on the east side of road to place small collection drainage ditch north of Hazelwood and some south will be tile in the road ditch according to the plans. Average sales of bare land in this area were discussed. Some averaged 14¢ and some others 20¢ per square foot. Recording fee and abstract entry fee would be the same as on the other roads. This R-O-W should be resolved by April 20th, if possible. Road Commission would like some commitment from owners to act upon.

Chairman asked Mavis about his experience on right-of-way problems connected with the Hamlin Drain back in 1971. Russell said he had never been specifically told to contact Mr. Fugere concerning getting R-O-W for this drain. It had been mentioned that he drop in sometime and talk to him. There had been quite a few meetings concerning this problem that he was not in on. Therefore, he didn't know just what had transpired in the R-O-W problems for this drain. He was not aware of any time limit.

At 10:37 A.M., Mr. Mavis, left the meeting and at 10:40 A.M. the following from Sherman Township came into the meeting to discuss Reek Road from Fountain limits south to Sugar Grove Road; - George Buckholtz, Township Supervisor, Mrs. Francis Adams, Township Clerk, John ^{Foster} Sayap, Arno Eschels, Velma A. Kozlowski, Ray Kovar, Ernie Koviak, Wallace Blohm, Lyle Griffith, Rich Jankoviak.

Mr. Buckholtz said, they had asked for meeting with Road Commission to find out what the Road Commission had in mind in the improvement of Reek Road, especially that part from Millerton Road to Dewey Road.

Chairman explained that when the change of Schoenherr Road from Local Road System to Primary System was discussed with the State Highway Department representatives, they required that Schoenherr Road be planned as a through route all of the way to the Freesoil Road, although it was set up for the initial emphasis to be placed on the improving of Schoenherr Road from U.S. 10 to Millerton Road.

Wallace Blohm said no objection to this from U.S. 10 to Sugar Grove Road, but we would like to know what to expect for improvement on Reek Road. Really there is only one mile that is the worst.

Mrs. Adams asked about how road gets to be Primary. Chairman answered that, "We wanted Primary to go Schoenherr Road from U.S. 10 to Sugar Grove and then west to Reek Road, but State would not go for it. Primary Roads cannot be within three miles of

one another except under special conditions, also must be connector routes between either primaries, or cities, villages, etc.

Others mentioned the problems connected with extending Schoenherr Road beyond the Millerton Road. Also, the problem with the swampy condition along Schoenherr Road from Dewey Road to Millerton Road.

Secretary read minutes from the April 14, 1972, meeting when representatives of the Townships involved had requested the improvement of Schoenherr Road and its change to the Primary System. Meeting ended up with Township people taking information back to their Boards and Road Commission agreeing to request change of Schoenherr Road from U.S. 10 to Millerton Road from Local Road System to the Primary Road System. All of this to hinge on receiving written confirmation of proposals from the Townships. Subsequently all townships concerned submitted written confirmation of above except Sherman whose confirmation included the stretch from U.S. 10 to Sugar Grove Road.

Blohm asked about when the bad mile of Reek Road will be repaired.

Adams asked about paying on the two miles of Schoenherr from Sugar Grove Road to Millerton Road.

Road Commission went into an executive session at 11:15 A.M. and came back into the meeting at 11:25 A.M.

Chairman said the other townships had agreed to pay the \$2,000 per mile for the Schoenherr Road from U.S. 10 to Millerton Road and Road Commission feels Sherman should, also, be included in these two miles from Sugar Grove to Millerton Road. The Road Commission agrees to improve Reek Road just as soon as the necessary plans can be made and the money found to do the work. Hoping to see way to do this improvement in 1977.

From the thoughts expressed by the people in attendance this was agreeable to them.

Secretary will send copy of these minutes to the Sherman Township Board.

11:30 A.M. Sherman Township people left the meeting as did Richard Dancz.

At 11:40 A.M. Road Commission left to meet Irv Krens of Brimhall and Co. at the airport. Mr. Krens to look at the collapsed Campbell Bridge. Commission then adjourned for lunch.

After lunch inspected roads. Washout at Weinerts and then went to Campbell Bridge and also, the bridge on the Anthony Road as well as inspected Roads in River Rapids subdivision.

Reconvened at office at 3:15 P.M.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we approve and authorize Chairman Biegalle and Vice Chairman Felty to sign a contract with the Department of State Highways and Transportation for the improvements planned on Control Section 53431-09995, M2032(001) (76-0338) Jebavy Road Reconstruction from U.S. 10 North to Rasmussen Road in Mason County, Michigan. Carried. Three ayes. Chairman and Vice Chairman signed above.

At 3:20 P.M. Chairman left meeting.

Discussion concerning a legal notice in the Daily News in regard to suit to quiet title to property in Nagasaki Park in the southwest part of the County.

Russell Mavis into the meeting.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, Since our last offer in the labor negotiations with Local #214, as far as we have been informed, was not taken to the members for a vote, we do not feel there is any need for fact finding at the present time. Carried. Two ayes. Secretary to inform Attorney Claire of the above action.

Request from Reginald Yaple of Whispering Surf Travel Trailer Village to construct and maintain a graveled foot-path from the lots he owns in Block 10, Bass Lake Park, Summit Township, across Park Ave., a platted street, to the shore of Bass Lake. Commission decides to hold this for further information.

Letter read from Attorney Leonard J. Gavigan enclosing a petition for abandonment of a small portion of Greenbush Avenue. Road Commission wishes to get the thoughts of Hamlin Township Board on this before taking any action.

Lloyd Tubbs of Freesoil has asked Road Commission willingness to pay something for use of his land at the intersection of Beyer Road and Custer Road. Mr. Tubbs will be contacted to see if he has an amount in mind.

Read letter from Scott Russell, Superintendent of Schools, Mason County Eastern District. Mr. Russell says Reek Road from Sugar Grove Road to south Village limits of Fountain is in very bad condition.


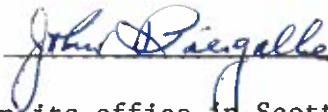
Mrs. Adams left a letter from Shirley A. Eschels, Branch Manager of the State Savings Bank of Scottville, stating that any changes to Reek Road, other than much needed repair would have an adverse effect on the businesses in the Village of Fountain as well as a hardship to many of the residents of Sherman Township. She further states they as a Branch of the State Savings Bank of Scottville, are opposed to any change or closing of this Primary Road except for some much needed repairs on the road for safer driving. Secretary is instructed to send letter to the above people saying the Reek Road from Dewey to Millerton is planned for improvement. Start of improvements to depend on finances, etc.

Letter read from Attorney Claire advising that state does not have sufficient funds for fact finding and asking Road Commission wishes. Enclosed with letter was a copy of a letter from Robert G. Howlett, Department of Labor saying if Union and Road Commission both agreed to pay for the services of a fact finder, then submit names. Road Commission instructs Secretary to inform Attorney Claire to convey to Mr. Howlett the thoughts of Commission expressed in above motion.

Application for Manager from Mr. Donald C. Haske, was read. Road Commission agrees to file application.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we adjourn. Carried. Two ayes.

Adjourned at 4:12 P.M.

 (Secretary)  (Chairman)

April 9, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg and Acting Manager-Secretary Larsen, as well as Richard Dancz, Ludington Daily News Representative.

Minutes of last meeting on April 2, 1976, read and approved with the addition of "Trustee" after John saya's name.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we accept and authorize the signing of an agreement with Grant Township for asphalt sealing of County Line Road from Stiles Road west to Morton Road and south on Morton Road to the end of the blacktop. This at an estimated cost to the Township of \$13,216. Carried. Three ayes.

The above agreement was signed on the original by the Grant Township Board, but only Supervisor Helmeniak had signed the copies. Road Commission signed original and copies are to be sent back for Township signatures.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, In answer to a question from Northwest Surveying and Engineering for Road Commission thoughts on putting a sewer line sometime in the future within the roadway in the Bass Lake Area and what type of backfill would be required, Road Commission will not allow sewer to be placed in the roadbed(measured from shoulder to shoulder) and will require clean sand, or gravel, backfill. Carried. Three ayes.

Secretary read letter from Findling Central Insurance regarding the fact that Hawk-eye Security and United Security have decided to cancel, or not renew, the insurance policies for the Road Commission on September 1, 1976. They are divesting themselves of any and all political subdivision business. The Mason County Road Commission is not being cancelled because of claim problems. (This to be taken up with Road Commission Attorney).

At 10:28 A.M. The following from Freesoil Township Board came into the meeting:- Supervisor Stephen Knizacky, Clerk Margaret Zajac, Treasurer Michael Rybicki, and Edmund Rybicki and Frank Willoughby.

Chairman Biegalle asked Supervisor Knizacky the thoughts of Freesoil Township on road work for 1976.

Knizacky said need work done on Freeman Road, Darr to Tuttle. School buses and others have had trouble getting through.

Mrs. Zajac said low spots need to be built up and some drainage and gravel is also, needed. The drainage and bad spots in above mile were discussed.

Knizacky said would like to seal Reek Road from the Freesoil Road south to the new pavement. Do not want anything on south side of Gunn Lake as proposed by Road Commission as this is in Sherman Township.

General Discussion about the road on the south side of Gunn Lake as to whether or not parts of it are in Freesoil Township.

Would like something done on Darr Road north of Freeman to the end of the graveling from the north, done some years ago. Also, a larger culvert is needed south of Freeman Road on Darr.

Mrs. Zajac asked what about Freeman Road from U.S. 31 to Darr Road? What does it need? It was agreed the worst holes would be patched for this year. She also, mentioned that she thought Load Restriction signs should be placed on this road during spring thawing as some truckers are hauling big loads over it.

In Summary the Township would like the estimates on the following roads:- First-Freeman Road, Darr Road to Tuttle Road, make it a passable gravel road; Second-Asphalt seal on Reek Road from Freesoil Road south and southeast to new pavement; Third(if money available) Darr Road from Freeman north to the ending of previous graveling. This to be passable gravel surfacing.

Larger culvert needed south of Freeman Road on Darr Road, also, on Stephens Road north of Freesoil Road a culvert is rusted out. This is a cross-road culvert. Hoague Road needs edge filling in places, also the Custer Road north of Freesoil Road. Hoague Road, 1½ miles east of highway plow dived by burned house.

At 11:06 A.M. Freesoil Township Board left the meeting.

Letter was read from Social Services Department of Mason County requesting that Road Commission consider placement of work experienced individuals in their system. These being people who have received assistance through social services and are required by law to work for this help. Representative is available to meet with Road Commission and explain program and answer questions.

At 11:15 A.M. the following from Amber Township came into the meeting:- Supervisor Harold Hansen, Clerk Susan Genson, Treasurer Leo McCarthy, Mrs. Leo McCarthy of the Township Road Committee and Elmer Fredericks, Trustee. Russell Mavis of Road Commission staff was also in attendance

Discussion about driveway application and drainage problem connected with a planned Consumers Power Co. Substation on First St., east of Dennis Road.

Mavis explained the drainage planned included 15" culverts for Consumers Power Co. driveways (Consumers to purchase and install culverts) A 15" culvert for the people who live west of Consumers property and a 15" cross road culvert to take water to the north side of First St. where it will continue west to creek. The driveway culvert for the people west of Consumers will replace a smaller existing one as will the cross-road culvert. There will also, be some ditching in connection with this drainage. Consumers people have told Road Commission people and Supervisor Hansen that they would be setting a precedent if they paid for this work and they would like Township to have this as a road project.

After general discussion of the pro's and con's, Road Commission went into executive session at 11:47 A.M. and came back into the meeting at 11:50 A.M.

Amber Township people decided to discuss the above at their next Board meeting on April 27th and let Road Commission know their decision.

Mrs. McCarthy of the Road Committee read off their recommendations:- Gordon Road, Hansen north should have a single seal. After discussion this was deleted for the year 1976. The First consideration should be given to Amber Road from U.S. 10 to Johnson Road, double seal. Second consideration to be given to First Street Scottville City Limits to Gordon Road, double seal. Third to be (depending on funds) Decker Road in conjunction with Victory Township, LaSalle Road to U.S. 31. this to be made ready for blacktop.

Amber people and Russell Mavis left the meeting at 12:09 P.M. and Road Commission adjourned for lunch.

After lunch inspected area of Consumers Power Co. planned sub-station. Then went to Regans on South Scottville Road to inspect completed drainage work.

At 1:48 P.M. reconvened at office.

Commissioner Riisberg said he had been notified of his appointment to the policy committee of the County Road Association and would have to go to Lansing next week on the 13th. He asks Road Commission if agreeable with them if he checks on one of the applicants for the manager position a Mr. Donald C. Haske.

At 2:35 P.M. Sheridan Township Board came into the Meeting. Supervisor Corliss Gulembo, Clerk Helen Budzynski, Treasurer Norma Jean Morse.

Gulembo said Pole Bridge Road is impassable to passenger cars, made it through with a four-wheel drive. The logging trucks have torn this up and is there any way to stop them?

Stopping them creates a problem, if they are hauling legal loads. Someone from

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Road Commission will inspect this road.

Gulembo said Township would like estimates on the following: - Fountain Road, Schoenherr to Griffin, wedge and seal; Larson Road, Millerton to Fountain, a prime and double seal, but under no circumstances to do the road if trees must come out. Road seems to be in good shape for blacktopping. If any money is left, they would like the Dewey Road, from Townhall east to Campbell put into shape for blacktopping in the future.

Need a couple loads of gravel on Schoenherr, by railroad tracks. Gulembo remarked that the blacktops showed they did not breakup as bad this spring because of not using brine on them for ice control. Someone has put a gate on the end of Benson Road at Ford Lake and would Road Commission investigate as to how long this has been there and if road has been legally closed. Road at Country Inn is washing when it rains down across the sugar Grove Road and onto property on north side of road. Brings sand and silt down onto this property and also, into the lake. Maybe a catch basin, or some way of slowing the water down can be found. Culvert on Pole Bridge Road needs some dirt on it. Dewey Road, east of Campbell needs a couple loads on it.

Mrs. Budzynski requested amounts available per mile for Primary and Local mileage from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund. \$2,975 per mile on Primary System and \$495 per mile on Local System. This during the year 1975. Also, requested copy of minutes pertaining to her Board's part in meeting.

At 3:15 P.M. Sheridan Township Board left the meeting and Road Commission adjourned at 3:18 P.M.

 (Secretary)  (Chairman)

April 15, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Comm. Felty and Riisberg, and Acting Manager/Sec Larsen. Richard Dancz of the Ludington Daily News was also, in attendance.

Secretary read release from the County Road Association saying Courts had upheld Treasury Dept.'s responsibility to audit Road Commissions- ~~State Highway Department~~.

Vouchers in the amount of \$37,172.95 signed

The following resolution was made by Commissioner Felty and he moved its adoption:-

WHEREAS a petition signed by nine(9) freeholders of Hamlin Township has been filed with the Board of Road Commissioners and said petition respectfully requests the Road Commission absolutely abandon and discontinue the following described road which is under Road Commission jurisdiction:

So much of Greebush Avenue as lies between Lots 1 and 12 of Block 7, and Lots 6 and 7 of Block 8, extending to Grace Avenue on the East and to Bluff Avenue on the West, Bridges Resort, Hamlin Township,

WHEREAS attached to petition was a true and correct list of the names and mailing addresses of the occupants of each parcel of land abutting the portion of Greebush Avenue to be absolutely abandoned and discontinued, which said list is certified under oath as required by statute,

WHEREAS, no one residing in the area requires the existence of the road sought to be abandoned and discontinued, for either ingress or egress, and in the opinion of the petitioners, by virtue of the location of the road, and considering other roads in the immediate area, it is pointless to retain this small portion as a

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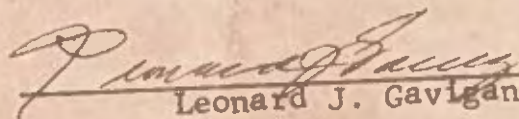
Re: Abandonment of a portion of Greenbush Avenue - Bridges Resort

Gentlemen:

The undersigned, Leonard J. Gavigan, does hereby certify that, by examination of the records in the office of the Register of Deeds for Mason County, the following is a true and correct list of the names and mailing addresses of the occupants of each parcel of land abutting the portion of Greenbush Avenue described in the petition for abandonment hereunto annexed and located in Hamlin Township, Mason County, Michigan:

- a. Lots 1 and 12, Block 7 - Jane Forester Cook, 1210 White-bridge Hill, Winnetka, Illinois 60093.
John P. Forester, 11 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603
- b. Lots 6 and 7, Block 8 - Richard John Gaffney and Betty Joan Gaffney, P.O. Box 864, Kokomo, Indiana 46901

Jane Forester Cook and John P. Forester acquired title to their lots, together with other lands in the vicinity, in a conveyance appearing at 191 of Deeds, pages 312-13, and the Gaffneys acquired title to their premises in a conveyance recorded at 193 of Deeds pages 295-6.


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portion of the county road system. Said portion of Greenbush Avenue is but 10 feet wide and, at the present time, is an indistinguishable portion of the yard area lying between the Gaffney and Forester-Cook premises.

WHEREAS, Leonard J. Gavigan, Attorney, has certified that by examination of the records in the office of the Register of Deeds for Mason County, the attached list is a true and correct list of the names and mailing addresses of the occupants of each parcel of land abutting the portion of Greenbush Avenue described in the petition for abandonment. Jane Forester Cook and John P. Forester acquired title to their lots, together with other lands in the vicinity in a conveyance appearing at 191 of Deeds, Pages 312-13, and the Gaffneys acquired title to their premises in a conveyance recorded at 193 of Deeds pages 295-6.

THEREFORE, we hereby absolutely discontinue and abandon the above described portion of Greenbush Avenue, Bridges Resort, Hamlin Township.

Support furnished by Commissioner Riisberg.

Vote: Three ayes; Nays-none. Resolution Carried.

Paul Bunyan meeting to be April 22nd at Freemont. Four to go.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize the advertising for asphalt seal coat bids, asphalt paving bids, and bids for the furnishing of one brine tank semi-trailer. Bids to be for public reading on May 14, 1976. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize the participation with Stokely Van Camp Company in the repaving of the mutual driveway on the west side of the Road Commission garage at an estimated cost of \$600.00 as Road Commission's 50% share. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we approve and authorize the signing of an agreement with Summit Township for improvements to Kistler Road, Meisenheimer Road, Road in Gilberts Addition, and Road in Chalet Highlands, and Deren Road. The estimated cost to the Township is \$31,468.00. Carried. Three ayes.

Discussion of problems connected with the Jones Pit. Manager is to set up a meeting between Mr. Burton Jones and the Road Commission.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize our Permits and Right-of-way man to approve the application of Consumers Power Company for a driveway to a proposed substation on First St. approximately 1/4 mile east of Dennis Road. Carried. Three ayes.

Manager has been contacted by the Hamlin Township Supervisor Melvin Herban concerning Beech Street being put back on its platted location. The history of this problem was discussed.

Comm. Riisberg gave a report of the proceedings at the policy Committee meeting he attended at the County Road Association in Lansing.

At 11:08 A.M. Mr. James Nastold of the Mason County Central School System came into the meeting to discuss the weight limits posted at bridges.

Chairman Biegalle explained that the Board of Commissioners had passed a resolution requesting the Road Commission mark all County Road bridges with load restrictions. Road Commission had retained an engineering firm, Perla Stout, of Traverse City, to inspect and come up with recommendations for weight limits on all bridges. The engineers reports are not as yet complete, but we have posted according to their recom-

mendations.

Mr. Nastold explained the weight of buses was more than allowed on two of the bridges posted for five(5) tons. One on Darr Road, north of Sugar Grove Road and one on Amber Road, north of Sugar Grove Road. He feels he will be forced to have children unload and walk across these bridges at least for the remainder of this school year. He and Mr. Dancz make arrangements to have pictures taken of this and also, include it in news story.

Mr. Nastold would like to be invited to meeting when Mr. Johnson of Perla Stout, comes to meeting to give next report on bridges.

At 11:35 A.M. Mr. Nastold left the meeting.

Riisberg gave a report on ~~his interview with~~ Mr. Haske, who had applied for Manager's position, and ~~others who were~~ acquainted with Mr. Haske. *change was*

Chairman gave report on a call ~~he~~ had had from ~~someone~~ *Mr. Bradshaw* on Crystal Lake in regard to the high water at his home.

At 12:00 A.M. adjourned for lunch.

Commissioner Felty was excused. Commission inspected Schoenherr Road grading, water problem on 32nd street, water problems at Blue Lake, and returned by way of Hansen Road and Reek Road.

Motion by Biegalle, seconded by Riisberg, we authorize the hiring of one additional employee, Walter Dessauer. Carried. Three ayes. Commissioner Felty had indicated his agreement with this.

Adjourned at 3:12 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) *John Biegalle* (Chairman)

April 23, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, Acting Manager/Secretary Larsen.

Minutes read and approved with the changes in regard to Haske, Riisberg talked to Eldridge, not "others" and he did not interview Mr. Haske. Also, a change from "someone" to "Mr. Bradshaw" in that part about Chairman Biegalle's report of high water at Crystal Lake.

