

January 12, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr.Dittmer, Sec. Anthony

Absent: Thurow

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the minutes of the December 28th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the December 28th meeting.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### APPOINT CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to appoint Dean A. Archer Chairman of the board and Robert Thurow Vice-Chairman for 1996.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Payroll #1 (\$43,441.87) and warrant 42010 thru 41071 in the amount of \$79,335.87.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:20 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheets.

At 9:30 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included
  - a. Maintenance County-wide  
Plowing snow and placing ice control sand/salt.  
Cut brush in right-of-way.
  - b. Maintenance - State Trunkline  
Plowing snow and placing ice control sand/salt.  
530 tons back-up salt hauled in from MDOT.  
Had 2000 tons of sand to date hauled from Kirschner pit to road commission yard.
  - c. Construction  
G & DS projects-preparing plans Jebavy Drive, from Riverview drive to where money runs out. GI

schedule for Jan. 29th.

2. Lee Redman still on Workmen's Comp. Letter from Coresource sending him to doctor to review his back.
3. Shirley is closing books for 1995 and starting 1996.
4. All W-2's are to be given out today.
5. Talked to BA regarding Tim Towns discharge.
6. Clutches in new Fords have gone out. Duthler to replace them at their cost.
7. Injector on Truck #45 broke- is fixed and in service.
8. Broken drive shaft in #46 - is fixed and in service.
9. Planetary drive went out on Yale loader, unit has been deadlined.
10. New engine is in for Drott.
11. Webb Leonard is working on rebuilding Vee-bottom trailers.
12. Met with Victory Township on Monday of last week. They are proposing work on Dewey Road.

The commissioner reports and comments are as follows:

Member Merrill had no comments

Chairman Archer

1. The commission will support Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer if he wants to be Sec-Treas. of the Paul Bunyan Council.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill that Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer have the support of the Mason County Road Commission if he is appointed Sec.-Treas. of the Paul Bunyan Council.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. He will be attending the No. Association policy meeting on January 24th.
3. Reviewed news item from Gov. Engler regarding gas tax.

The meeting was open to the public at 10:55 a.m.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer received a letter of support of the gas tax from Senator Schuette.
2. Michitree is advertising for tree cutting bids on pits to be opened in mid January.
3. Dittmer sent information to Coresource on Arnold Vs. MCRC lawsuit.
4. Reservations are made at Holiday Inn for this years annual conference.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Letter from Tim Hansen regarding landfill may be closed sometime in 1997.
2. Road commission meeting dates for year.
3. Letter read from Westshore Engineering regarding changes in MUSTFA.
4. Proposal read from At&t regarding new telephone service.
5. County Task force meeting to be held on Jan. 16th.
6. Regional Task Force meeting to be held on Jan. 23rd.
7. First draft of local road policy for 1996.

The board excused Dittmer and Anthony at 11:20 and went into executive session. At 11:45 a.m. the meeting reconvened.

#### STAFF SALARIES

NAME	POSITION	SALARY
Gary Dittmer	Engr.-Mgr.	41995.20
Eric Moody	Superintendent	35921.60