At 10:13 A.M., Mr. Richard Dancz of the Ludington Daily News came into the meeting.

Request of Lincoln Hills Golf Club to purchase approximately 20 tons of stone from Road Commission brought before the meeting. Road Commission is not in favor of selling any stone.

Discussion of problem on Tuttle Road south from Townline Road. Party is figuring on building beyond the Certified County Road System. Road Commission will look at this today.

At 10:30 A.M., Mr. Robert Renwick came into the meeting to discuss the five(5) ton weight restriction posted on the bridge over the South Branch of the Lincoln River on the Darr Road.

He said gas man would not come in over this bridge and school bus stops, lets kids off and kids walk across and get on bus again when it has crossed.

Chairman Biegalle explained about Board of Commissioners resolution requesting Road Commission to post all bridges with weight Restrictions. Road Commission had retained an engineering firm from Traverse City to inspect bridges and recommend the limits each bridge should be posted at.

Renwick said road to the north, but it would be too costly to fix this as an all-weather road. He explained about problem this posting makes in connection with his work as a contractor and forest-products hauling operator. He said this posting would put him out of business. He couldn't get his equipment in and out of his yard.

Road Commission records show this bridge to have a 24' span.

Road Commission agrees that Road and Bridge Committee of the Board of Commissioners should be brought in on this. Road Commission will inspect bridge and area today.

At 11:10 A.M. Robert Renwick left the meeting and Mr. Doyle of AIS Construction Equipment Co. came in to the meeting.

Mr. Doyle was introduced and mentioned that he was interested in discussing his company's motorgraders with the Road Commission. Road Commission requests that he come back at more convenient time for them as they have appointment with Attorney for 11:30 A.M. Mr. Doyle will set up appointment for some future date.

11:25 A.M. Road Commission adjourned at office and went for meeting with Attorney Claire at his office. Discussed insurance cancellation by Hawkeye, Campbell Bridge collapse, and labor negotiations. Manager is to set up meeting with William Johnson of Perla Stout and Attorney Claire for sometime next week.

Road Commission adjourned for lunch.

After lunch inspected drainage complaint on Jackson Road near curves and near Todd Read's mailbox. Looked at area of curves of old U.S. 31, Hoague Road to LaSalle Road. Mr. Ebey has asked Road Commission thoughts on closing this stretch since he owns on both sides of the road. Road Commission is not agreeable to pursuing this further.

Traveled Hoague Road to Custer Road, down Custer Road and inspected brush spraying done in 1975 in area of Custer Road and Townline Road. Checked area on Tuttle Road, south of Townline where party is going to build. Then to Darr Road to look at Renwick problem with bridge over South Branch of the Lincoln River. Supervisor Buckholtz of Sherman Township was there to discuss problem. Drove road to the north of bridge. This is being used at the present time. Then back to garage.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize the hiring of a bulldozer at a cost of \$35.00 per hour. This to include operator and fuel and maintenance. This for the grading of Schoenherr Road an estimated work period of 20 days. Carried. Three ayes.

Adjourned at 3:26 P. M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John B. Biegalle (Chairman)

April 30, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, Acting Manager/Secretary Larsen and Ludington Daily News representative Richard Dancz.

Discussion of drainage problems at Dewey and Jebavy Drive.

Read letter ^{have} from County Road Association on estimate of amount proposed severance tax bill would meantfor counties having oil and gas production. Mason County Road Commission's estimate was \$17,750 for 1975.

Read copy of letter Mr. Sharnborg had written to Gov. Milliken and copy of Gov. Milliken's reply. Mr. Sharnborg complains about road on his property along Riverside Drive in Section 3 of Meade Township.

Copy of a letter written by Attorney Claire was read. This letter was to Douglas Findling stating among other things, that Road Commission feels Findling bid on three year policies with premiums on an annual basis and demanding withdrawal of notice of cancellation and asking his company's affirmative declaration the coverage will remain in full force and effect through the policy period to August 31, 1978, as provided in Road Commission specifications and his bid as accepted.

Accounting Seminar will be held in Traverse City on May 12 and 13. Three to go.

Invitation to Fish Fry on May 21, 1976 at East Tawas.

At 10:35 A.M. Supervisor Corliss Gulembo, Clerk Helen Budzynski, Leslie Anderson, Phyllis Anderson, Viola Smith, and Clifford Worthington came into the meeting.

Gulembo said had complaint last Township Board meeting about the condition of the Budzynski Road, south from Fountain Road. Hasn't been bladed this year and has water holes in road so that it is impassable for cars.

Chairman Biegalle said Road Commission had not been asked to make an agreement on this road.

Gulembo said it had been discussed about doing some work on this road. His Township will support doing about 300 to 400 dollars worth of work to make it passable for autos.

Chairman Biegalle said he remembered some talk of fixing the road and possibly getting the material from Mrs. Smith's property.

Gulembo said, "Why can't we get a blade in there, so people can get back to their property?" Riisberg answered probably blade did not go in because no one lived there.

Felty asked Mrs. Smith, "Is this road worse now than when you lived there?" Mrs. Smith said it was passable when she lived there.

Commission will look at above road today.

Gulembo we need some gravel on Millerton Road on hill east of Campbell Road.

Mr. Anderson said his road had only been bladed once this spring and also, a load of gravel had been dumped and not smoothed out. He lives on Morse Road north of Millerton Road. This is a dead end road. He also, said snowplowing last winter was not as good as he thought it should be.

Discussion about closing of Pole Bridge Road. This due to high water in several spots and one impassable spot.

Biegalle asked if Sheridan wanted an estimate to make Budzynski Road south of Fountain Road passable. Mrs. Budzynski said we just want this fixed as a passable two-track road.

Mrs. Smith said they are figuring on pulling in a trailer to go on their property. She offers materials to fill spots in road.

Gulembo - need shoulders pulled then some gravel.

Smith asked who maintains the roads in Fountain and does Road Commission have anything to do with culverts? Answer was Fountain Village maintains their own roads and Road Commission maintains culverts along County Roads.

Gulembo we need some gravel on Dewey from Morse to Larson, on Schoenherr, couple loads by tracks and it needs blading. On 32nd Street need outlet for water and a load of gravel by mailbox, south end.

Worthington discussed ditching on 32nd St. Ditch was opened, water drained and ditch was covered up again, now water is rising to top of road again. This will be checked out with Dept. of Natural Resources as this water goes into Tallman Lake. The question was asked how far south does 34th St. go. The certification map was studied.

At 11:26 A.M. Sheridan people left the meeting and at 11:30 A.M. Donald Lundberg came into meeting to discuss Conklin Company, Inc. products and especially WEX, a multi-purpose wetting agent.

Mr. Lundberg explained how this product added to liquid calcium chloride to make it soak into the road faster and farther. Montcalmis one County Road Commission that is now using this material. They used some last year and have ordered 15 barrels this year, according to his information. He is willing to give two barrels for the price of one as an introductory offer. The regular municipal discount is forty per cent.

Commission will discuss this information and get back with Mr. Lundberg in eight or ten days.

At 12:02 P.M., Mr. Lundberg left the meeting and Road Commission adjourned for lunch.

After lunch Road Commission inspected Budzynski Road, south of Fountain Road; Morse Road, north of Millerton Road; and Millerton Road, east of Campbell Road to top of hill. *Road Comm found nothing wrong with Sheridan Road, with the exception of Budzynski Rd, which was close to impassable.*

At 2:05 P.M. reconvened at office with Chairman William Karlson and Alex Lapenas, Ted Bogus, and Jerome Rybicki of the Road and Bridges Committee of the Mason County Board of Commissioners in attendance.

Secretary read part of minutes of meeting of April 23, 1976, pertaining to Robert Renwick's part in the meeting.

Chairman Biegalle explained about how bridge postings affect the schools and others.

Chairman Karlson explained his committee's thoughts on the resolution recommended by them and passed by the Board of Commissioners. He thought perhaps the action was a little hasty, but it was intended to convey to the Road Commission that they supported them in posting weight limits on bridges. *He apologized for having made this decision without consulting Road Commission*

Rybicki said he understood Renwick could not get in and out. Commission said they had checked and road was passable now going north.

Rybicki asked how weight limits were arrived at. Chairman said Road Commission had retained Perla and Stout, an engineering firm of Traverse City, and they had inspected the bridges and made recommendations. Commission had followed their recommendations in posting of bridges.

Karlsen asked how many bridges were sub-standard and Biegalle read from the last list of bridges that William Johnson of Perla and Stout had submitted to the Road Commission.

Karlsen said we would like priorities set up on some of these.

Lapenas asked if school buses could be re-routed. School people say yes in some cases for the coming year, but the present school year was so close to being over thought no use changing routes.

Biegalle told about party who wants to build beyond the certified part of the Tuttle Road south of the Townline Road. This being a trail rather than a road.

Lapenas explained about building permits and the possibility of denying them because of hardship. This could be in relation to the roads, poor drainage, etc.

Other drainage problems discussed.

Karlsen - back on bridges, We would like to get figures and plans together to bring bridges up to handle school buses, possibly 10 ton load limits. Some practical limits.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we agree to get plans and specifications on the various bridges that are substandard to handle school bus traffic, according to priorities for school bus routes. Carried. Three ayes.

The above information to be taken up with Road and Bridges Committee when gathered together.

Richard Dancz asked, "Where does the money come from?"

Karlsen, "As long as we are talking about safety of school buses and other traffic, after we get the amounts needed and the priorities, we will have to try to come up with some of the financing."

Riisberg, This is going to cost us money and therefore we will have less to match Townships.

Karlsen- Townships will have to be contacted on those in their townships.

Karlsen-Supervisor Herban of Hamlin Township says Beaune Road in very bad shape. What does Road Commission have planned for the South Bayou Bridge? people are not happy about the way it is. Owner of the motel southwest of the bridge is willing to release 5' for road right-of-way, if road could be straightened out a little bit.

Manager has talked to Herban & he says no money for road work this year, so present plans for Beaune Road are to fill the worst holes when they appear.

Felty those people won't be satisfied until the road at South Bayou Bridge is changed and the Stop sign taken down.

Riisberg, "We have had State Police and others check this and they say this is the way it should be."

Felty, We think this is right and yet we get this same complaint about it every time we meet with you people.

Rybicki culverts on Koenig Road blocked. At least one beaver still in area. One completely and one partially blocked. These are east of Custer Road.

Karlsen asked about the money collected from Acme Disposal Co. Manager explained that in 1974, Acme had paid \$900 to Road Commission during time weight restrictions were in force and in 1974 Road Commission had spent some over \$1100 on the Inman Road. So far, during 1975, Acme has paid \$600 on their agreement leaving four weeks at \$300 per ^{week} still unpaid. Karlsen - we advise the collection of the remaining amount owed by Acme disposal Co.

At 3:08 P.M., Robert Dixon of the Mason County Health Department came into the meeting.

Lapenas need some gravel and ditching along Conrad Road in from Custer Road.

Felty asked if money budgeted by Board of Commissioners was earmarked for gravel.

Rybicki said the money was set up for gravel and/or bridges.

The members of the Committee were given a copy of the 1975 Road Commission Financial Report.

Dixon asked if a Mr. Worthington of Tallman Lake had been in. The answer was yes. He then asked about ditch to the Lake in the Tallman Lake area, had Mr. Worthington discussed ditching 32nd Street? Answer this ditch had been opened, water drained and then closed up again. Someone in the area had called in the Dept. of Natural Resources people. Dixon asked if this drain could be left open.

Felty asked what if DNR says no?

It was decided Manager is to contact representative of DNR and find out about opening and leaving open this ditch to take water along portion of 32nd street to Tallman Lake.

Dixon suggests Tim Hansen be in on this.

At 3:35 P.M. Visitors left the meeting

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$49,492.20

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg we adjourn. Carried. Three ayes.

Adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John Biegalle (Chairman)

May 7, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Acting Manager-Secretary Larsen.

At 10:12 A.M. Richard Dancz, Ludington Daily News Representative came into the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting on April 30, 1976, read and approved with the following additions:-

1. "Road Commission found nothing wrong with Sheridan Township roads with the exception of Budzynski Road which was nearly impassable" to that part about inspecting roads after ^{their} lunch.
2. "He apologized for having made this decision without consulting the Road Commission"- to that part about Chairman Karlsen's explanation of resolution recommending posting of bridges.

Burton Jones called and he is home at 12:30 P.M. each day, but then goes to work and comes back about 4:30 P.M. Road Commission decides will meet with him at 5:00 P.M., May 14, 1976, at their office in Scottville. Secretary to notify him of this.

Two going to Commissioners Seminar at Gaylord.

Letter from Mrs. Carol Goff suggesting the possibility of giving out targets to hunters as one way to cut down on the destruction of road signs from being shot up. Road Commission is interested, but not sure just how this would be put into action as they cannot put up money to purchase the targets. Manager will write Mrs. Goff

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we accept the bid of Gustafsen Oil Co., of Elberta, Mich. which was submitted February 27, 1976, for the furnishing of Asphalt Emulsions and Asphalt cutbacks for the year starting April 1, 1976. If they cannot furnish the material, then go to the next lowest bidder, or bidders. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, We authorize a 1976 program for spraying vegetation under guardrails at an estimated cost of 1,393.00 dollars. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize bids to be taken for brush spraying program with an estimated cost of \$5,000.00 and we authorize bids to be taken for a centerline painting program at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00 Carried. three ayes

Letter read from Carl Seufert, State Highway District Engineer, asking that all counties be aware that some form of weekend trunkline maintenance is necessary throughout the entire year. Discussion about who is to stand the cost of this. Road Commission instructs Secretary to write to Mr. Seufert for clarification.

Riisberg showed and explained information he had received on culvert cleaner.

Felty said there is a spot on Gunn Lake Road near Beyer cottage that always seems to washout.

Biegalle asked about accident that he had heard happened at a gravel pit. Truck tipped over and man jumped from truck. Manager after brief investigation said it was an end loader that the man jumped from and it had happened at Jones Pit, if this was the accident referred to.

Road Commission requests map showing what projects and types of work being done during each week.

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$11,305.74.

At 11:35 A.M., Richard Dancz left the meeting.

Discussion about County #1, a Dodge pickup, still on warrantee, that company doesn't seem to be able to solve a problem with transmission. Secretary is to write requesting warrantee be honored.

At 12:02 P.M. adjourned for lunch.

After lunch inspected roads. Drove over Budzynski Road, south of the Fountain Road and found the work that had been done during the week, satisfactory. Inspected 32nd and 34th Street in Oak Openings Plat. Agreeable to put plastic pipe in drainage at 32nd street. Also check water backup at Benson Road and Marshall Street intersection.

Adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Edward C. Loney (Secretary)

John Biegalle (Chairman)

May 14, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:15A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Acting Manager/Secretary Larsen. Also in attendance was Richard Dancz, representing the Ludington Daily News.

Minutes of last meeting on May 7, 1976, read and approved with the addition of "because of MVHF law" to that part about not being able to put up money for targets.

Felty brought up the subject of cleaning the culvert north of the intersection of Dewey Road and Jebavy drive. Road Commission decides this culvert should be cleaned. They will inspect it today.

At 10:22 A.M., Robert Amsterburg of the Soil Conservation Service came into the meeting to discuss proposed work schedule for erosion control projects.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize the Chairman to sign The Plan of Operations for 1976 for erosion control structure work to be done in cooperation with the R. C. and D. Carried. three ayes. Chairman signed.

At 10:32 A.M. R. Amsterburg left the meeting.

Manager reported he had had a call from Mr. Gibson in Rep. Cawthorne's office A Mrs. Zay had contacted Mr. Cawthorne concerning Pearl St. in Tallman Lake area being flooded. Gibson would like call back when some decision is made. Commission will look at this today.

Beigalle reported had been notified that there was a mudhole on Stolberg Road, just off Benson Road. Will check this today.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we authorize the purchase of the necessary hubs, etc. to change County Trucks No. 23 and 35 to Budd wheels. This to allow the use of tire chains in the winter and to keep the trucks from bouncing from slipped and distorted rims. Approximate cost \$1200 per truck for rear wheels only. Carried. Three ayes.

Discussion on screening the EBASCO sand piles. Manager will get approximate cost.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we accept and authorize the signing of the following agreements with Pere Marquette Township:-

Lakeshore Drive, pave and wedge bad spots	estimated Twp. cost	\$3501.00
Washington N. of Virnetta, wedge and single seal	" " "	2727.00
Rasmussen E. of Jebavy, wedge and single seal	" " "	10401.00
Rohrmoser, single seal	" " "	400.00
Hesslund, E. of 31 to curve, single seal	" " "	764.00
Hesslund, W. of 31 single seal	" " "	997.00
Blacktop to fill sag w. of 31 on Hesslund	" " "	301.00
Anne St., double seal end of street	" " "	192.00
Limouze E. of Nelson, double seal	" " "	998.00
Bradshaq, E. of Lakeshore, double seal	" " "	3818.00
Bradshaw, W. of Beaune, double seal	" " "	1207.00
Inman, N. of Chauvez, double seal	" " "	1635.00
Bradshaw Road, east end in Sec 31, grade and ditch and gravel	" " "	2086.00

Motion carried. Three ayes. Commissioners signed above agreements.

Pere Marquette has signed three more agreements, two with Amber Township as Cooperator and one with the City of Ludington as cooperator. When Amber Township and City of Ludington have agreed to projects, Road Commission will take action.

At 11:12 A.M., Pete Miller of Bituminous Materials Co., Clancy Laman, of Laman Asphalt and Paving Co., and Alan Swinehart of C. J. Burke, Inc., came into the meeting to hear the reading of bids for furnishing the following:-

For seal coating-

Rieth-Riley on	Item One- one applic. of prime	0.076¢ per gal
	Item Two- one applic of asphalt and one of chips	0.0489¢/sq yd.
Hiway Maintenance & Construction Co.		
	Item One- one applic. of prime	0.03¢/gal
	Item Two- one applic of asphalt and one of chips	0.04¢/sq yd
BTA Inc.		
	Item One- one applic. of prime	0.026¢/gal
	Item Two- one applic of asphalt and one of chips	0.038¢/sq yd
The Hicks Co.		
	Item ONE- one applic. of prime	0.08¢/gal
	Item Two- one applic of asphalt and one of chips	0.055¢/sq yd
Laman Asphalt and Paving Co.		
	Item One- one applic. of prime	0.025¢/gal
	Item Two- one applic of asphalt and one of chips	0.035¢/sq yd
	Broom rental \$21.00 per hour with operator	

For paving:-

Laman Asphalt and Paving Co.		
	Item ONE- bond coat applied per gallon	0.60/gal
	Item Two- Contractor furnishing all materials,	
	hauling and laid	price per ton 16.80
	Item Three-Contractor furnish all materials, materials	
	hauled in County trucks	per ton mile .10

For furnishing brine tank:-

Howard Eichenberg for furnishing an 8,050 gallon used Fruehauf tank	
trailer, 1955, aluminum	\$1475.00
Cyril J. Burke Incorporated for furnishing a 4500 gallon new wooden	
tank trailer, del. approx 90 days, FOB Scottv	\$16,575.00

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we accept ^{The low} the bids of Laman Asphalt and Paving Co. for doing both our seal coat and paving work for the 1976 season. Carried. Three ayes.

Secretary has sent billing to Acme Disposal Co. and also, given a copy to Carl Peterson, who is on the Dept. of Public Works.

Riisberg read letter from Dept. of Natural Resources in regard to salt storage and use areas. Discussion about this and the brin ing of roads.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:10 P.M.

After lunch inspected culvert at Dewey and Jebavy and found it partially blocked and the west end damaged. Checked drainage on Decker Road in from U.S. 31. Found nothing wrong with its operation. Then to Tallman Lake area. Could not find mudhole on Stolberg and checked 34th st. at its junction with Pearl St. this is underwater.

New culvert checked at Marshall and Benson Roads. Just installed to take the

extra water flowing out of Tallman Lake. Then to garage and recessed.

Reconvened at 5:07 P.M. with Burton Jones, owner of Jones Pit in attendance. He feels he should be getting paid for the gravel hauled from stockpile at his pit. Secretary read lease and letter requesting the 10 extra years allowed for in the lease to complete removal of gravel. Novation written up to grant Jones 20¢ per yard was discussed. Although Commission had signed novation, Jones said he had never seen it and therefore had not signed. He took two copies of Novation with him for study and signing and will return both copies to Road Commission and one is to be returned to him.

Jones left the meeting.

Motion by Biegalle, seconded by Riisberg, we adjourn. Carried. Three ayes.

Adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John Biegalle (Chairman)

May 21, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Acting Manager -/Secretary Larsen as well as Richard Dancz, Ludington Daily News Representative.

Minutes of last meeting on May 14th, 1976, read and approved with the addition of "The low" to the motion accepting Laman Asphalt and Paving Co. bid.

Discussion about Custer Township wanting estimate on six hundred (approx.) more feet of seal on Wilson Road.

Discussed change of Primary Program Road Improvement. Should be Angling Road from Jebavy to Victory Drive rather than Jebavy Road, from Angling Road to Victory Drive.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we accept and authorize the signing of an agreement with Custer Township for work on the following roads:-

1. Hansen Road, Section 3/10, grubbing, grading, drainage, and gravel surfacing- Estimated Township Cost \$11,053
2. Wilson Road, Between Darr and Tuttle Roads, sand lift, seal coat some gravel surfacing Est. Township Cost \$12,755.

Motion Carried. Three ayes.

Petition bearing 26 signatures of Amber Township residents living on the roads on which they request improvement. Petition asks the improvement as necessary and the asphaltting of:-

1. The county road referred to as First Street, from the City of Scottville, Michigan city limits, west to the County road referred to as Amber Road.
2. The county Road of Gordon, south from U.S. 10-31 to Conrad Road.

Petition has also been filed with Amber Township Board. Road Commission agrees the only action they can take under their policy is in conjunction with the Township. Secretary is to file petition.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we confirm the bid of \$2.25 per ton for the purchase of stone as submitted by our Manager to the Dow Chemical Company. Carried. Three ayes.

Contract Back on Jebavy Drive project. Insurance appraizal for 1976 has been received from C.L. Flynn.

Letter from State Highway Dept.- Jebavy Drive FAS to be advertised for bids June 16th, 1976. Also, Secretary read letter that had been written to R.C. Bollinger about transmission problem in pickup #1. Discussed high water problem at the end of 34th Street at Tallman Lake.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we accept and authorize the signing of an agreement with Eden Township for work on Darr Road south of Anthony Road at an estimated cost of \$4,830.00 to the Township. Carried Three ayes.

There was a question about whether or not a culvert was already in the area of the above project. Road Commission will check this today.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we accept and authorize the signing of agreements ^{with} Freesoil Township for work on the following roads:-

1. Freeman Road, Tuttle to Darr Road-grading and Gravel surfacing
Estimated Township cost of \$4,210.00
2. Reek Road, Freesoil Road south and southeast, seal coat
Estimated Township cost of \$4,368.00
3. Darr Road, Freeman Road and north, ditching, gravel surfacing
Estimated Township cost of \$1,643.00

Motion carried. Three ayes.

Manager reported on the trip he and Shop Foreman had made to Clare County to discuss wooden brine tanks. Clare County has one 12 years old and one 2 years old. They figure on lifting the tanks off the chassis about evry third year and repaint chassis. The 12 year-old tank looked in very good shape.

Invitation to Road Jamboree, June 10, 1976, at Crooked Creek near Saginaw, was read. Chairman Biegalle gave report on items of interest concerning labor problems.

Motion Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we authorize the hiring of two temporary employees with the stipulation that they are not to have union dues deducted from their pay, as long as no labor agreement is in force. Pay scale to be \$2.85 per hour. Carried. Three ayes.

At 11:43 A.M. adjourned for lunch

Commissioner Riisberg left the group after lunch. Inspected concrete that Laman Asphalt & Paving Co. had dumped at the end of a street in Linlook Park. It is our understanding that he had Dept. of Natural Resources approval for this.

Checked South Bayou Bridge, sand is leaking out the bottom of the fill where sheeting and culvert come together on all four sides of culvert. This causes holes to form in the paving on top of crossing. Checked Angling Road and also, culvert on Darr Road south of Freeman Road. Drove Amber Road between Fountain and Beyer. Then went to Darr Road south of Anthony and found culvert in swampy area.

Adjourned at 3:19 P.M.

 (Secretary)

 (Chairman)

May 28, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Acting Manager-Secretary Larsen, as well as Richard Dancz, Ludington Daily News Representative.

Minutes of last meeting on May 21, 1976, read and approved as read.

Comm. Felty said people had mentioned to him that brine didn't look like it was lasting as long as it used to. He had been told Road Commission had dumped dirt in Larsen Road near Focke's so people could not now get down to the Sauble River to fish.

Chairman Biegalle asked about the latest word on #1 pickup. Manager has not had any word from Bollinger's since writing the letter concerning problem with transmission.

South Bayou culvert discussed. Manager and Engineer Lunde had discussed and inspected this problem with Harold Craig, who had installed the culvert. It was Craig's recommendation that this was a formed pipe and since the sheet piling had been driven straight down along the edge of the culvert, it had left a small gap in the area of the bend. Some grout bags were put in when Road Commission did the filling, but evidently they had squeezed out, allowing fill to escape. He recommended putting some grout bags on the outside at each corner and perhaps, when water was down, jetting some sheeting in at the curve.

Manager, Engineer, and Craig looked at substandard bridges on LaSalle Road, Victory Corner Road, Darr Road and Stephens and Decker Roads. Engineer Lunde took notes on discussion concerning above.

Secretary read a letter from Mr. Norval B. Stephens of Routel, Freesoil, concerning the rough and dusty condition of the Nurnberg Road. Commission will check this road today.

Invitation to the Upper Penninsula Road Builders Association was read. This to be held at Bay View Location, Wells, Mich. on June 22 and 23, 1976.

State Correction Dept. has agreed to have prisoners at Camp Sauble pick up trash along Freesoil Road. Road Commission has hauled trash for other groups so they are agreeable to haul this.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, We authorize a correction to be made in our construction program for 1976. Paving to be on Angling Road, Jebavy Drive to Victory Drive rather than, Jebavy Drive from Angling Road to Victory Drive. Carried. Three ayes.

Insurnace cancellations for all four policies with Hawkeye and United Security Insurance Companies have been received. This to be as of September 1, 1976. Attorney Claire has commented that the fine print allows companies to do this. Douglas Findling agent of the companies now insuring Road Commission is going to try to come up with another company that will insure Road Commission.

Chairman Biegalle discussed the problem connected with a culvert on Amber Road, south of Fountain Road, along Drabek property.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we accept bid of Cyril J. Burke, Inc. for furnishing a wooden trailer-mounted brine tank at a price of \$16,575.00 without spreader equipment. Carried. Three ayes.

At 10:38 A.M., William Johnson, of Perla and Stout came into the meeting to dis-

cuss his report on inspection of bridges and his recommendations for the posting of weight limits on them. On some, speed limits are also, recommended. He has completed his inspections, but on two he wishes to check his computations before making final report within two weeks.. Road Commission agrees to have him continue through helping get substandard bridges up on priority and cost basis for bridge improvement program.

At 11:30 A.M. William Johnson left the meeting and James LaBenne of Chemitrol came into the meeting to hear the reading of the bids for brush spraying and for centerline painting

Chairman Biegalle opened and Secretary read the following bids:-

Brush Spraying:-

Chemitrol Chemical Co.- for applying a mixture of two(2) quarts of Dow Kuron and one (1) quart of Dow Esteron 99 Concentrate in 100 gallons of water with the addition of 8 ounces of Nalso-Trol liquid thickening agent per 100 gallons of water to prevent drift.

Cost per gallon applied \$0.265

Chemitrol Chemical Co.- Substitution of one (1) gallon of Banvel-320(containing one pound of Dicamba, one pound of 2,4,5-T and one pound of 2,4-T) for the mixture of Kuron and Esteron 99 concentrate we have used in the past. Mixture will contain one gallon of Banvel-320 and 8 ounces Nalco-Trol thickening agent per 100 gallons of water.

Cost per gallon applied \$0.277

Centerline Painting:-

Clark Company -	Skip Centerline painting	\$54.76/mile
	Yellow Paint applied on barrier lines	4.07/gal.
	Reflective Beads dropped on yellow paint	.16/lb.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize the Chairman to sign agreements with the Soil Conservation Service for the installation of erosion control structures in various parts of the county. Carried. Three ayes. Chairman signed above.

letter read from the Clerk of Sheridan Township stating that at a regular meeting of Sheridan Township Board, the citizens of the Township requested the Board to inform the Mason County Road Commission, that they would like to have the driver of the grader, etc. replaced with a more capable driver.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we approve the proposal and engineer's estimate on the following projects:-

CS 53-23 RS449 (101) Job No. 11115A Item 277

and CS 53-31 RS 452 (104) Job No. 11116A Item 278

The preceding being Custer Road from Hawley to Chauvez Road and Scottville Road from Chauvez to Scottville City Limits. Carried. Three ayes.

The above to be sent to the State Highway Department.

Comm. Riisberg reported that a party had mentioned to him that she had heard some profanity from Road Commission employee, or employees, over her scanner. Manager will look into this.

Plans for a salt sedimentation basin have been received from the State Highway District Office at Cadillac. They will be studied with the thought of adopting some of the ideas to our own use.

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$9,731.98

Adjourned for lunch at 12:04 P.M.

After lunch inspected Rath Road, between Jagger and Decker Roads. People wish to buy property and want to know if Road Commission will plow past their property in winter. Road Commission agreeable to plowing in from the north if they provide a turn-a-round.

Went to Nurnberg Road and found it in good shape. Stopped and discussed Road Commission financing, etc., with Mr. Stephens. Inspected brining on Woods Trail, where wetting agent had been used and where none had been used. It looked some richer where agent had been used.

Drove Tyndall Road, Washington Road and north and then inspected new road just finished out to Masten Road. Agreed that this was the type road proposed in the agreement with Jorgensens.

Back to garage.

Adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John R. Biegalle (Chairman)

June 4, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Acting Manager Larsen along with Richard Dancz, Ludington Daily News Representative.

Minutes of last meeting on May 28, 1976, read and approved as read.

Comm. Felty asked about investigation of brine and brining. Manager said had not called Liquid Dustlayer, but had looked into the spreading of it and truck has been driving fast while spotting it than when it was put on continuously. This being necessary to cover the county rapidly.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we request the Board of Commissioners to consider the placing of an additional \$50,000 into their budget for the improvement of sub-standard bridges as shown on the report of our consulting engineers, perla Stout of Traverse City. Carried. Three ayes.

Labor negotiation meeting agreeable with Commission. This to be on June ²⁴~~14~~, 1976 at 1:00 o'clock.

Bulletin from County Road Association of Michigan saying public hearings bill to be signed. This in regard to public hearings required for the construction of a new road or improvement of an existing road not part of the Federal Aid Systems.

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$29,045.50. \$29,038.00 of this is the deposit required for Jebavy Drive.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we will not accept after this date, any new projects that are not now in the planning stage. Carried. Three ayes. This is due to heavy committment already of Road Commission forces and finances in road improvement projects.

work already planned
Motion by Felty seconded by Riisberg, we accept and authorize the signing of an agree-

with the City of Ludington for work to be done on Sherman St., north of Sixth St., Rath Ave., north of Bryant, and Washington Ave., north of Bryant. Estimated cost to the City of Ludington to be \$4,233.50. This to be in cooperation with Pere Marquette Township. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we authorize the hiring of two more temporary employee. Carried. Three ayes.

At 11:40 A.M. adjourned for lunch.

After lunch inspected washouts along Custer Road, north of Johnson Road. Then to Schoenherr Road grading. Found Millerton Road in rough condition. This was to be bladed yet today. Traveled Benson Road, north of Millerton and Fountain Road.

Adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John D. Biegalle (Chairman)

ne 11, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Acting Secretary/Manager Larsen, as well as Richard Dancz, Ludington Daily News representative.

Minutes of last meeting on June 4, 1976, read and approved with the change of Labor Negotiating meeting date from 14th to 24th and add to the motion approving work for the City of Ludington, "work already planned".

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, Cecil Tyndall will not be allowed paid Vacation beyond what he has coming. Carried. Three ayes

Agreeable with Road Commission that Cecil Tyndall be allowed two-weeks of leave without pay in addition to his two-weeks earned Vacation when he and his wife go to the west coast approximately, July 6, 1976.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, Since this work was already planned before the June 4th deadline, we accept and authorize the signing of an agreement with Pere Marquette Township for their participation in projects with the City of Ludington as follows:-

Sherman Street, N. of sixth St., single seal

Rath Ave., North of Bryant, wedge & S.S.

Washington, North of Bryant, Wedge & s.s.

Estimated Township cost for these projects is \$4,233.00.
Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, Since this work was already planned before the June 4th deadline, we accept and authorize the signing of agreements with Victory Township for the following Road improvements:-

Millerton, W. of US31, grade & ditch, & culv est. cost to twp.	\$675.00
Peterson Rd, 1/2 mi. N. of Vic. Dr., gravel est. cost to twp.	\$225.00
Quarterline, N. of Fountain, Grade, Drain, gravel est cost	1511.00
Beyer Road, W. of U.S. 31, sand Lift & gravel est cost	3650.00
Victory Drive, Pave .35 mile at 300 lbs per sq. yd., E. & W. of Petersen Road in bad areas est cost	10416.00

Advance payment of \$5,492.00 has been made. Motion carried. Three ayes.

Discussion of new program with Board of Commissioners for the improvement of sub-standard bridges. The Board of Commissioners have \$100,000 set up in their budget for this purpose. (see attached list)

Manager read letter received from Rep. Cawthorne's office and enclosing a copy of a letter Mrs. Juanita Jury had written concerning her problems in Goodman's Addition to the Village of Tallman. Commission will check this and see if they can contact Mrs. Jury at her home today.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, This work was in the planning stage before June 4th deadline, so we accept and authorize the signing of agreements with Riverton Township on the following work:-

- Item #1-Culvert on Kinney Road, 1450' E. of Schwass, grading, place 36' of 30" culvert and gravel(20 cyd) Est. Twp cost \$ 918.00
- Item #2- Culvert on Kinney Road, approx. 800 ft. east of Gordon Road. Install 36 feet of 54" pipe arch and gravel est cost \$1228.00 to Township.
- Item 3 & 5- Furnish and install 15" culvert extensions Est Twp cost \$ 161.00
 (Item 3, on Kinney Rd. approx. 1100' E. of Gordon Rd)
 (Item 5, Meisenheimer Rd. approx 2000 w. of Wiley)
 Item 5, furnish and install 30" by 45' culvert and gravel
 Est. Twp cost \$ 750
- Item #4- Guardrail & fill widening at a culvert on Kinney Road approx. 2,000 ft. east of Appleton Road. Est. Twp cost \$2,753.00
- Morton Road, north of Hawley Road, blacktop Patch and single seal
 Est. Twp. cost \$11,749.00

Three ayes. Motion Carried. Advance Payment of \$5853.00 received.

Discussion about insurance. Attorney Claire called and said Doug Findling, agent for companies carrying our insurance, had told him, he, Findling, could get all insurance policies with other companies(Workmen's Compensation with Providence Washington Ins. Co) except the umbrella. If Hawkeye would carry this he could give us all insurance at no increase in premium. Will know next week.

Meny-Lenz Agency, Inc., has passed along a refund from Providence Washington Ins. Co. on Workmen's Compensation policy for the period 6/15/74 to 6-15/75. Their audit showed our losses less than expected. Check was for the amount of \$2,865.00.

Discussion about road oil. This is supposed to hold down the dust from limestone. This material is available from Gustafson Oil Co. and Laman Asphalt will spread it. Riverton has indicated a desire to go ahead with putting oil on Anthony Road, Brye to Stiles. Our estimate of cost amounts to \$1,060 per mile for the material and the spreading.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we approve of the planned oiling of the Anthony Road, Brye to Stiles Road, with Riverton Township paying for the material and the spreading. Motion carried. Three ayes.

Contract with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service for erosion control structures has been received.

Secretary read Audit Report of State Highway Maintenance Auditors. Shows Road Commission owes State Highway \$773.79. Also, discussed audit Treasury Dept. has just finished.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize the hiring of one more temporary

employee.. Carried. Three ayes.

Adjourned at 12:10 P.M. for lunch.

After lunch Comm. Felty was not with the group. Inspected paving on Angling and Stiles. Met Mrs. Jury and Mrs. Robison at Goodman's Addition. One of their neighbors in the past has barricaded one of the roads to their property. He caused the snowplow to stop plowing up to their homes. So last winter they had to walk to plowed area. they say Township will not do anything to help them. This road is not on the platted right-of way and is very narrow and trees grow quite close together. Road Comm. has certified road.

Road Commission explains they cannot help ^{ladies} on some of their problems, but they will investigate to see if something can be worked out on the road problem.

Adjourned at office.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) Jonathan Felty ^{Vice} (Chairman)

ne 18, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Vice Chairman Felty and Commissioner Riisberg, as well as Secretary/Acting Manager Larsen and Ludington Daily News Representative Richard Dancz.

Minutes of last meeting on June 11, 1976, read and approved as read.

At 10:12 A.M., Carl Peterson, Riverton Township Supervisor, came into the meeting to discuss oiling of the Anthony Road, from Brye to Stiles.

He asked About Road Commission assuming a portion of the cost as this was kind of experimental. He also, asked how a road could be made a Primary Road, meaning the above stretch of Anthony Road.

Road Commission cannot see how they can participate in the cost of this oil project. Other Townships could request the participation and Road Commission has nothing for this in their budget. The State must approve a road in order for it to get onto the Primary System and among other considerations this road is scheduled to be closed off and a service road built to connect it with present U.S. 31 when the Freeway is extended into Mason County. It is doubtful that State would consider this for adding to the Primary system.

Mr. Petersen said his Board had agreed to go ahead with oiling of 2 miles on Anthony Road.

At 10:50 A.M. Mr. Peterson left the meeting.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we approve the request of Laman Asphalt and Paving Compnay for making all checks due them for 1976 paving program, out to dual payee, namely" Manistee Bank and Trust Company and Laman Asphalt and Paving Co. Carried. Two ayes.

Clancy Laman came into the meeting at 10:57 A.M., and mentioned a problem with the bid he had submitted on Item #40, the Custer/Scottville Roads paving project.

Laman left at 11:05 A.M.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize the necessary information be furnished to the State Highway Department to place the Masten Road, Washington Road to Anthony

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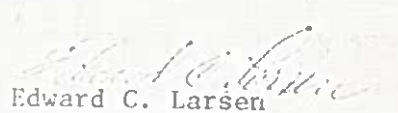
DATE: June 8, 1976

TO: The Road and Bridges Committee of the Mason County Board of Commissioners

SUBJECT: We respectfully request your consideration of the following program for the improvement of sub-standard bridges on the county Local Road System. We have had a meeting with school people and we understand that these bridges programmed are on routes used by their buses.

Number One:	Sauble River Crossing on the LaSalle Road (Repair existing truss-pave approaches- 16' wide deck)	\$ 6,100.00
Number Two:	South Branch of the Lincoln Crossing on Victory Corner Road (Remove old truss bridge and place multi-plate pipe arch culvert- two-lane traffic)	\$25,000.00
Number Three:	South Branch of the Lincoln Crossing on Amber Road (Remove old timber bridge- place a pipe arch culvert for two-lane traffic- install guardrails)	\$12,000.00
Number Four:	South Branch of the Lincoln Crossing on Darr Road (Repair the steel trusses, remove old deck, furnish and place all new steel deck, pave bridge and approaches- construct guard rails - 16' roadway)	\$12,000.00
Number Five:	South Branch of the Lincoln Crossing on Decker and also on Stephens Road(Two structures) (Rebuild the entire decks with steel beams and galvanized steel decking, pave approaches and bridge decks. Construct guardrails- 16' wide roadways)	\$20,000.00
Number Six:	North Branch of the Lincoln Crossing on Morse Road (Replace existing plank deck with steel beams and decking pave the deck and place guardrail- two-lane traffic)	\$ 5,000.00
Number Seven:	North Branch of the Lincoln Crossing on Stephens Road (Remove existing jack arch steel truss structure, furnish and place galvanized steel pipe arch culvert- raise grade place steel beam guardrail - two-lane traffic)	\$15,000.00
PROGRAM TOTALS TO		\$95,100.00

The above proposed construction will provide adequate structures for normal road traffic.


Edward C. Larsen
Acting Manager

Road, in the FAS program for the year 1977. Carried. Two ayes.

Letter from Branch Postmaster stating roads are rough and requesting certain roads be bladed and some gravel put on.

Court Order on the FAS tree removal program was read and discussed.

Copy of a letter sent by the Highway Dept. to George Collins, Summit Township Clerk, was read. This in regards to Summit Township request for traffic signal(flashig beacon) at the intersection of Washington and Lakeshore Drive. Highway Dept.'s Mr. Conradson has field checked this with Lansing Office personel and it is expected he will inform Mr. Collins of Dpt.'s recommendations in the near future.

Discussed the Tubbs property at the intersection of Custer and Peyer Roads. Mr. Tubbs says Road Commission may keep on using it until he makes up his mind whether to charge and if so, how much, for the use of his property. If he sells, the selling contract will stipulate Road Commission will have time to move stored material.

Commission requests that Mr. Baldwin, from whom we rent our weather stations, be asked to meet with Commission.

Letter from Mrs. Van Valkenburg of Hamlin Lake Property Owner's Association, asking Road Commission action on promise to open Beech Street from Grove to Ariel Drive. Commission will look at this today. Owner of Property on south side has been contacted. Next Wednesday we will have his reaction. He has drywell in R-O-W and has mowed this area as part of his lawn.

Public Hearings bulletin from County Road Association read. Governor has signed into law the Public Hearings bill applying to Local Road and non-FAS projects.

Also enclosed was a bulletin regarding State Appeals Court recently ruling in favor of the Livingston County Road Commission by reversing a circuit Court order which suspended the Road Commission's discretionary power to enforce weight restrictions. In addition and included in the above bulletin, the decision from the Appeals Court in a case which involved the purchase of an asphalt paving plant and related paving equipment and at the same time during the same year sold notes for \$750,000 for the construction of county roads. Question was raised whether the Road Commission(Lenawee County Road Commission) had authority to purchase an asphalt paving plant with motor vehicle highway fund monies and also, questioned the right of the Road Commission to borrow funds for the purpose of completing a County Road improvement plan. Appeal Court ruled "we have examined the record and find that the trial court correctly granted summary judgment" This allowed Road Commission action to stand.

Agreeable with Commission to give Acme Disposal one week after the sending of a written notice of their owing \$1,200.00 to the Road Commission, to settle account. If not settled, turn over to Attorney Claire for collection.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize the advertising for notice of chance for public hearings on the bridge program with the Board of Commissioners, namely: 1. laSalle Road crossing the Sauble River; 2. Victory Corner Road crossing of the South Branch of the Lincoln River; 3. The Amber Road crossing of the South Branch of the Lincoln River; 4. Darr Road crossing of the South Branch of the Lincoln River; 5. Decker Road crossing of the South Branch of the Lincoln River; 6. Stephens Road crossing of the South Branch of the Lincoln River; 7. Stephens Road crossing of the North Branch of the Lincoln River. Carried. two ayes.

Signed Vouchers in the amount of \$50,512,78

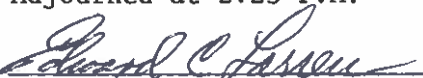

Discussed problems of time lapse between sending employees for physical and time

when all papers are back and employee put to work.

Adjourned at 12:15 P.M. for lunch.

After lunch inspected Beech St. in Hamlin Lake Estates. The correct place for the road is now in lawn and has one large birch tree on it. Inspected various other roads.

Adjourned at 2:23 P.M.

 (Secretary)  (Chairman)

June 25, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Secretary/Acting Manager Larsen. At 10:03 A.M. Richard Dancz, Lud. Daily News Representative came into the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting on June 18th, 1976 read and approved as read.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, Since Mrs. William Kerschner has expressed the thought that she may be leaving the Road Commission gravel pit property in Lake County on which she has a lifetime lease and since she has asked if Road Commission is interested in purchasing some of her personal things, such as stoves refrigerator, etc., we hereby authorize Mrs. Kerschner to be informed that our present plans for property do not include need for any of her personal possessions. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, the agreement for road work was in preparation before our deadline, so we accept and authorize the signing of an agreement with Sherman Township for improvement on the following roads:-

Fountain Road, Poplar Road to Schoenherr Road, Patch with blacktop and single seal, 0.50 mile at estimated township cost of	\$4,365.00
Reek Road, Village limit to Beyer Road, Patch with blacktop and single seal, 0.48 mile at estimated township cost of	\$2,399.00
Clayee's Subdivision, prime and double seal, .25 mile estimated township cost of	\$1,875.00

Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize the taking of bids for full-coverage insurance on August 13, th, 1976. Carried. Three ayes.

At 10:33 A.M. Mrs. Rickert of Sugar Grove Road came into the meeting to discuss closing of Seventeenth St. in the plat of Oak Openings.

This street is not an opened right of way, just a two-track. Mrs. Rickert gave her reasons for wishing the street closed. These included noisy people and vehicles etc.

Road Commission agreed to look at this street, but advised her that they are not anxious to close any right-of ways.

Mrs. Rickert asked about signs, such as "Children Playing". Chairman Biegalle said when this matter had been taken up with law enforcement officers, their thought was that children should not be using roadway as playground. Road Commission does not furnish this type as a road sign.

At 10:57 A.M., Mrs. Rickert left the meeting.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, We authorize the submission of the Landon Road Crossing of the Pere Marquette River as a project under the Federal Aid Off-Systems program. Carried. Three ayes.

Discussion about matching Off-Systems funds with Revenue Sharing Funds. State and Federal.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we approve and authorize the Chairman and the Vice Chairman to sign an agreement with the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation on 2.82 miles of 22' and 24' bituminous aggregate surface course on Scottville Road, from south limits of Scottville south, FAS CS 53-23-RS 449(101, Job No. 11115A, Item 277, and 1.88 miles of 22' bituminous aggregate surface on Custer Road from 3 miles south of Custer, south to Hawley Road, FAS CS 53-31, RS 452(104), 11116A, Item 278. Carried. Three ayes.
~~Carried. Three ayes.~~

Road Commission instructs Secretary to write letter to Rep. Dennis Cawthorne stating their opposition to Senate Bill 1375, which charges a \$4.00 vehicle tax on certain vehicles in the seven county area around Detroit.

Spending through May in comparison to the amounts budgeted was discussed. Winter Maintenance and Ice Control were the items the farthest out of line. Considering fringes on labor, these items on Primary and Local figures together totaled approximately \$40,000 over budgetted amounts.

Williams and Works have requested Road Commission thoughts on closing of that part of First St. from the viaduct west and then south to east and west portion of street. This because the City of Ludington is having First Street paved and curb and gutter put in straight through to U.S. 31. Road Commission not in favor of closing this street as it provides access to C&O yard office and at least one land owner. Pere Marquette Township Board will be contacted on this.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we accept the final report of Perla Stout Associates on the inspection and recommendations connected with the examination of bridges on our Primary and Local Road systems. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, We authorize the purchase of:-

1. One snowplow wing for mounting on motorgrader
2. Two quick snowplow hitches for #12 & #22 (complete w/plow adaptors)
3. Two 25,000 GVW standard trucks to be used with mounted sanders
4. Two one-way snowplows
5. One "V" snowplow
6. Two Modine heaters for the truck room plus necessary installation
7. Two snow underbody scrapers for 25,000 GVW standard trucks listed above

Total estimated cost of \$34,700. Three ayes, Motion carried.

Read letter from State Highway Department saying political signs within the right of way of state highways will be removed immediately by maintenance forces.

Letter from Norval B. Stephens complimenting Road Commission on the condition of Nurnburg Road.

At 12:12 P.M. adjourned for lunch.

After lunch inspected Grace Avenue, west of Lincoln; Beech Street, between Grove and Ariel Drive. Then Angling Road paving and on to Freesoil Road, Custer Road, Sugar Grove Road to Seventeenth St. in the plat of Oak Openings. Commission inspected the street and area.

Road Commission is not in favor of closing Seventeenth Street.

Reconvened at office at 2:45 P.M., discussed retirement pension and possible raise for salaried employees

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$50,512.78

Adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) *John Biegalle* (Chairman)

July 2, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Comm. Felty and Riisberg, and Sec/Acting Manager Larsen, as well as Richard Dancz, Ludington Daily News representative.

Minutes of last meeting on June 25th, 1976, read and approved as read.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, Since these projects were in the planning stage before our deadline for new projects, we approve and authorize the signing of work agreements with Amber Township for the following road improvements:-

Meyers Road, N. of Conrad to US-31, patch with blacktop and single seal
Amber Twp's share(50%) of estimated cost \$3401.00

Meyers Road, N. of US-31 to Rasmussen, patch with blacktop and single seal
Amber Twp's share(50% of estimated cost \$6001.00

For the above two projects Township's estimated cost is \$9402.00

First St., Scottville City Limits to Gordon Road, shape, prime, dbl seal 1.0 mile
Township's estimated cost is \$7500.00

Amber Road, N. of US 10 to Johnson Road, shape, prime, dbl seal and
320 cyds of gravel Township's estimated cost is \$4550.00

For the above two projects Township's estimated cost is \$12050.00

Hansen Road at Victory Corner Road, patch with blacktop Est. Twp's cost \$1525.00

Carried. Three ayes.

Governor's Executive Order read. This is interpreted to mean environmental statement needed on practically all Road Commission construction projects.

Letter from Highway Department stating Laman had appeared before them and made known Road Commission position. Laman bid unacceptable on Custer and Scottville Roads paving because of failure to say whether, or not, he intended to subcontract the work.

Letter from Ludington City Manager asking Road Commission relinquish control over Washington Ave., from Whittier St. to Bryant; and First Street from Sherman to US 31. Manager will get more information on this.

Discussed adding to the roads which are now signed with "Do Not Pass" and "Pass with Care" signs. Program proposed is estimated to cost \$676.50. Action on this postponed until future meeting.

Read copy of letter Mrs. Jury had sent to Rep. Cawthorne and his letter to Road Commission. This in regard to street in Goodman's Addition to Village of Tallman.

At 10:35 A.M. Corliss Gulembo, Supervisor, Helen Budzynski, Clerk, Norma Jean Morse, Treasurer and Virgil Tyndall, Trustee, came into the meeting. At 10:38 A.M., Frank Kaminski, Trustee, came into the meeting. The above are the Township Board of Sheridan Township.

Gulembo said their Township would like Fountain Road done as planned, but not Larson Road this year. They have the money to make advance payment of 1/3, but they will not have enough to pay for the whole project if it gets done in August as planned. Would Commission be willing to go along with them.

After consultation Chairman Biegalle said to sign Contract and Sheridan Township is to pay as quickly as they can. Sheridan Board signed Agreement.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we approve and authorize the signing of an agreement with Sheridan Township for work on Fountain Road, east of Schoenherr Road, patch with blacktop and single seal, 1.60 miles at an estimated cost to the Township of \$11,771.00. Carried. Three ayes. Road Commission signed agreement.

Gulembo gave background to problem with people who live on Sugar Grove Road at Round Lake. They have placed a tree across Seventeenth St. in the plat of Oak Openings. Township Board wants Road Commission to have this tree removed. These people own other property in this plat and if they can close Seventeenth Street by this method, they may do it to other streets.

Kaminski said since Road Commission has responsibility in closing a road, they must have responsibility in keeping them open.

Discussion about legality of spending Motor Vehicle Highway Funds on this road as it is not in the Certified County Road System.

Gulembo said his Board is willing to pay Road Commission for taking this tree out of the road.

Chairman Biegalle said Road Commission will seek legal advice on this and let Township know of their decision.

At 11:23 A.M. Sheridan Board left the meeting.

At 11:26 A.M. Richard Dancz left the meeting.

At 11:30 A.M. Road Commission adjourned to take a look at the road oiling done on Anthony Road in Riverton Township. Then went to lunch.

After lunch inspected various roads as well as the road oil put on Millerton Road.

Reconvened at office.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we authorize the signing of the following:-

ENGINEERING REIMBURSEMENT

We, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Mason County, do hereby request reimbursement in the amount of \$8,975.00 (not to exceed \$10,000.00) for payments made during the period July 1, 1975-June 30, 1976 to registered engineers employed or retained by the Commission, in accordance with the following:

Sec. 12(2) of Act 51, as amended by Act 239 of 1975.

"Each County Road Commission shall be reimbursed in an amount up to but not exceeding \$10,000.00 per annum for the sum paid to a registered professional engineer employed or retained by the County Road Commission in the previous

year. The sum shall be returned to County Road Commissions certified by the Department of State Highways and Transportation as complying with this subsection regarding the employment of an engineer."

We further state that the amount requested can be verified in the account records of this Road Commission.

Carried. Three ayes. The three Commissioners signed.

Secretary read letter written to Attorney Claire in regard to pulling tree out of Seventeenth Street.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we authorize the following salary changes to be effective with the first pay in July, 1976:-

Manager \$16,500.00 per year


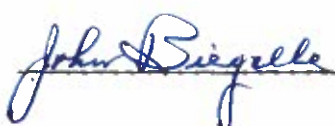
Clerk \$ 800.00 per year increase

All other salaried personel \$525.00 per year increase

Carried. Three ayes.

Discussed with Acting Manager, if he would be willing to be Manager for the coming year. At the end of the year, if Road Commission wishes to hire someone else, or he wishes out of the job, he would then become the Office Manager/Secretary/Clerk again. Also, he is authorized to hire a woman to work in the office and understudy all positions.

Adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

 (Secretary)  (Chairman)

July 9, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Sec/Mgr Larsen and Ludington Daily News Representative Richard Dancz.

City of Ludington request for Road Commission to relinquish control over a portion of Washington Avenue and a portion of First Street has been taken up with the Local Government Division of the Mich. State Highway Dept. They recommend the City of Ludington Commission pass a resolution asking for streets; Road Commission pass a resolution relinquishing control; and City pass resolution accepting them. Copies of these resolutions be forwarded to Local Government Division for action. Ludington has been advised of this.

Letter from State Highway Dept. with copy of another letter enclosed. This copy to J. P. Woodford, Director from D. A. Merchant states that Funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HCDA Funds) may be used to match Federal Aid Highway Funds providing the recipient adheres to all laws and regulations governing Federal-aid Highway Funds. Also, funds obtained under the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972 (the Revenue Sharing Act) may be used to match Federal aid Highway projects.

County Road Association letter of July 6, 1976 was read. This on the failure of Legislature to pass SEMTA Bill. Governor's Executive Order regarding Environmental Statements will be discussed at the next policy board meeting. Each Commission will be sent information on the Supreme Court's decision knocking down the section of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

Invitation from Newago County Road Commission to attend from two o'clock until five o'clock in the afternoon, an Open House at their new garage and office facilities in White Cloud.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we agree that Village of Custer may purchase gravel from us for the edgfilling of the custer Road just south of First St. in the Village. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, Since the Work Agreement for Pere Marquette Township in cooperation with the Township of Amber, was in the planning stage before our deadline for new work, we approve and authorize the signing of an agreement with Pere Marquette Township for work on Meyers Road north and south of US10-31, at an estimated cost of \$9,402.00 to Pere Marquette Township. Carried. Three ayes.

The new system of Federal Aid Secondary Routes for Mason County as officially approved by the Federal Highway Administration and effective July 1, 1976 was discussed.

Discussed the problem of the tree blocking Seventeenth Street in the plat of Oak Openings. Attorney Claire will be contacted concerning the possibility of sending notice and then possibly an injunction if needed.

Discussion about blading, brining, oiling, and mowing.

Manager to check with West Shore Community College to see if there are any work-study people available.

Read portions of a talk on erosion control presented by Harold Smith at a State Soil Conservation meeting.

Annual Meeting of the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions will be held on Mackinaw Island September 29th thru October 1, 1976.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we hereby appoint Edward C. Larsen as our Secretary/ Manager and Donald F. Schultz as our Clerk. Both appointments retro-active to July 1, 1976. Carried. Three ayes.

Signed voucher in the amount of \$6,569.73.

Adjourned for lunch at 11:55 A.M.

After lunch inspected the work being done on Kistler Road, US-31 and east. The work being done on Schoenherr Road; and the roads near Tallman Lake. The one on the northwest having just been repaired after being under water all spring.

Then returned to the garage and adjourned.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) Jonathan Felty ^{Vice} (Chairman)

July 16, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Vice Chairman Jonathan Felty, Member Nellis Riisberg, as well as Sec/Mgr Larsen and Richard Dancz, Rep. of Ludington Daily News.

Minutes of last meeting on July 9, 1976, read and approved as read.

A letter from Attorney Claire was read. This in regard to Road Commission acceptance of non-certified street in plat. Acceptance may be by formal resolution, or by expenditure of time and materials on the street. Road Commission has no responsibility for opening or maintenance of such private streets until they are accepted into the public

system.

At 10:12 A. M., Supervisor Corliss Gulembo of Sheridan Township came into the meeting to discuss the removal of a tree from Seventeenth St. He wishes Road Commission to remove this tree.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, In the matter of Seventeenth street, if Road Commission does work on this street and are forced to take over this street at some later date, Township will pay costs to put it up into the system specifications from Sugar Grove Road to Shoup Street. We therefore, instruct our Manager to have this work done on Seventeenth Street. Carried. Two ayes.

At 10:37 A.M., Gulembo left the meeting.

Paul Bunyon Council meeting is at Crystal Mountain Lodge at 12:00 noon on thursday, July 22, 1976.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, We authorize a parking control order be worked out for that area of Sugar Grove Road between Benson Road and the Country Inn, approximately 1/4 mile east. Carried. Two ayes.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we accept the alternate bid of Chemitrol Chemical Co. for brush spraying at a cost per gallon applied of \$0.277 and we accept the bid of Clark Company for skip centerline painting at \$54.76 per mile, yellow paint applied on barrier lines at 4.07 per gallon, and reflective beads dropped on yellow paint at \$0.16 per pound. Carried. Two ayes.

Bituminous Materials Co. has written that "All Asphalt Emulsions delivered into your county as of July 15, 1976 will be \$0.3599 per gallon." Price firm for 1976 season. This is one cent less than their February, 1976, bid.

Discussion of salt sedimentation basin planned for east yard. Plans to be submitted for approval to DNR.

Copy of a letter from County Road Association to Local Government read. This stating objections to their interpretation of Governor's Executive Order regarding Environmental statements and requesting that enforcement by Local Government of the order and its interpretation be withheld until such time as the executive order is officially modified or until such time as Highway Dept. is able to determine that the order is affirmed to be in the process of being modified. In addition a report of general policy meeting held Thursday, July 8, 1976 was enclosed.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, Since this work was planned before our deadline for new work, we accept and authorize the signing of an agreement for road improvements with Branch Township for the following work:-

1.51 miles of Campbell Road, N. of Wever Road Shaping, Prime and Double Seal at an estimated cost to the township of \$11,363.00

0.35 mile of Maple Road, N. of U. S. 10, Clearing, grading, culvert and prime and double seal at an estimated cost of \$5,227.00 less \$171.00 grade and gravel from project #20146

Carried. two ayes.

Discussion of bridges. Landon Bridge is being turned in for aid under "Off Systems" program. Campbell Bridge is a possible project under critical bridge program.

Discussion about Primary and Local Road charges and financing.

Singed vouchers in the amount of \$150,757.69.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:17 P.M. Commissioner Riisberg excused himself.

After Lunch inspected Kistler Road grading, oil on Anthony Road, Chauvez Road, Custer Road and then to garage.

Adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John Biegalle (Chairman)

July 23, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Sec/Mgr Larsen. Minutes of last meeting on July 16, 1976, read and approved as read.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize the rental of a bulldozer to do the clearing and grubbing on the Hansen Road project for Custer Township and also, the work on the clearing of the fence line along the right-of-way needed from the Jorgensen's for construction of the Masten Road, Washington to Anthony Roads. Carried. Three ayes.

Letter read from George W. Buley asking about right of way on Davis Road and complaining about the dumpster that has been placed in right-of-way. Manager will write him, an investigation being made of this situation.

Letter read from State Highway Dept. concerning annual submission of Federal Aid Projects.

Invitation to McQuires Classic to be held on Friday, July 30, 1976.

Packaging Corporation has nutrient farm on Section 11 of Sheridan Township. They are hauling to this farm with large tankers and have road nearly impassable to passenger car traffic. They are interested in knowing what Road Commission thoughts are on repairing this Masten Road from Manales Road to their property. Since they have indicated an interest in participating financially in the repair of this road, Road Commission is agreeable to working some arrangement out with them.

Audit report of the Treasury Department discussed. They recommend that the savings account that has been part of the Pension Trust system since its inception in 1957, be discontinued and the employee's contribution be receipted into the County Road Fund as an off set to Accounts Receivable (the amount set up to cover these employee's contributions).

Richard Perry would like Road Commission permission to haul broken concrete, bricks, etc. from Johnson Pit. Road Commission not in favor of giving this permission.

At 10:33 A.M. Chairman William Karlsen and members Alex Lapenas and Ted Bogus of the County Board of Commissioner's Road and Bridges Committee came into the meeting to discuss road problems and the bridge programs.

Secretary read letter and resolution from the Blue Water Council of the County Road Association asking that County Boards of Commissioners, and the Boards of County Road Commissioners adopt this, or a similar resolution, and make known to their representatives in the legislature that it is necessary for the County Road Commissions in this State to receive increased revenues in order to continue their function of maintaining the roads under their jurisdiction in a manner acceptable to the motoring public.

The resolution asks that Counties' share of the Motor Vehicle Highway Funds be increased from 35.7% to 40% with the increase to be allocated to the Local Road System, and further that the fuel tax structure be revised from a gallonage basis to a percentage of the wholesale value and the weight tax license fee be revised to a flat rate plus a value added formulae. Road and Bridges Committee took copy of above with them.

Jerome Rybicki of Road and Bridges Committee came into the meeting at 10:50 A.M.

The Progress of the bridge program with the Board of Commissioners was discussed. Road Commission explained the drawings prepared by their engineers, Perla Stout. These drawings were intended to use at a hearing, if this is necessary, to explain the work set up for each of the seven locations. Engineer's drawings with more detail will be used for taking of bids and getting the necessary permits.

It is planned at present to set the first bidding up for the bridge repairs which would include four of the crossings, and let the culverts at a second bidding. The culverts would have to be cleared for installation in these live streams with the Dept. of Natural Resources. An ad asking if anyone desires a hearing on the above has appeared in the Ludington Daily News. The next ad will be in on August 2nd and then the hearing about 12 days later, should anyone ask for it in writing. Hoping to get one, or two, of the crossings done yet this fall.

Chairman Karlsen asked about Campbell Bridge. It was explained that the Road Commission's Attorney has this case for study and the latest word is that he will soon make his recommendation to Road Commission on what action to take. In the mean time he advises that construction of a new bridge at the site will not jeopardize Road Commission case. It is in the planning stage to turn this into the State Highway Dept. to try to get it listed under the "Critical Bridge Program". If possible, there will then be either State, or Federal Funds, to help build the new bridge. The process will take at the minimum until next year, possibly April before a decision can be reached.

Landon Road Bridge has been turned in for possible inclusion on FAS "Off System Program"

Paving Program discussed; Custer and Scottville Roads and Jebavy Drive, as well as, seal coating program. Two more weeks should see the major share of these programs completed, barring any complications.

Alex Lapenas asked about the culvert on Conrad Road just west of Custer Road. He also, thanked Road Commission for the ditching done in this area. Road Commission will look at this culvert today. Will get back with Lapenas on this.

Adjourned for lunch at 11:30 A. M.

After lunch inspected culvert on Conrad Road, this should have guard rail put up; Traveled Scottville road, Chauvez Road, Stiles Road and Anthony Road. Then to Marrison Road to Summit Park on Bass Lake. Kistler Road project for Summit Township inspected. Then to Washington Ave. and Rath Avenue.

Adjourned at garage

 (Secretary)

 (Chairman)

July 30, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

- Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Sec/Mgr Larsen and Richard Dancz of the Ludington Daily News.

Minutes of last meeting on July 23, 1976, read and approved as read.

Petition read from Ralph Gorzynski and Frances Gorzynski asking that Front Street in the plat of Hamlin Lake Resort be absolutely abandoned and discontinued as a county road from the south line of Lot Two, Block thirty-five(35) of the afore-said plat to the North Line of Lot Four(4) of Block thirty-five(35) in said plat.

Also, a petition from eight freeholders residing in Summit Township requesting and petitioning that Road Commission absolutely abandon and discontinue their jurisdiction of that portion of Bass Lake Avenue and Avenue E located in Nagasaki Park, Summit Township, Mason County, Michiga, the boundaries of which are described as follows:

A. As to Bass Lake Avenue:

Beginning at a point on the North side of the Plat of Nagasaki Park, Summit Township, Mason County, Michigan, where the northern extension of the East line of Bass Lake Avenue intersects with the North line of said plat, thence westerly along the North line of said Plat to the point where the West line of Bass Lake Avenue intersects with the North side of said Plat, thence Southeasterly along the West line of said Bass Lake avenue and adjacent to Lots 47, 46, 45, 1, 2 and 3 of Block 7 of said Plat to a point where the West line of Avenue E intersects with the West side of Bass Lake Avenue, thence continuing easterly to a point where the East line of Avenue E intersects with the West side of Bass Lake Avenue, thence continuing Southeasterly along the West side of Bass Lake Avenue and adjacent to Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Block 2 of said Plat to a point where the West side of Bass Lake Avenue intersects with the west line of Lakeshore drive, as Lakeshore Drive is now established and existing, thence Northerly along the West boundary of said Lakeshore Drive to a point where the East side of Bass Lake Avenue intersects with the West side of Lakeshore drive as it now is established and exists, thence Northwesterly along the East side of Bass Lake Avenue and adjacent to Lots 12, 11, 10, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of Block 1 of said Plat to the point of beginning.

B. Avenue E:

Beginning at a point on the West side of Bass Lake Avenue, Plat of Nagasaki Park, Summit Township, Mason County, Michigan, where the North extnesion of the West line of Avenue E of said Plat intersects with the West line of Bass Lake Avenue, thence South along the West line of said Avenue E and the East side of Lots 3 and 4, Block 7, of said Plat, to the south line of said Lot 4, Block 7, thence East along the Easterly extension of the South boundary of said Lot 4, Block 7, a distance of 30 feet more or less to a point on the West line of Lot 1, Block 2, of said plat, thence North along the West line of said Lot 1, Block 2, to a point where the East line of said Avenue E intersects with the West side of Bass Lake Avenue, thence Northwesterly along the West line of Bass Lake Avenue to point of beginning.

Attached hereto is a true and correct list of the names and mailing addresses of all the occupants of each parcel of land abutting the portion of said streets sought to be absolutely abandoned and discontinued, which said list is certified under oath by one of the signatories hereto.

None of the persons residing in the area require the existence of the portion sought to be abandoned and discontinued for either ingress or egress and, in the opinion of your petitioners, by virtue of the location of said street it is completely unuseable and unnecessary.

WHEREFORE your petitioners respectfully pray that the portion of said Bass Lake Avenue and Avenue E hereinabove defined ~~by~~ absolutely abandoned and discontinued.

Signed by: Eight Freeholders

Enclosed with above were petitions from the following asking the closing of the same streets:- Albert W. Darling, Vada A. Darling and James Landon and Nellie E. Landon(all four on one petition.) Pius F. Schaner and Zetta M. Schaner(one petition); Wayne R. Andersen and Donna M. Andersen(one petition); Gertrude V. Darling(one petition) Also, an affidavit signed by Albert W. Darling certifying that by examination of the records at the office of the Register of Deeds for Mason County, the following is a true and correct list of the names, mailing addresses, and legal descriptions of those individuals and parcels of land abutting that portion of Bass Lake Avenue situate in the Plat of Nagasaki Park, Summit Township, Mason County, Michigan, which is described more particularly in the attached Petition to Abandon and Discontinue, as he is informed and does believe.

A. Albert W. Darling and Vada A. Darling, his wife, whose address is 7647 Chickadee drive, Jenison, Michigan 49428, and James O. Landon and Nellie E. Landon, his wife, whose address is 931 Hill Street, Portland, Michigan 48875, owning the following described real estate:

All that part of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 1, of Nagasaki Park lying South and West of the county highway as it now exists and the South 25 feet of Lot 13, Block 1, and the South 25 feet of Lot 1 and Lots 2, 3 and 4 of Block 7, Nagasaki Park, Summit Township, Mason County, Michigan.

B. Pius F. Schaner and Zetta M. Schaner, his wife, whose address is 2174 Getty Street, Muskegon, Michigan 49442, owning the following described real estate;

Lots 1 and 2 of Block 2, Nagasaki Park, Summit Township, Mason County, Michigan.

C. Forrest Darling and Gertrude Darling, Husband and wife, whose address is 519 Stoddard, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, owning the following described real estate:

Lot 1, Except the South 25 feet thereof, and Lots 45, 46 and 47 of Block 7, Nagasaki Park, and the North 50 feet of the South 75 feet of that part of Lot 13 of Block 1 lying West and South of the present highway and that part of Lots 14 and 15 of Block 1 lying West and South of the county road as it now exists, and all of Lots 16 through 19 of Block 1 lying South and West of the present highway, all in Nagasaki Park, Summit Township, Mason County, Michigan.

D. Wayne R. Andersen and Donna M. Andersen, his wife, whose address is 331 North Court Street, Vtanton, Michigan 48888, being land contract purchasers of the following described real estate:

Lots 1 and 2 of Block 2, of Nagasaki Park, Summit Township, Mason County, Michigan.

Above signed by Albert W. Darling and Notarized.

The above two street closing requests are to be referred to Attorney Claire.

Hamlin Township Supervisor Mel Herban would like to know if Road Commission would be agreeable to a dumpster on the property they own in Grant Township. He was to bring dumpster problem on Davis Road up to his Township Board meeting and get information back to Manager before Friday. No word from him.

Road Commission would like Supervisor Herban to come to one of their meetings and discuss dumpster in Grant Pit.

The following resolution was proposed by Commissioner Riisberg and he moved its adoption:-

WHEREAS, County Road Commissions throughout the State of Michigan are suffering from the inflationary spiral, coupled with a decline in revenues commensurate with the decline in gasoline purchases: and,

WHEREAS, Motor Vehicle Highway Funds (State Highway Department share) have been diverted to the Mass Transit interests in the amount of \$43,000,000.00 for fiscal years 1976 and 1977 in the form of loans with no visible evidence that repayment can be accomplished; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan enjoys a disproportionate share of the Motor Vehicle Highway Funds inasmuch as they receive 44.5% of money with only eight percent of the mileage (9,322 miles) compared with 35.7% to the eighty-three County Road Commissions responsible for 75.9% of the mileage (88,048 miles); and,

WHEREAS, we are in sympathy with the needs of the major cities in the Mass Transit area, we are also cognizant of the fact that the cities' survival is even more dependent on the production and delivery of agricultural products of this state's agricultural industry; and,

WHEREAS, the neglect of local roads due to the negligence and almost total lack of funding from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund which is supported by the purchase of motor fuel and license fees by all operators of automobiles and trucks who demand the use of local roads; and,

WHEREAS, the present condition of the local road system is causing restrictions and deterioration of equipment to the extent that it works a considerable hardship on the very people who provide the funds to the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund and adds to the cost of agricultural products at the expense of the purchasers, including those in major cities; and,

WHEREAS, the necessitated load reductions because of inadequate bridges and other local road conditions have an adverse effect on the attempts at fuel conservation; and,

WHEREAS, the diversion of Motor Vehicle Highway Funds to other state agencies, for administration and collection, has been increasing at an alarming rate via the budget process with the approval of the State legislature and these state agencies are exempt from the limitation placed upon County Road Commissions by a declining fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the counties' share of the Motor Vehicle Highway Funds be increased from 35.7% to 40% with the increase to be allocated to the Local Road System; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the fuel tax structure be revised from a gallonage basis to a percentage of the wholesale value and the weight tax license fee be revised to a flat rate plus a value added formulae.

Commissioner Felty furnished support.

Resolution adopted. Vote; Ayes - 3; Nays - 0

Discussion about hiring an office worker. Commission sets a salary equal to 2080 times \$2.30 or \$4784 per year.

At 11:11 A.M., L. W. Kelner, of Owen Ayres Associates, Consulting Engineers, came into the meeting. He introduced himself and gave brief resume of his firm's engineering business.

Discussion about Critical Bridge Program and Off-Systems FAS Funds. Campbell Bridge on the Walhalla Road is planned for Critical Bridge Program and Landon Bridge is planned for Off-systems program. In answer to questions, he gave estimates of what his firm might charge for design work on these bridges.



He suggests State Highway Dept. be retained to do any core testing in connection with construction of these bridges.

Kelner left the meeting at 11:45 A.M. and Road Commission went to look at demonstration of Epoke sanding machine. Demonstration put on by Allied Truck Equipment Company.

Adjourned at 12:05 P.M. Commissioners Felty and Riisberg excused themselves

Luncheon meeting was held with Attorney Claire. Discussed labor negotiations and other legal problems.

After lunch inspected work on Kistler Road, Scottville Road and Custer Road paving and then adjourned at garage.

 (Secretary)  (Chairman)

August 6, 1976, meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Sec/Mgr Larsen and Richard Dancz from the Ludington Daily News.

Minutes of last meeting on July 30, 1976, read and approved as read.

Discussion about bridge program with County Board of Commissioners. Drawings for use at hearing have been received. Supervisors in Townships concerned have been notified.

Salt Sedimentation basin discussed. Letter from Water Resources Commission read, asking more information before issuing permit.

Chairman Biegalle reported on meeting he and Manager had attended concerning Michigan Accident Location Index (MALI). All accidents reported will be computerized so that all accidents at any intersection, or road, can be furnished to the requesting agency. Among the things shown will be type of accident (other auto, fixed object, etc.), weather and road conditions, where on intersection, or road, accident occurred, injuries, fatalities, etc. Mason County is one of six counties in the state that have all of their roads on MALI.

Letter from County Road Association about additional Federal Funds. Federal Public Works Bill and Transitional Quarter FAS and Off System Funds. Also, enclosed a County Road Association Financial Report.

The second Annual Superintendents' Seminar is scheduled for October 14 and 15, 1976 at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. Richard Hansen and Ed Larsen to go.

Discussion about progress of Seal Coating program.

Second Quarter Motor Vehicle Highway Fund Payment is in , amounting to \$231,815.71

At 10:32 A.M. Jack and Mark Mitchell of Wolverine Equipment and Keith Bollinger of R. & C. C. Bolinger came into the meeting to hear the reading of equipment bids.

Chairman Biegalle opened and Secretary read:- (truck bids)

Inter Cities Truck Sales & Service, Inc. 1976 International 28,000 GVW Model 1800
for immediate delivery. Total Price of unit \$10,408.00

Urka Chevrolet & Buick & Cadillac	1977 CE66703 167"WB 102"CA 366 V8 engine	
Not in stock -	Total Price of unit	\$ 9,902.05
	1976 CE61803 173" WB 108"CA 350 V8 engine, 20,000GVW	
in stock -	Total Price of unit	\$ 7,433.82

In stock	1976 CE61703	167" WB 102" CA 350 V8 engine, 20,000 GVW	
		Total price	\$ 7318.52
In Stock	1976 CE61903	179" WB 114" CA, 350 V8 Engine 20,000 GVW	
		Total price	\$ 7,512.89
In stock	1976 CE67503	218" WB 152" CA, 366 V8 Engine 24,000 GVW	
		Total price	\$ 8,732.98

R. & C. C. Bollinger, Inc. One or more 1977 International Loadstar Model 1700 Cab and chassis, 26,500 GVW rating, 151 " WB, 84" CA
 not in stock Total price as specified \$ 8,490.00
 If prefer different WB and CA add \$20.00 ; If no front PTO provision deduct \$200.00

One 1976 International Loadstar Model 1700 Cab and Chassis
 28,000 GVW, 151" WB, 84" CA Total price \$8675.00
 Above truck is in stock and will be available until 10 A.M., August 9, 1976

Dittmar-Healy Ford, Inc.	Available	one for immediate delivery F750-8S, 176" WB, 102" CA	
		Total price	\$8,875.00
	Available	for immediate delivery one F750-20S, 158" WB, 84 CA	
		Total price	\$10,393.00
	Available	for immediate delivery one F880-2S, 194" WB, 120" CA	
		Total price	\$11,419.00
	Available	for immediate delivery one F880-8S, 146" WB, 72" CA	
		Total price	\$11,495.00

Chairman Biegalle opened and Secretary read bids on snow-wing:-

R. G. Moeller Company, One New Wausau Model GW12 FP, 12'0" mold board length, 3/8" x 6" x 11'0" cutting edge 28" front height, 40" rear height, power up and power down on front and rear slide adjustment, fully cab controlled and mounted on your Galion Motorgrader; weight 2950 lbs. Price \$ 4,942.75

Wolverine Tractor and Equipment Co. One new Burch Model FPWS 12' single post snow wing to be mounted on your Galion Model T-600B motor Grader
 F.O. B. Scotville \$ 2,832.00

One New Burch Model FPW 12' double post snow wing to be mounted on your Galion Model T-600B motor Grader.

F.O. B. Scottville \$ 3,360.00

Installation of snow wing at your location \$ 1,200.00

Road Commission will study bids before acceptance.

At 11:40 A.M. Bollinger left the meeting and at 11:42 A.M. the Mitchells left.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riiberg, we authorize the advertising for bids for furnishing two underbody scrapers with snow blades and for furnishing one sedan. Carried three ayes.

At 11:59 A.M., adjourned for lunch.

After lunch inspected the portion of Front Street petitioned to be closed. Inspected seawall at South Bayou, then to Hawley Road, Custer Road, and Indian Trail from Wilson Road south. Also inspected the guard rail at culvert on Conrad Road and the shouldering work done on the Scottville Road.

Edward C. Larsen *(Secretary)

John Biegalle (Chairman)

Minutes of last regular meeting on August 6, 1976, read and approved as read.

Commission authorized the taking of bids on September 17th for repair of bridges set up in program with Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Biegalle, we accept the bid of Urka Chevrolet, Buick and Cadillac for the furnishing of two CE61403 Chevrolet trucks, with 1000 X 20 tires, and 50 gallon step tanks at cost of \$7657.58 each. Carried. Two ayes.

Discussion of packet of sample insurance coverages offered by the Michigan Association of Counties.

Our own people to do preliminary work on both the Landon Road Crossing of the Pere Marquette River and the Walhalla Road Crossing of the South Branch of the Pere Marquette River. Among other things this would include information on topography of river bed, flow characteristics, etc. This would take the projects up to the point of approval for Federal, or State, funds.

At 11:12 A.M. Tony Littke and Chas. Dalton of Farm Bureau Insurance Group came into the meeting to hear the reading of bids for furnishing full coverage insurance starting September 1, 1976.

Chairman Biegalle opened and the Secretary read the following:-

	<u>Farm Bureau Ins. Group</u>	<u>Briggs Insurance</u>
Item 1- Workmen's Compensation	\$14,378.00	\$13,207.00
Item 2- Comprehensive General Liability	7,832.66	22,461.00*
A. Incl. personel injury Liab.	9,122.12	2,418.00
B. Incl. quotation on X C U	9,647.12	
Item 3- Comprehensive Auto Liab. plus Physical Damage	10,241.10	8,709.09
Item 4- Boiler and Machinery	42.67	208.00
Item 5- Inland Marine	779.00	1,469.00
Item 6- Umbrella Policy-3,000,000	10,600.00	12,000.00**
Item 7- Fire Insurance; PIP Form only: as per attached appraisal including E. C. & V M M	4,649.33	8,092.00

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** Unable to quote
   $3,000,000; quote is
   for $1,000,000
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On Briggs bid there was a note stating: "We are unable to include on the ploicy an endorsement granting waiver of Governmental imunity. Our company attitude is to provide defense in all cases whatsoever, regardless of the existence of any immunity statute."

Road Commission will study bids and let bidders know their decision.

At 11:58 A.M. Supervisor Corliss Gulembo of Sheridan Township came into the meeting. He

He asked who owns right-of-way of streets dedicated to public use, but not in the County Road System. If Road Commission, what is their policy about building on these rights- of -way?

A letter from Road Commission attorney was read in which he stated Road Commission has no responsibility for taking care of these streets.

Mr. Gulembo said he would contact Township Association and if he couldn't get an answer he would get back with Commission.

At 12:10 P.M. adjourned for lunch.



After lunch inspected roads- blacktopping on Bradshaw, Inman, Kistler; Culvert work at intersection of Morton and Marrison. Road Oil on Anthony. Paving on Custer Road, Hawley north two miles. Grading on Wilson.

Reconvened at garage at 2:12 P. M.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Biegalle, We accept the bid of Wolverine Tractor and Equipment Co. for furnishing one new Burch Model FPW 12' double post snow wing for the price of \$3360.00 and for the mounting of same on our Galion motorgrader at an additional cost of \$1200.00. Carried. two ayes.

Vouchers in the amount of \$26,726.64 were signed.

Adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

 (Secretary)  (Chairman)

August 20, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M

Present Chairman Biegalle and Commissioner Felty, and Sec/Mgr Larsen and Ludington Daily News Representative Richard Dancz.

Minutes of last regular meeting on August 13, 1976, read and approved as read.

Letter read from Supervisor Marshall Mattis of Pere Marquette Township asking that a Stop sign be placed on Lakeshore Drive.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Biegalle, we authorize the placing of a stop sign on Lakeshore Drive at Chauvez Road stopping northbound traffic on Lakeshore Drive. Carried. Two ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Biegalle, We accept the bid of Farm Bureau Insurance through the Littke Agency of Ludington for full coverage insurance. Carried. Two ayes.

Motion by Biegalle, seconded by Felty, We authorize our permits department to issue a permit for the closing of the old highway at the intersection of Hoague and LaSalle Roads for a 4H non-motorized bicycle school to be held 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. on August 30, 1976. Carried. Two ayes.

Copy of letter Attorney Claire wrote to Attorney Andrews concerning defects in petitions(2) for the closing of Bass Lake Ave. and Ave. E and also, Front St. in Hamlin twp.

Meeting at Kalkaska on Oil Severance tax bill. Three to go Tuesday, August 24th.

The Blue Water resolution(so called) was adopted by the Mason County Board of Commissioners at their meeting on August 11th, 1976. This pertaining to more MVHF moneys being allocated to Road Commissions for Local Roads.

Dept of Management and Budget, purchasing division, communication discussed. The only tire bid extended for another year was General Tire Company's. In the future it will be possible to purchase cars and trucks through this Division.

Perla Stout Associates is putting the ad's in for the bridge rehabilitation program in the State magazines. They have drawings just about completed for the repair of the bridges. Ad's are to be in this coming week's magazines. Bids are to be in September 17th, 1976.

The following members of the Logan Township Board came into the meeting at 10:43 A.M.: Robert MacDougall, John Tyndall, Robert Burke, Otto Bogner and Jeanne Thompson.

MacDougall asked about Campbell Bridge and the amount Logan Township owes the Commission.

Chairman Biegalle explained how this bridge had been turned in to see if it would be eligible for funds under the Critical Bridge program. If approved possibly could be started in 1977. Logan Township owes \$3622.15. Landon Road Bridge turned in for funds under Off-systems Program.

Tyndall asked about Masten Road and Hawley Road. It was explained that Masten Road hopefully will be approved for Federal Aid Secondary Funds so that it can be graded and graveled in 1977. No plans at present for paving anymore on Hawley Road.

Logan Township Board left meeting saying they will send some money on account,

At 11:05 A.M. Corliss Gulembo, Supervisor, Helen Budzyinski, Clerk, Adelbert Taylor and Foreste Hullett of Sheridan Township came into the meeting to discuss drainage along Morse Road north of Dewey Road.

Gulembo said Forest wanted to talk about ditch. Hulet said he wanted to get the water from near his buildings down to the river. This would mean the lowering of two drive-way culverts.

Commission decides to look at this problem today. Made appointment to meet Hulet there.

Chairman Biegalle asked Gulembo about the situation at Benson and Griffin Road intersection. Mr. Taylor said he lived there too and the water coming down the road had created a problem.

Commission will look at this problem also this afternoon.

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$20,510.59.

11:25 A.M. Sheridan Township people left the meeting.

11:30 A.M. Adjourned for lunch.

After lunch inspected meisenheimer Road seal coat, Morton and Marrison culver project, Brush spraying on various roads.

Met Arvel Taylor at the intersection of Griffin and Benson Roads. Mr. Taylor explained and showed how there are no ditches or culverts so water comes down the road and eats away(along with the traffic) at his yard. Road should be ditched and culverts put in.

Chairman Biegalle and Commissioner Felty explained to Mr. Taylor that this type of work would be construction and as such ^{100%}~~50%~~ would have to be obtained in the financing from some others. This would be something to bring up to his Townboard.

Road Commission checked road oil on Millerton Road and met with Mr. Hulet at 2:30 P.M.

Commission explained to Mr. Hulet after he explained what he had in mind, that if he hired a contractor to do the work, they would give a permit to work along the road and lower driveway culverts. This he said he would do.

Adjourned at garage at 3:05 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John Biegalle (Chairman)

August 20, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, as well as Sec/Mgr Larsen

Minutes of last meeting on August 13, 1976, read and approved with the correction of 50% to 100% in that part about discussion with Mr. Taylor.

Letter from Daniel W. Darnell, Water Quality Investigator, with the Dept. of Natural Resources, Water Resources Commission, was read. Letter approves going ahead with plans for the paved mixing area and asphalt lined retention basin. They plan to make a field review of the truck wash water disposal and gasoline and oil storage facilities.

At 10:10 A.M. Richard Dancz, Ludington Daily News representative came into the meeting.

Attorney Claire has nothing new on labor negotiations; on Campbell Bridge is getting papers ready to recommend suit to Road Commission; road closings- has informed Attorney Andrews office of discrepancies and has not heard from them.

Chairman Biegalle gave a report on the oil severance tax meeting that was held in Kalkaska on August 24th. Commissioner Felty also gave information on meeting. Oil severance tax did not seem to have much chance of passage in the legislature.

Complaint has been received this morning of trucks hauling and damaging Limouze Road. Commission will look at this today.

Information read pertaining to Public Works Employment Act of 1976. this from Rep. Guy Vander Jagt.

Letter from John Claire explaining Act 150 of 1976 passed by the Legislature and becoming effective on June 1, 1976. This to require public hearings on projects for the construction of a new road or improvement of an existing road, not a part of the Federal Aid System, which improvement consists of widening or straightening a line of a road.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we approve and authorize the signing of an agreement with Branch Township for the furnishing and installation of Road Name signs and posts in the Walhalla Shores subdivision at an estimated cost to the Township of \$503.71. Carried. Three ayes.

Letter read from Mr. Marshall Mattis, Supervisor of Pere Marquette Township, asking about removal of stones and trimming of trees at the corner of Ellis and Bryant and the removal of stones at Jackson and Melendy.

At 11:00 P. M., John Herrygers of Telford and Dulen came into the meeting to discuss

asphalt slip pavers. Layton pavers. Can pave 8-12' or less if plates are used. Oceana County Road Commission has one, which they purchased used from his company.

At 11:16 A.M. John Herrygers left the meeting.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, We have work to be done by Laman Asphal and Paving Company under the same agreement as in force in 1975. Carried. Three ayes.

Clancy Laman has said he would be agreeable to an arrangement like last year where he paves possibly six miles of roads and payment will not be due until May, 1977 Motor Vehicle Highway Fund moneys are received.

News Release discussed noting the formation of a Michigan Forum for Balanced Transportation. The principles of the group call for equitable and assured public financing of the various transportation modes. This meaning continuance of the MVHF and opposing any further diversion for non-highway purposes. It also called for creation of a separate General Transportation Fund to provide additional assured revenues for other modes of transportation.

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$2,565.42.

Discussion about possibilities of setting up so that Road Commission may get brine from Miller Bros. wells in Victory. Discussed equipment needed and cost was estimated at approximately \$15,000 to get operating. Manager will have sample of brine tested.

Letter read from Mr. & Mrs. Ralph J. Cerny requesting the placement of a "Slow-Children Playing" sign on Sherman Road approximately 1/2 block north of Bryant Road in the Juniper Hills subdivision. They gave their reasons for this request. Manager is to write Cernys saying this type sign not a traffic sign. It might be better to investigate a speed control zone and this would be checked out by Commission with State Police.

A Mr. Day it is reported has fenced off North Avenue, east of Lakeshore Drive. This is not a road in the County Road System, but it is a platted street dedicated to the public.

At 12:10 P.M. adjourned for lunch.

After lunch inspected Morton and Marrison Culvert project, drainage along road near Mr. Hawks on Marrison Road, blacktop on Limouze street, stones and tree trimming at intersection of Ellis and Bryant, Morton Road brooming for putting stone on edge of road back up on roadway. Inspected one mile of Hawley and two miles of Custer Road with the idea of having Laman Asphalt pave them. Contractor had grubbed stumps and trees on Hansen Road east from Custer Road.

Adjourned at garage.



(Secretary)



(Chairman)

September 3, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Sec/Mgr Larsen as well as Richard Dancz of the Ludington Daily News.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved with the correction of dates; meeting date from August 20 to August 27th and previous meeting date from August 13 to August 20.

Chairman Biegalle gave resume of his and others comments on the radio program "Ludington Speaks". This in regard to bike path on M-116 and the stop sign put up at intersection of Chauvez Road and Lakeshore Drive.

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$117,946.86.

Letter from Ernest Gage of R#2, Freesoil read. Mr. Gage lives on Bennett Road off Campbell Road and asks if this road will be kept open in winter so he can get to work. This is a two-track road and would be impossible to plow with the truck plows plowing this territory unless some improvements were done on road. Road Commission will look at this on their inspection trip today.

Letter from James R. LaBenne of Chemi-Trol Chemical Co. was read. Mr. LaBenne reviewed the brush spray program carried out this year by his company for the Road Commission. This year a different chemical called Banvel-320 was used. this makes for a better kill of brush, but on some species the chemicals are slow acting. A total of 18,050 gallons of spray mixture at a cost per gallon of \$0.277 for a total of \$4999.85 was used. These gallons applied on 43.5 miles of road for an average cost of 415 gallons at .277 or \$114.96 per mile. The first time in the three years his company has sprayed for the Road Commission a damage claim was filed. Ken Miszewski in Custer said spray had damaged some of his beans. LaBenne and Miszewski agreed to a settlement of \$100.00

At 10:32 A.M. Stanley Schilling, proprietor of the Fair Oaks Subdivision came into the meeting to discuss placing of Consumers Power Company electric service within the right of way of the streets in his subdivision. Streets are 80' wide with an extra 10' wide public utilities easement. Mr. Schilling said streets are now cleared 80' wide and if utility is put outside of this 80' more trees will have to be cut.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we approve ^{according to their plan} the application of Consumers Power Company to place underground electric service in the Fair Oaks Subdivision. Carried. Three ayes.

Mr. Donald E. Miller's letter read. Mr. Miller is asking for added assurance that the road into the Jack Harker property in Section 11 is a county road. Road Commission will look at this today. Manager to assure him it is on the certified county road system.

Letter read from Representative Louis K. Cramton. He asks if pennant type "No Passing" signs on the left hand side of the road have been installed in Mason County, He says he has asked information on counties having installed this type sign from Earl Rodgers but has not been able to get it. He gives various reasons for putting up this type signing.

After discussion Road Commission instructs Secretary to write Rep. Cramton saying this county has not erected this type sign, although it has a signing program that is bringing the road signing up to "Manual" specifications. Also, if he would support more funding and less diversion from MVHF signing would go more rapidly.

A Temporary Certificate of Insurance issued September 1, 1976, has been received from Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Michigan. This for the policies to provide full coverage insurance as bid.

Engineers drawings and specifications for bridge program with Board of Commissioners have been completed. This on five bridges to be rehabilitated.

Commissioner Riisberg gave a report on his attendance at a policy meeting of the County Road Association in Lansing. Sources of increasing the revenue for Road purposes to State Highway Dept., County Road Commissions, and Cities and Villages were discussed.

Guidelines for local public works capital development and investment program received from the County Road Association were discussed. Program is not as yet funded and still do not have forms for application issued.

At 11:48 A.M. adjourned for lunch.

After lunch inspected roads. Jebavy Drive then to Bennett Road to inspect problem of snowplowing Mr. Ernest Gage. This was a two-track twisting and turning through the woods. Then down Campbell, Younkers, Masten, up Burley, down Gilda, Lanager and over to Maple St. From Maple up Campbell, over to Schoenherr, and then to Hansen Road east of Custer Road.

Adjourned at garage at 3:22 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John D. Biegalle (Chairman)

September 10, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Members Felty and Riisberg, and Sec/Mgr Larsen as well as Richard Dancz of the Ludington Daily News.

Letter read from U. S. Forest Service in which they say it appears herbicide spraying has exceeded the right of way. The District Ranger would like to meet to go over their policy on herbicide spraying.

Attorney General's opinion discussed. Road Commissions do not have to hold public hearing on budget. Road Commissions do have to hold public meetings when deliberating the receipt, borrowing or disbursement of funds.

Letter with enclosure discussed wherein Mason County Road Commission is allocated \$20,130 for the transition period ending September 30, 1976 and \$68,554 for the year ending September 30, 1977. This in FAS allocated funds. Another letter from Local Government stating that Mason County's allotment of Federal Funds for the year 1977 equals \$52,096.73.

Copy of a letter Missaukee County Road Commission sent to ^{Rep} Louis Cramton was read. This in answer to letter Crampton sent out to Road Commissions in regard to signing of roads particularly the pennant type "No Passing" sign.

No bidders were present for the opening of bids for the furnishing of two underbody scrapers, gasoline and diesel for six months, and a sedan.

At 10:30 A.M. Chairman Biegalle opened and Secretary read the following bids:-

Urka Chevrolet and Buick for furnishing one 1977 Impala 4 door sedan \$4915.16

Thiel Motor Sales for furnishing one 1976 Pontiac LeMANS" 4 door hardtop	\$5546.80
Less	746.80
total bid	\$4800.00

Shults Equipment Inc.- 2 Root Model F-5-11 foot Hydraulic Snow Blade, complete with belt driven Hydreco Pump, Gresen Control Valves. Oil supply Tank, Hydraulic hoses, fittings and all other necessary attachments.

\$1912.00 each

Installation on your trucks in our shop \$250.00 each

Terms:- net 30 days; Delivery 30 days after receipt of order

Inland Lakes Machine, Inc.- ^{1 (corr. invoice of 9-17-76) ed} 11 foot UBS lower units consisting of; 2 hydraulic down pressure cylinders, accumulator, pin type locks, belt driven pump, gage in cab.

Price installed \$3098.00

Warrantes - 1 year Delivery; 4-6 weeks

(per gallon prices)	No. 1 diesel	No. 2 diesel	dual purpose gas	terms
Farm Bureau Petroleum			.36	.396 N-30 not fi
Roskamp Oil Co.	.358	.348		.3895 N-30 not fi
Total Leonard	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid
Oceola Refining Co.	.3493	.3343		.3864 N-30 not fi Min. loa 11,000 G
Amoco Oil Co.	.3570	.3308		.3858 1%-10 not Fi N-30
Blarney Castle Oil Co.	.38	.34		.38 N-30 not fi

Discussion concerning office help and greaseman. Also, Mich. Dept. of State Revenue an fee collections for July 1975 thru June 1976 discussed.

Proposal has been advanced to the Mich. State Highway Dept. to have two winter patrolmen on during period from November 15, 1976 through April 1, 1977. These men would work 3:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.M for one and the other would work 11:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. Both would work seven days a week.

Adjourned for lunch at 11:58 A.M.

After lunch inspected various roads and reconvened at office at 3:00 P.M.

Attorney Claire's letter in regard to Binger Road read.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we authorize the hiring of Mrs. Zora Vannett for work in the office. Carried. Three ayes. She is to have physical.

Road Commission went into executive session. Back in regular session.

Discussed Amber Road from County Line south. Packaging Corporation would like this road improved to better service their property. Road Commission agreeable to give them consideration under their local road construction policy. Packaging Corporation would pay for the culvert(since a 36" is recommended) and they would pay 50% of the cost of graveling.

Adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John D. Biegalle (Chairman)

September 17, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Sec/Mgr Larsen

Minutes of last meeting on September 10, 1976, read and approved with a correction to the bid of Inland Lakes Machine Inc. from 2 UBS to 1 UBS.(this as a result of contacting the company)

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, The bid of Shults Equipment of Ithaca be accepted for furnishing two Underbody snowblades and installed on our trucks. Carried. three ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we accept the bid of Amocco Oil Co. for furnishing No. 1 and No. 2 Diesel fuel for the six months period beginning October 1, 1976 and the bid of Blarney Castle Oil Co. for the furnishing of gasoline for the same period. Carried. Three ayes.

At 10:35 A.M. Among the various people coming into the meeting to hear the reading of bids for the rehabilitation of bridges were the following: Harold Craig, Geo. Steinhour, (Bridge contractors) and Jerome Rybicki and William Karlson(Road and Bridge Committee as well a s William Johnson and Larry Truelove of Perla Stout.

(Bridges)	Lasalle	Darr	Decker	Stephens	Morse	Total
(company)						
Cass City Steel Co. Completion date July 1, 1977	\$6,000	8,750	11,500	9,200	4,200	\$39,650
G. L. Towns Const. Completion date November 15, 1976	5,000	9,000	9,000	8,000	7,000	38,000
G. & L. Construction co.	4,000	14,000	13,000	13,000	11,000	55,000
Guthrie Construction	9,000	9,500	10,000	10,400	8,000	46,900
W. A. Porter	4,500	17,350	17,900	15,800	16,100	71,650

Wm. Johnson and Larry Truelove

At 10:45 A.M. all visitors left the meeting excepting Harold Craig. At 10:55 A.M. Craig left.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, We accept the bid of G. L. Towns Construction Co. for doing the rehabilitation work on the five bridges above. Carried. Three ayes.

Wm Johnson and Larry Truelove left at 11:28 A.M. Secretary will notify bidders of results.

Portions of a release by Michigan Forum for Balanced Transportation were read.

Antrim County Road Commission snowplow policy read.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, Secretary to write Senator Derezinski and request he use his influence to delay final action on S.B. 1375 (bill to provide local financing for regional transit) until the legislature convenes after the November election. Carried. Three ayes.

The Michigan State Police representative and Mason County representative inspected the area of Juniper Hills on Sherman Street, north of Bryant Road. They decided this area was an area in which the speed zone was automatically 25 MPH because of the spacing of the residences.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we table the matter of 25 MPH speed zone signs in the Juniper Hills area as discussed in the matter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph J. Cerny request for a Slow Children Playing sign. Carried. Three ayes.

John Findling would like to put in a seawall on the south side of platted Orchard Drive in Linlook Park. He would like to grade the road down as well as a lot he owns in order to get fill to fill behind this seawall. Road Commission will look at this today.

Local Government representative has stopped and left information that Ludington cannot take over First St. as they would like since it is not within their annexed boundaries. Boundary runs on north side of First street for a ways east of Sherman and then jogs away from First. They have been notified.

Jerome Rybicki asked if any objection to cutting of brush on N-S quarterline road in Section three of Freesoil Township. Upon investigation, this road is not in the County Certified System.

At 12:11 P.M. adjourned for lunch.

After lunch inspected the area of Orchard Street in Linlook Park. Try to get Township and Findling thoughts on this. Public Hearing must be held.

We went to Ross Road. This road entrance had been made passable along old fence line.

It was thought this was agreeable to both the party owning the first quarter of a mile and also the party owning the second quarter of a mile. The first party has now fenced the entrance off and advised that the second party has informed him that he has sold his land and now neither of the two wish this road. Road Commission walked over ~~this~~ area. Manager is to check with Attorney Claire on this.

Inspected grading operation on Schoenherr Road and then went to Jones Pit.

Reports have been received that someone is hauling gravel out of Jones Pit illegally. Found tracks of loader near piles of material. Stopped and interviewed one of the persons living near pit. He brought up the subject of use of private road and the lack of attention to his letters to Road Commission.

Driveways into gravel piles will be fenced and the matter of use of private road will be investigated.

At 4:30 P.M. reconvened at Office.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, *since neither bid was up to specification*, We hereby reject the bids for furnishing a sedan. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we authorize the asking for bids for furnishing one sander comparable to the TK 12, Epoke. Carried. Three ayes. Teamsters letter to Attorney Claire concerning fact finding read. Signed vouchers in the amount of \$10,148.03. Adjourned at 4:43 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John D. Biegalle (Chairman)

September 24, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00A

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Sec/Mgr Larsen.

Minutes of last meeting on September 17, 1976, read and approved with the addition of "Since neither bid was up to specifications" to that motion about rejecting bid for furnishing a sedan.

Discussion about Jones Pit. Secretary read three letters sent to Road Commission in regard to roadways in pit. Two were from Mr. Hage. Attorney Claire is to be contacted on legal use of present road by Road Commission.

Sec/Mgr Larsen and Russell Mavis met with Russell Garigus, District Ranger out of the U. S. Forest Service office in Manistee, and two others, Ed Youngblood, Lands Staff Officer from Cadillac office and Fred Kacprzynski from Manistee office. Meeting was concerned with herbicide use along U. S. Lands. They explain the Forest Service policy requires Forest Service consent before spraying on unimproved (two-track) roads on property under Forest Service control. May take up to twelve-months to get this consent if chemical is not on list of standard chemicals. On roads that have ditches, backslopes, etc. spraying may be done to top of backslope without Forest Service consultation. Campbell Road from Freesoil Road north was the one sprayed this year that they were getting complaints on.

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$2479.08.

Towns Construction Co. has given a figure of \$0.70 per ton of material put into machine for screening the larger stone out of the piles of ice control sand. Laman Asphalt and Paving submitted a figure of 25 dollars per hour for machine and operator to do the same. Towns would use a crushing plant and Laman a vibrating screen. Road Comm. to furnish loader under Laman figure.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, We accept Laman Asphalt and Paving proposal for screening the ice controls sand at \$25.00 per hour, they furnishing machine and operator and we furnish loader and operator. Carried. Three ayes.

Bulletin No. 1029, from County Road Association was discussed. This is a clarification of Attorney General's Reference to approval of Road Commission budgets. Question was raised about statement "He also states that per diem payments paid out of Act 51 funds does not require approval from the board of county commissioners. Sec/Mgr has check this with Emil Tavohnen of Audit Division of Treasury Dept. and they interpret this as a lump sum per diem payment set up by Bd of Commissioners. According to them they will still be auditing Road Commissioner's expenses for approval by Board of Commissioners.

Letter from Hamlin Lakes Property Owners Association expressing their appreciation for the reopening of Beech Street as originally laid out.

Office Memorandum from John P. Woodford, Director of Mich. State Highway Dept. to Louis J. Caruso, Asst. Attorney General in Charge. This concerning West Michigan Environmental Action Council, Inc., et al. - v - William Coleman, et al. Case No. G 76-70 CA having to do with FAS Safety Program connected with cutting of trees along roads. The decision has been made to attempt to continue the program step by step in accordance with the court's direction. Trees may be cut in clearly hazardous areas but it was decided that it would be necessary to determine the number of trees to be removed at selected intersections and curves or the percentage of the total number of trees included in the project for each county which will be removed at curves and intersections.

Michigan Association of Counties bulletin of September 2, 1976 listed letter concerning pressure to change unemployment insurance so that voluntary quits would not be able to get payments. this according to the letter would not agree with the Federal program and therefore Michigan would lose out on Federal participation in the program. Also H.B. 6439 concerning accounting. Among other things will authorize State Highway Commission to audit County Road Commissions. H. B. 6452 reduces percentage of frontage property owners abutting private road necessary to have the Circuit Court declare it a public road from 65% to 51%.

MAC Report #19, of September 17, 1976 lists among other bills one SB 920 requiring meetings to be open at which a quorum is present to deliberate or decide public policy etc.

Drain Commissioner contacted Manager about the deepening of the drain called St Mary's Lake Drain. Lundbergs would like it deepened. Drain Commissioner requested that Road Commission lower culverts on Stiles Road just north of Washington Road when ditch has been dug. Since Road Comm. has responsibility for culverts in the work on County Drains, request has been granted.

Letter to Senator Derezhinski concerning delay in consideration of S.B. 1375 a transportation package bill, until after the November elections. Also, letter to John Claire regarding Ross Road which Road Commission wishes to keep open if leg ally possible.

At 11:43 A.M. adjourned for lunch.



After lunch reconvened at office after inspecting spillway work being done on Hawley Road west of Scottville Road and spillway completed on the Custer Road, north of Hawley Road. Reconvened at 1:43 P.M.

Notice received from Chairman Alex Lapenas of the Clean Water Committee asking that Road Commission be present at a meeting to be held in the courthouse at 7:30 P.M., on September 27th, 1976.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, Mrs Zora Vannett to start out at a salary based on 40 hours ^{per week} at \$2.30 per hour. After 90 days to be raised to a salary based on \$2.75 per hour for 40 hour/week. Wage to be re-evaluated on the First of July of 1977. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, We adjourn. Carried. -Three ayes.

Adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

 (Secretary)  (Chairman)

October 8, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg and Clerk/Acting Sec Schult

Minutes of last meeting on September 24, 1976 (no mtg held 10/1/76 because of Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions meeting) read and approved as read.

Letter read from Attorney John Claire dated 10/1/76 regarding notice he received on fact finding hearing with Teamsters Local #214 was set up for November 3rd, at 10:00 A.M., at the Road Commission Office. Comm. Riisberg gave notice that he could not be in attendance on the above mentioned date due to previous commitments. Commission contact Attorney Claire and was told it was not necessary for Riisberg to be in attendance.

At 10:20 A.M., John Findling came into the meeting to discuss the re-grading of Orchard Drive in the Linlook Park subdivision. He informed the Commission that he would like to construct his seawall on his property yet this fall and would like permission to cut the existing grade of the road past his property down about 5 foot from its present level. Said this would have no affect on his neighbors property on the north side of the road. He presented three (3) pictures to substantiate his request. Chairman Biegalle informed Findling that the Commission would have to confer with Attorney Claire on the re-grading of the road but they would investigate the site after lunch.

At 10:45 A.M., Charles Dalton, agent for Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co., came into the meeting.. He informed the Commission that his company couldnot furnish the Umbrella Policy for \$3,000,000 as originally proposed. Their policy limits them to a coverage of not more than \$1,000,000. He volunteered to contact his home office to determine whether, or not, a variance of their stated policy was possible. The Commission authorized payment for policies billed to date, in the amount of \$35,777.18 (Namely as follows;- Umbrella @ \$10,600.00; Wormens Compensation @\$14,378.50; and Fleet @\$10,798.68 as bid) Dalton left the meeting

Robert Amsterburg came into the meeting at 11:25 A.M. to discuss application for Critical Area Work for 1977. Under the new "Public Works Employment Act", funding will now be 100% as apposed to the present 50%. However, he did inform the commission, that, they as a Road Commission might not be eligible to bid as a contractor, but regardless, must make application for proposed Program, even though it might be awarded to a private contractor. Would still benefit from the afore mentioned Program even though Road Commission was not awarded the actual contract. He volunteered to assist on the work already performed in 1976. Said it looked real good.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize the submission of the necessary letters for Federal Funding-Critical Area Treatment. Carried. 3 ayes. Amsterburg left

At 12:45 P.M. adjourned for lunch.

After lunch conferred with Attorney Claire and inspected various roads.

At 3:20 P.M. reconvened at Road Commission Office.

Read letter from Louis Compton, state Representative, regarding penant "No Passing" signs on the left hand side of the roads in our County.

Read letter from Orval Cutshaw in regard to the support of Road Commissions and their employees to support the referendum to ban throw-a-way beverage containers.

Presented supplemental resolution to resolution approved on June 6, 1975. Cross-road treatment resolution relocated for U. S. -31, County of Mason.

Instructed to give above mentioned resolution to R. E. Lunde for his consideration and approval. Providing it meets with his approval, Commission authorizes the signing of the above mentioned resolution and the returning of same to: J. H. Williams, Assistant to Assistant Deputy Director, Highways.

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$39,916.16

Adjourned at 3:40 P. M.

Donald Schultz (Acting Secretary)
Edward Jensen (Secretary) John Biegalle (Chairman)

October 15, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, and Sec/Mgr Larsen

Minutes of last meeting on Ocotober 8, 1976, read and approved as read. The signature of Acting Secretary Donald Schultz to be added.

Chairman Biegalle reported on what had transpired in the Findling matter and other matters .

At 10:26 A.M. Richard Dancz of Ludington Daily News came into the meeting.

Bulletin from Dpt. of Management and Budget read stating Cars and Trucks could now be purchased through them.

Paul Bunyan meeting to be held at Caberfae Ski Area at 12:00 noon on Friday, October 29, 1976. Four to go from here.

Communication from the Local Government Division saying the approved mileage in the Certified system of roads in Mason County was as follows:

Primary road system established as	191.06 miles
Local road system established as	756.79 miles
Federal-Aid Urban area Primary	3.16 miles
Federal-Aid Urban area Local	12.39 miles

Above in effect for the period of July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

At 10:40 A.M. Supervisor Marshall Mattis and Trustee Earl Jensen came into the meeting to discuss roads.

Mattis asked about Jebavy Road drainage into yards. He knew road had been raised only about 2 to 2½ inches. It was explained that curbings should lead the water off to side of road. He also mentioned that Leo Gunberg had not moved his stones back the four feet asked of him. Secretary will write Gunberg to move stones and if not moved Road Comm. will move them.

At 11:10 A.M. Mattis and Jensen left the meeting.

At 11:16 A.M. Charles Dalton of Farm Bureau Insurance came into the meeting.

Dalton said his home office working on the umbrella policy problem and it had happened because of a lack of communications. They are trying to find a company where they can get an additional two million.

Felty said has your company told you, you cannot write a three-million dollar umbrella? Dalton answered "No". Felty asked if premium for this insurance would be higher on Road Commission than on a church or school, etc. Dalton said premium goes by the risk factor and Road Commission he thought would be higher than church, etc.

Dalton suggested alternate of raising limits to 1 million and writing Umbrella for 2 million. He is going to contact his head office Monday and call back if there is any further information.

Riisberg asked why raise basic limits as bid on Bodily Injury only? Dalton said this was necessary to get umbrella. Riisberg asked - would one million premium of 10,600 go to three times that if umbrella was obtained at three million. Dalton said yes. Riisberg asked about exclusions including false arrest, slander, etc. He said he didn't understand about this exclusion question, but would find out.

11:50 A.M. Dalton left the meeting.

Signed vouchers in the amount of 22,799.89 dollars.
Discussion of change in plans for Freeway. Road Commission desires more information on what type of roads would be servicing Washington Road connection south to old U.S. 31. Manager will contact Oceana County on this and possibly State Highway Dept.

A copy of an excerpt from the minutes of the Sherman Township Board meeting of Sept. 14, 1976 was read. This stated that Supervisor reported he had authorized work on a two-track requested by Ed. Gajeski on the basis of \$1.00 per yard of sand-using the balance of the budgeted money for roads- with the understanding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gajeski and the board that this will be a non-maintained two track and there is no agreement that money can be appropriated at any certain time to make this into an acceptable road for maintenance. - This was to be checked out with attorney Claire.

At 12:00 noon adjourned for lunch.

Inspected various roads including Abrahamson Road, an alley just south of south Bayou, spillway on Fountain Road, ~~and various other roads.~~

Reconvened at office at 2:35 P.M.

Discussed 10% wage assignment filed by Tower Finance. Manager to check legality out with Attorney Claire and then talk to employee.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, We authorize the filing of an application to join the Mason County Safety Council. Carried. Three ayes.

Change in snow station at Freesoil discussed. Discussion of posting list for those wishing extra work this winter to sign. List will be posted.

Adjourned at 3:21 P.M.

Charles C. Jensen (Secretary) John R. Biegella (Chairman)

tober 22, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Riisberg and Felty, also Sec/Mgr Larsen and Richard Dancz, Ludington Daily News representative.

Minutes of last meeting ^{on October 15, 1976,} read and approved as read.

Russ Mavis came in and told of problem with snowstation now at Tubbs. Need new place for it and would like this in the northeast area somewhere.

Scottville City Manager Blaine Bacon has requested that Scottville get their salt from Road Commission.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, We authorize selling the City of Scottville salt for the winter of 1976-77 at our cost plus 10% handling charge. They are to pick up this salt only when someone is on duty here at the garage. Carried. 3 ayes.

Letter from Attorney Claire in regard to 10% wage assignment was read. He mentions law has not been tested in Court and advises that if employee is not agreeable to wage assignment, non should be withheld and notice should be sent to finance company that Road commission is not in a position to honor the assignment on advise of the employee without judicial determination of their rights as to the propriety, legality and authority of the loan company and its assignment.

Charles Dalton, Farm Bureau representative came into the meeting at 10:32 A. M. to discuss insurance. Additional 2 million on Umbrella Policy for premium of \$5,900. \$4,000 for an additional one million. Dalton said exclusion for among other things, false arrest, Malicious prosecution, publication of libelous material, etc. was put in because this insurance was not asked for in the bid specifications.

Cancellation conditions on back page- if insuree has moved and not notified company mail could lay in postoffice if sent to address on policy.

Felty asked how much insurance against false arrest, slander, etc. would cost. Dalton said he would find out. Road Comm. decides to wait until they hear from him on this. Also cost on the 2 million more on umbrella. Umbrella to expire when other policies expire.

At 11:05 A. M. Dalton left and Robert Amsterburg of the Soil Conservation Service came into the meeting along with Russell Mavis to discuss program for erosion control structures. Cost under the grant from the Work Progress moneys would about double because private contractors would have to do the work.

Secretary read two letters received- one from Martha M. Bigelow, Director, Michigan History division, saying County Roadbank Stabilization Project will have no affect on cultural resources and the other from Arthur H. Cratty, State Conservationist of Soil Conservation Service, saying their employees would assist in paper work for getting Roadbank Stabilization Project funding under Title I of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976. If successful, will be able to proceed immediately. If not successful, they will attempt to secure RC & D cost -sharing for this project in future years.

At 11:22 A.M. Amsterburg and Mavis left the meeting.

Commission authorizes Commissioner Riisberg to take insurance bid specifications, insurance bids, and insurance policies covering the last few years to Lansing with him for taking up with the Insurance Commissioner.

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$33,404.00.

Letter from Genesee Prosecuting Attorney's office in regard to purchase of culv pipe.

The following supplemental resolution to resolution approved on June 6, 1975 was submitted by Commissioner Riisberg and he moved its adoption:-

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Highway Commission is preparing plans for the improvement of US-31 (relocated) as an ultimate limited access highway from the south county line northerly to US-10 in the county of Mason, which requires for its completion and successful operation that certain particular items of crossroad treatment be incorporated into the design and construction thereof; that certain roads and streets be closed; and that access across be allowed by means of grade separations at particular points; and that access to and exit from the limited access facility be limited to certain other designated intersections and points.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said plan is approved and the Board of County Road Commissioners of Mason County hereby consents to the closing of the following county roads at the right-of-way line of US-31, or at other designated points as shown on the attached exhibit.

1. Washington Road

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of county road Commissioners of Mason County authorizes the Michigan State Highway Commission to acquire in fee simple, or other appropriate instrument, by purchase or condemnation, in the name of the State of Michigan or in the name of the State Highway Commission, all interests in lands necessary to carry out said plan; and further authorizes the Michigan State Highway Commission to proceed as aforesaid with the acquisition of right-of-way necessary to provide for the following described treatments of county roads crossed or affected by the construction of US-31 (relocated), as shown on the attached exhibit.

A. GRADE SEPARATION STRUCTURES with traffic interchange facilities at the following road crossings:

1. Delete Item No. 1 Washington Road

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution confirms the treatment of county roads affected by the construction of US-31 (relocated), as previously agreed to.

Support furnished by Commissioner Felty.

Ayes 3; Nays 0 -

Resolution approved.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, since our regular work agreements with the townships have been nearly completed, we approve and authorize the signing of an agreement with Victory Township for grading, raising road, and 120 cyds of gravel on Fisher Road, west of Peterson Road at an estimated cost to the Township of \$1875.00. Carried. Three ayes.

At 12:08 P.M. adjourned for lunch.

In afternoon inspected the following roads and projects:- Erosion along west side of Lakeshore drive between south and middle bayou, across Dewey to fill east of Raschka Farm; south on Victory Corner Road to Groth; east on Groth to Stiles; south on Stiles to Sugar Grove; then checked Millerton just west of Reek Road and then to Gunn Lake; Freesoil Road and Reid Road to Blue and Thunder Lakes; Checked gate area on southeast part of Ford Lake then to Schoenherr and Hansen Roads.

Adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

Edward C. Riisberg (Secretary)

John Biegalla (Chairman)

tober 29, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 9:30 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, as well as Sec/Mgr Larsen and Richard Dancz, Ludington Daily News Representative.

Minutes of last regular meeting on October 22, 1976, read and approved as read.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we agree to the easement from the Jorgensens as proposed and we authorize the signing of the easement relinquishing control of Binger Road in the south one-half of Section 25 and north one-half of Section 36 in Logan Township, T17N, R15W. Road Commission relinquishment conditioned on getting above easement from Jorgensens for roadway along east-west quarterline of Section 25 of Logan Township. Carried. Three ayes.

Read petition by Lester H. Rockrohr, Hermine G. Rockrohr, and 3 others to circuit court to vacate a public street- namely James Street from Oak Street to Lake Street, in the plat of Goodman's Addition to the Village of Tallman, Branch Township, Mason County Michigan.. Road Commission will look at this site.

Notice of Hearing on above also read. This to be on 23rd day of November, 1976 at 10:00 in the forenoon or as soon thereafter as the Court finds convenient, in the Circuit Court for the County of Mason at the Courthouse in the City of Ludington.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we authorize our Secretary Manager to waive the probationary 90-day period in the case of the employment of Mrs. Zora Vannett and also start her out at \$2.75 per hour. She must still have physical. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we approve and authorize the signing of an agreement with Riverton Township for graveling of the Beard Road at an estimated cost to the Township of \$2,700.00. This project will be completed this year weather permitting. Carried. Three ayes.

At 10:35 A.M. Tiny Lemke of Allied Equipment Co. came into the meeting to hear the reading of the bids for furnishing one trailer salt or sand spreader;-

Chairman Biegalle opened and Secretary read aloud the following:-

Bell Equipment Company, 1-Epoke, Model TK-12, sand, salt spreader	\$3600.00
Unit in stock, del- one week, Net 30 days	
Above price includes remote control unit for in cab control.	

Allied Truck Equipment Co., 1 Model TK-12 "Epoke" spreader complete	
with cab controls	Net price
	\$4250.00

Road Commission will study bids and get more information before making decision. Tiny Lemke left the meeting.

Commissioner Riisberg gave a report on policy committee meeting of the County Road Association that he had attended in Lansing.

He also gave a report on his discussion at the insurance commissioners office of items concerning Road Commission insurance bids, etc.

The possibility of engaging an insurance counseling firm was discussed - more information to be obtained on this.

Letters from Attorney Claire read: one concerning resolution from Sherman Township hiring someone to do road work. This not a township responsibility. - second in regard to Ross Road in Sheridan township - gave his thoughts on this.

Alley in Weimer Subdivision discussed. Fence is near limit of certified right-of-way.

Letter on progress of State Highway Maintenance Contract negotiations discussed.

Letter from District Engineer, State Highway Dept. giving preliminary approval to the shifts for two snow patrol people on state highways.

Letter read from Gogebic County Road Commission asking policies on 1. Natural beauty roads, and 2. Tree removal such as criteria for determining which trees to remove and the legal aspects of this type of removal.

Mr. Carl Seufert, State Highway District Engineer, has called and given information - figures on Ludington and Northern crossing of M 116 near Epworth Heights gate, have been sent to design section in Lansing. Would Road Commission be interested in participating in some of the work to improve this crossing? Probably will not be ready to go until about next May. For the present will put up warning signs. Road Commission is interested.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 A.M. to attend the Paul Bunyan Council meeting to be held in Wexford County.

Edward C. Farnen (Secretary) John D. Biegalle (Chairman)

November 5, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 9:30 AM.

Present Chairman Biegalle and Commissioner Felty, as well as Sec/Mgr Larsen.

Minutes of last meeting on October 29th, 1976, read and approved as read.

Discussion concerning hiring of Mrs. Vannett. Signed two copies of road easements on Binger Road. These were not signed last meeting.

Read resolution made by Lake County Road Commission in regard to FAS moneys transfer.

James Husted came in to the meeting at 9:46 A.M. to discuss a problem that had arisen over stone last August. His step Dad had been dismissed from the Fair Board over this and he had heard Road Commission had asked for this dismissal. Road Commission explained four loads had been asked for for the Fairgrounds and six loads had been hauled. At a meeting with the executive Board of the Fair Association, it had been agreed the other two loads would be paid for and this was as far as the concern of the Board of Road Commissioners had gone.

10:00 A. M. Husted left the meeting and Richard Dancz of the Ludington Daily News came into the meeting.

At 10:08 A.M., The members of the Road and Bridge committee of the County Board of Commissioners came into the meeting. Namely; Chairman William Karlsen, Alex Lapenas Jerome Rybicki, and Larry Bentz.

Chairman Karlsen said they were interested in the bridge rehabilitation program. It was explained that the sub-contractor had men in the yard sandblasting and painting steel, but the actual work on the bridges was waiting on notification of shipment of steel decking which was promised for the week of November 8th. Priorities were;

1. Stephens and Deckers Road Bridges;
2. LaSalle Road Bridge;
3. Darr Road Bridge;
4. Morse Road Bridge

Towns Construction Co. is still the contractor for the work.

Comm. Felty had talked to Harold Craig at the last Paul Bunyan meeting and Craig had said possibly get work done by December 1.

Committee wishes Road Commission to keep after contractor to get work done as quickly as possible and get billings to them. They would like billings done for work this fall in about a week before their meeting on December 8th.

Attorney Claire is working on suit over breakdown of Campbell Bridge. Township Participation in road programs at present figured to be on the same scale with the possibility of asking Townships to help finance some of dustlaying. Labor negotiations discussed.

Discussed washed in material in under east bridge at South Bayou of Hamlin Lake. Secretary read copy of a letter R. C. Tims, Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Marine Inspection Detachment, to Comander, Ninth Coast Guard District, saying that the three bridges at Hamlin Lake had been put in without permits, they have no lighting, and the washed in material under the east bridge at South Bayou was causing a problem to all but the smallest boats.

Letter requests "after the fact" permit forms be sent to Road Commission arrangements should be made to light bridges, and dredging should be done under east bridge. Road Commission will wait for additional information and forms.

Paving on Hawley Road and Custer Road discussed.

At 11:32 A.M. Committee left the meeting.

Discussed tree on Larson Road. Read letter concerning curtailment of Off Systems Safer Roads Safety federal funds.

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$1,107.38.

Discussion on Insurance Councilors. More information needed on this.

Manager and Comm. Felty to go to Labor-Management Conference at Grand Valley.



Bids on spreader to be discussed next meeting.

Local Government Office has calle and third quarter MVHF payment is \$219328.98.

Adjourned for lunch at 11:55 A.M..

After lunch inspected Marrison road ditching and shouldering with stone along with various other roads and projects.

Adjourned at office at approximately 3:00 P.M.

 (Secretary)  Vice
(Chairman)

November 12, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Vice Chairman Felty and Commissioner Riisberg, as well as Sec/Mgr Larsen and Richard Dancz, Ludington Daily News Representative.

Minutes of last meeting on November 5, 1976, read and approved as read.

Felty gave report on Labor-Management meeting held at Grand Valley State Colleges on November 10th.

Read letters written by Thomas P. O'Rourke, Managing Director of the Wayne County Road Commission. Copies of these letters were sent to each one of Wayne's legislators. Letters advised that, because of increasing costs and reduced Motor Vehicle Highway Funds, 102 seasonal and CETA employees will be let go. Also, that they are reviewing this lack of funds and the effect it will have on their permanent employees and future road and related projects.

Legislative Report - New Public Acts was discussed- Act No. 267, the open meetings bill; Act No. 268 - prohibiting a member of the Employment Relations Commission,

a labor mediator, or other agent of the commission from disclosing confidential information received for the purpose of resolving a dispute under the Act. Act No. 301, Truck Tarp Bill, will require tarps on any truck loaded with material that could drop, sift, leak or blow off unless the material is so loaded that "no part of the load making contact with any sideboard or side panel or rear part of the enclosure shall be within 6 inches of the top of the part of the enclosure contacted."

Joseph O'Farrell asked for discussion with Road Commission and was told a few minutes. this to allow finish of present discussion. When called approximately 15 minutes later he had gone.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, Subject to the approval of the Local Government Division of the Department of State Highways and Transportation, we accept the transfer of Federal Funds in the amount of \$60,000.00 of their allocation, as proposed by the Lake County Road Commission in a motion passed at their meeting held on October 14, 1976. Carried Two Ayes.

Action on new easement for Binger Road in Logan Township postponed until next meeting.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, We authorize the purchase of turkeys for Christmas under the same conditions as in previous years. Carried. Two ayes.

Discussion about snow patrol and shifts along with snowplow and ice control call in list. Also discussion about Epoke spreader.

Signed vouchers in the amount of \$34,266.14.

Letter from Attorney General notifying Road Commission of the hearing on the vacation of street in Goodman addition to the Village of Tallman set up for the ^{now} 23rd day of 1976. It also asks if notice had been served; if Road Commission has any objections; whether Road Commission intends to have legal counsel file an appearance in case; whether any public utilities or public installations would be affected by vacation. Request reply as soon as possible.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, We are not in favor of vacating or closing of any roads or streets where ^{public} access to lakes, streams, etc. is involved. Therefore we are not in favor of closing this portion of James Street from the north boundary of Oak Street to Lake Street. Carried. Two ayes. Sec to notify Attorney General.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:26 P.M.

After Lunch inspected fill near Wienert's between Decker and Fisher Roads, Fisher Road grade west of Peterson Road, Jebavy Road paving, and Sherman St. in Hamlin Township.

Adjourned at garage at approx. 3:05 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary)

John D. Biegalle (Chairman)

November 19, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, as well as Sec/Mgr Larsen Richard Dancz, Daily News Representative, and Suprvsr Carl Peterson of Riverton Township.

Minutes of last meeting on November 12th, 1976, read and approved with addition of November to the date for the hearing on the vacation of James Street.

Suprvsr Peterson asked that Road Commission be agreeable to his Township paying their invoices for road work sometime after the first of January. He feels there is some

money available to Townships through the Board of Commissioners and this would give them time to investigate. This deferment to be on part of their billing. Road Commission is agreeable.

Peterson left the meeting at 10:15 A.M.

MALI meeting on November 23, 1976, at Gibbs at 10:30 A.M.

#96 is in need of repairs estimated around 7 to 8 thousand dollars. Discussion. Agreeable to repair #96. Manager is to find out if Wolverine can take it in and get it back in reasonable length of time. If so, they are to repair it, if not motor is to be put in in our shop.

a retired employee

At 10:32 A.M. Mr. Joseph O'Farrell came into the meeting and discussed some tool situation held over from the time he had operated the screening plant and also, a torch set that had been on loan while a former shop foreman was employed here at the Road Commission. He also gave his thoughts on the present operation of the shop. Mr. O'Farrell made the statement that he was requesting the Road Commission to "forget about the tools". He was not going to press this issue.

When questioned by Chairman Biegalle about his negative attitude in the past concerning the shop foreman working, Mr. O'Farrell said he thought foreman should work and pay dues, he wouldn't have to belong to the Union.

He added he would like to see better relations between Commission and employees. Comm. Riisberg said Road Comm. has always been willing to talk to employees whenever they asked.

At 10:50 A.M., Mr. O'Farrell left the meeting.

Comm. Riisberg moved the following "Release of Road Easement" be made and signed:-

Indenture made this 19th day of November, 1976 by and between the MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION of R#1, Scottville, Michigan, party of the first part, and SUSAN JORGENSEN, party of the second part, of Seattle, Washington.

WITNESSETH:

for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations including granting right of ways, party of the first part does hereby grant, release and convey unto party of the second part a release of all of its right title and interest in and to that certain right of way known as Binger Road over and across the South Half (S $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Twenty-five (25) and the north half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township 17 North, Range 15 West, Mason County, Michigan. Except as the same shall connect with the newly created Road easement and Trail Road at or about the East one-eighth (1/8) post immediately South of the East and West quarterline of said Section Twenty-five (25).

WITNESS the Mason County Road Commission by and through its commission the day and year first above written.

Commissioner Felty supported the above. Vote - unanimous. Motion carried.

The three Commissioners signed above, it was witnessed and duly notarized. It will be given to Attorney Claire for transmittal to Jorgensens and for recording.

At 11:02 A.M. Dan Senters, Packaging Corporation Representative, came into the meeting to discuss Road Commission and his company entering into an agreement to do some ditching and graveling on Amber Road, south from County Line Road. Involves about .2 of a mile. His company willing to pay the necessary 50%. Road Commission is agreeable to

going ahead with this subject to their inspection today.

Mr. Senter left the meeting.

Discussion concerning repairs to the garage roof. Manager to get more details.

Letter from Shell Oil Co. with copy of a letter they had sent to all their contractors. This stated Shell's policy that waste brine from their wells can only be disposed on the roads or other places ~~unless~~ ^{where} authorized by the State or County as disposal points.

Pall bearers for retired employees funeral not eligible for pay for time unless on vacation.

Bridge Rehabilitation program - H. Craig has said he will be in Monday and will be moving his equipment in on that day.

Discussion about agreement with Custer and also Custer and Eden for hauling some approximately 300 cu. yds. of gravel. One-half to go on Indian Trail, Wilson and south approx. 1/4 mile and the other to go on Chauvez Road west of Custer Road. Agreeable with Commission to do projects(2) when agreements are back in signed by the Townships.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize our Attorney to enter an appearance for us at the hearing in Circuit Court on November 23rd, 1976, and also to represent us with the Attorney General's division, in the matter of the vacation of James Street from Oak Street to Lake Street in the Goodman's Addition to the Village of Tallman. Carried. Three ayes.

Snow gauge is being moved today from Lloyd Tubbs to Ross Howell's.

Southern Michigan Road Commissions Conference to be held December 13, and 14, 1976, at the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids.

Letter read from Pere Marquette Township Board requesting Road Commission to have initial plan for tree removal and turn-off lane at Jebavy and Rasmussen Roads carried out. Manager will write to Pere Marquette Township giving Road Commission's thought on this.

Letter from W. L. Reid, Consumers Power Company's Manager of Land and Right of Way, asking that Road Commission consummate the part of the agreement concerning the bridge over the penstocks by passing a resolution accepting it into the County Road System. Road Commission wishes Consumers Power Company be contacted and asked for the date when bridge was completed and a copy of their engineering report on the final inspection when they accepted it from contractor.

Sandra Spence, Legislative Representative for the National Association of Counties, is one name to contact when desiring information on Federal Programs.

Discussion about re-imbursing and participating employer. Manager to find out when notice must be in to change.

Chairman and Vice Chairman of Road Commission ^{in the past} have been elected in December. this on Road Commission organization for the coming two years.

¹Adjourned for lunch at 12:18 P.M.

After Lunch inspected Jebavy and Rasmussen area. Angling, Fountain, Stiles, and Quarterline Roads. Amber Road, Co. Line road and south. Then Freeman, Schoenherr

Hansen . Agreeable to go ahead with Packaging Corp on Amber Road.

Adjourned at garage at approximately 3:36 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John Biegalle (Chairman)

November 26, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 AM.

Present Chairman Biegalle and Commissioner Riisberg, as well as Sec/Mgr Larsen and Richard Dancz, Representative of the Ludington Daily News.

Minutes of last meeting on November 19th, 1976, read and approved as read.

Discussion about Motor Vehicle Highway Fund payments 1975 as to 1976. Interest on third quarter payment was approx. 6% or \$13,000.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, we approve and authorize the signing of an agreement with Eden Township for graveling various places on the Chauvez Road east of Custer Road. Estimated cost to Township of \$187.50. This in conjunction with Custer Township. Project to be done weather permitting yet this year. Carried. two ayes.

Since Custer Township agreement is over the \$500.00 limit, it is held up for the one-third down payment.

Letter from Robert Andrews read. Mr. Andrews says evergreen at the corner of Hawley and Stiles Roads blocks vision to the south for a car coming from west. Commission will inspect this site today.

Comm. Riisberg gave report on a conversation he had had with Earl Rodgers concerning new thoughts on more financing for Road Commissions and mass transportation.

Discussion regarding unemployment insurance.

Motion by Biegalle, seconded by Riisberg, We will stay as a re-imbursing employer for the coming year and then re-examine our position. Carried. Two ayes.

Discussion about snowplowing on State Highways and County Roads within Mason County.

A meeting is to be set up with law enforcement people for examining the past year's experience of snowmobiling in the county.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, we insist we be given coverage as per Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. of Michigan's bid submitted on August 13th, 1976. Coverage to be as required in our "Bid Specifications" and for the amount of money quoted in their bid. Carried. Two Ayes.

Adjourned at 11:20 A.M. to inspect roads and have lunch.

Inspected the following: Montgomery Blvd, Washington Road, Stiles, Anthony, Meisenheimer, the intersection at Hawley and Stiles, Gordon, Kinney, Scottville, Conrad, Wilson, Barothy, Schoenherr, Millerton, Custer and Hansen. Also Johnson and Darr. At Hawley and Stiles coming from the west the front of the car was still approximately two feet from the edge of the pavement when visibility was clear to the south. The small evergreen tree was back of the backslope and part of the landscaping in the owners yard. Secretary will inform Mr. Andrews of Road Commission thoughts on this.

Adjourned at garage at 2:20 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John Biegalle (Chairman)

December 3, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, as well as Sec/Mgr Larsen

Minutes of last meeting on November 26, 1976, read and approved as read.

Discussion concerning Official County Road Maps. Agreeable to check with West Shore about new picture for map. Ludington Chamber of Commerce may buy maps at cost if they wish more than a couple hundred at a time.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we authorize the purchase of 10,000 Official County Road Maps. Carried. three ayes.

Action on financing for roads and mass transit put off until next year according to bulletin from County Road Association.

Notice received from U.S. Department of Commerce that application for \$189,350 in Economic Development Administration funds has been received at the Chicago Office Project Locator number assigned to application is MI-11571.

Latest on Stump and Tree removal Federal Aid Safety Project was read. The environmental studies mandated by the court's Order of June 4, 1976 will be conducted by independent consultants and no action will be taken until the Mich. Dp. of State Highways and Transportation has received appropriate comments from the Court.

Another section of US-31 Freeway will be opened in Oceana County on December 14, 1976 at 11 A.M. This section 9.2 miles long will end at Polk Road.

Applications for Office help were read and discussed.

At 11:45 A.M. adjourned for lunch.

Inspected various roads after lunch including Lakeshore to middle bayou then out Dewey to Jebavy and onto Barnharts, south on Sherman to Shagway.

Adjourned at garage.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John Biegalle (Chairman)

December 10, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:04 A.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, as well as Sec/Mgr Larsen and Richard Dancz, Lud. Daily News Representative.

Minutes of last meeting on December 3, 1976, read and approved as read.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Biegalle, We approve and authorize the signing of an agreement with Custer Township for graveling on Indian Trail, Wilson Road and south, and also graveling on Chauvez Road from Custer Road east. Carried. Three ayes.

Signed Vouchers in the amount of \$ 26,345.00.

Discussion about county program of paying for weekend snowplowing and ice control. This program to be in cooperation with County Board of Commissioners. On weekends, or Holidays when roads tend to be impassable, plows, etc. will be called out and the cost billed to Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, we agree to the program as proposed by the Mason County Board of Commissioners in the following resolution:-

"The Roads and bridges Committee recommends that the money received in the

Federal Anti Recession Allocations for the first two quarters, totaling \$47,551.00 be transferred to the Mason County Road Commission with the following stipulations:

1. That it be used for snow and ice removal work which would otherwise not be done because of lack of funds.
2. That priority use be given to weekend or holiday snow removal when needed.
3. That any fund which remains unused after snow removal season be used for repair of roads, which would otherwise not be accomplished because of lack of funds.
4. That detailed records be kept and made available to County offices of all expenditures for audit purposes.
5. That payment be made to the Road Commission upon receipt of proper invoices and approval by the Board of Commissioners.
6. That these dollars be used only on County Primary and Secondary Roads.

Carried. Three ayes.

Motion by Felty, seconded by Riisberg, We authorize the construction of Reek Road from Millerton Road to Dewey Road at an estimated cost of \$58,000 including blacktopping. Carried. Three ayes.

Motion Riisberg, seconded by Felty we vote no change in the designation of the American Road Builders' Association. Carried. Unanimous.

Discussion of snow removal moneys received by the various county road commissions. Mason County received \$24, 546.15.
Discussion of financial position projected to February 8, 1977.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we reject the bids received on furnishing a pull type sander. Carried. Three ayes.

Discussion about budget for 1977.

Adjourned at 12:15 P.M. for lunch.

After lunch inspected the bridge work being done on Stephens and Decker Roads over Frog Paradise Drain.

Reconvened at Office at 2:10 P.M.

Discussion about hiring office help. Four picked out for interviews next Wednesday starting at 10:00 A.M.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Biegalle, Jonathan Felty be Chairman of the Road Commission for the two years starting January 1, 1977. Carried. Two Ayes.

Motion by Biegalle, seconded by Felty, Nellis Riisberg be Vice Chairman of the Road Commission for the two years starting January 1, 1977. Carried. Two Ayes.

Adjourned at 3:00 P- M.

Edward C. Larson (Secretary)

John Biegalle (Chairman)

December 17, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00A

Present=Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, as well as Sec/Mgr Larsen and Richard Dancz, Ludington Daily News Representative.

Minutes of the last regular meeting on December 10, 1976, were read and approved with a correction in the amount of Snow Removal moneys from 24, 546.15 to \$24,546.17

Letter from Attorney John R. De Vries in Regard to Novation to Gravel Lease on Jones Pit. Mr. Burton Jones has contacted him and wishes 20¢ per cubic yard for the gravel hauled from pit since Road Commission had signed Novation. DeVries says this date was September 9, 1973. Jones says he never received copy of this Novation.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, This matter is to be turned over to our Attorney for advice on legal position in regard to Novation to Gravel Lease on Jones Pit. Carried. Three ayes.

Letter read from Mrs. Jack W. Snyder, saying maintenance very bad on Stolberg Road from Benson road east and no good reason for doing work on Schoenherr Road.

Hearing to be held in Manistee, Tuesday, January 11, 1977, on Lucille Molyneux's Unemployment Claim.

Discussion concerning Campbell Bridge. It is 34th at the present time on the list of Critical Bridges for State and Federal "Critical Bridge Funds". If no more critical bridges are added it looks like a couple years before funds available under these programs.

Secretary read letter that had been written in answer to inquiry by Mr. William McIntyre of Employers Insurance of Wausaw, asking for information as to planned replacement structure and also information on old structure. Sec/Mgr is to contact Mr. McIntyre sometime after the 30th of December and inform him Road Commission wishes some action on this matter from his company.

Letter read from Mr. Larry Becker, who lives in Section 32, of Logan Township, asking for snow to be plowed from north and south road from Washington Road which Oceana County plows north to their home. Commission will look at this area today.

At 11:10 A.M. Robert Amsterburg of the Soil Conservation Service came into the meeting to discuss Operation and Maintenance Agreement dated April 16, 1971 between the Mason County Road Commission and the Soil Conservation Service relative to Mason County Road Bank Stabilization Measure. Several areas under the above program were set up for inspections yearly for three years. It is proposed that this section III-B be eliminated from the Agreement.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, We agree and authorize Chairman to sign document stating that Section III-B be eliminated from the Operation and Maintenance Agreement dated April 16, 1971 as specified in proposed amendment. Carried. Three ayes.

Discussion about applications for the office position advertised. It was decided Mrs. Neal(Susan Ann) Miller be offered the position.

Adjourned at 11:56 A.M. for lunch.

After lunch inspect roads. The following were some of them:- Hawley from U.S-31 to Stiles, Marrison, from Stiles to Scottville Road. Washington Road from Ruby

Creek to north and south road in Section 32 of Logan. Manager is to contact Oceana County Road Commission, who plow the east and west Washington Road, to see if they would be willing to plow into Beckers. Mason County now plows into Oceana on the end of Montgomery Blvd.

Masten Road from Washington Road to Anthony then to Hawley and across Hawley to Scottville Road then to garage.

Adjourned at garage at 3:20 P.M.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary) John B. Biegalle (Chairman)

December 23, 1976 meeting (Christmas Holiday was on Friday the 24th of December) of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 A.M.

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, as well as Sec/Mgr Larsen and Richard Dancz, Ludington Daily News Representative.

Minutes of last meeting on December 17, 1976, read and approved as read.

Secretary read letter from Mason County Zoning Commission in regard to the possible placement of 14 zoning Commission signs along road right-of-way. Mr. Silvers is to be contacted and more information obtained. Road Commission agreeable to erect signs at their cost.

Commissioner Riisberg made the following resolution and he moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, The Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Mason and Consumers Power Co. did enter into an agreement on December 5th, 1969 concerning the erection of a bridge on Lakeshore Drive over the penstocks at the Ludington Pumped Storage Plant: and

WHEREAS, Consumers Power Company did furnish the Board of County Road Commissioners a copy of a letter dated September 19, 1973, addressed to said Board advising that Ebasco (Consumers Power Company Engineers) had found bridge to be completed and in an acceptable condition to them;

NOW THEREFORE, The Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Mason agrees to take over and thereafter maintain the Bridge as a part of the Mason County Road System as stipulated in Paragraph 3 of said Agreement, providing Paragraphs four(4), five(5), and six(6) as well as all other pertinent parts of said December 5, 1969 Agreement remain in full force.

Commissioner Felty furnished support.

Vote: Three ayes; Nays none

Resolution carried.

Article in Mich. Assoc. of Counties paper in regard to State may have to pay counties back money charged for audits.

Discussion about insurance.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we agree to the payment of Items number one and two on the invoice from Towns Construction Co., but not to pay Item three, which is noted as "Structural Steel furnished by County". This would leave Item 1 for \$4,206.80 Item 2 for \$5,135.20 for a total of \$9,342.00 less 10% (\$934.20) or a payment of \$8,407.80. Carried. Three ayes.

At 11:00 A.M. Richard Dancz left the meeting. and at 11:10 A.M. Sec/Mgr left the meeting.

Adjourned for lunch at 11:45 A.M.

INSpected roads in afternoon

Adjourned at garage.

Edward C. Larsen (Secretary)

John Biegalle (Chairman)

December 30, 1976 meeting of the Road Commission held in its office in Scottville at 10:00 AM

Present Chairman Biegalle, Commissioners Felty and Riisberg, as well as Sec/Mgr Larsen.

(This meeting was held on the 30th of December a Thursday because Friday is set up as New Year's Holiday)

Minutes of last meeting on December 23, 1976, read and approved as read.

Snow fall information studied; Contour map of stations in the State used to figure out average snowfall per county. Sheet showing Mason County had 94 inches for the winter 1975-76 which was 21 inches more than the previous winter. Also, a sheet showing what Certified mileage used for each county receiving snow money, the Average snowfall in inches, the inch miles over 80" of snowfall and the Amount of Payment.

A letter is to be sent to the head office of Farm Bureau Insurance saying, Road Commission expects them to furnish insurance as bid. This because letter to this effect to local agent has brought no results.

Discussion about insurance councilors. Secretary to check on cost to Muskegon County Road Commission.

Bridge rehabilitation program with Board of Commissioners discussed. Contractor has not furnished figures on steel taken from County stock. The Item #3 on Towns Construction Co. billing was not paid with the rest of the bill because of the wording. Now a new billing has been received on which this Item is listed as work cleaning, painting and placing this steel. Road Commission agrees to pay Item 3 less 10%.

Correction received from County Road Association on Bulletin of November 8, 1976, "Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267". It will not be in effect January 1, 1977, but will take effect April, 1977. Enclosed also, was a Memo giving information on how Supreme Court expands opportunity for damage suits against State Highway Department.

Motion by Riisberg, seconded by Felty, we authorize the following;-

TERMINATION OF LEASE

Now comes the Mason County Road Commission, a Municipal corporation, and pursuant to a resolution adopted by the commission at the regular meeting held on the 30th day of December, 1976, hereby cancels and terminates any and all rights which the said Road Commission has in and to a certain Gravel Lease dated January 13, 1953 and recorded January 13, 1953 in Liber 41 of Miscellaneous records, pages 474-5 wherein Stanley D. Morton and Lucile Morton were the Lessors.

Premises subject to said lease are described as follows:

The East one-half ($E\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northeast one-quarter ($NE\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 20, Township 17 North (T17N), Range 17 West (R17W), Except the South 20 acres thereof, Riverton Township, Mason County, Michigan.

Ayes Riisberg, Felty, and Biegalle. Nays - none. Motion carried. Commissioners(3) signe

a copy for recording.

Discussion about ice control sand. Beckman brothers sold sand to Oceana County Road Commission at \$1.00 per ton. We may need sand shortly. Agreeable with Commission to buy 200-250 cubic yards from Beckmans.

Salt usage report on State highways in this District was studied.

Read Article from magazine on the formation of a group to push for a single fund for all types of transportation in the State.

Adjourned at 12:02 P.M. for lunch.

After lunch inspected bridge work at Stephens and Decker Roads. Drove Millerton Road from Stephens to Reek, down Reek to Sugar Grove to Schoenherr south to Hansen and west to Stephens

Adjourned at garage.

Edward C. Hansen

(Secretary)

Jonathan D. Petty (Chairman)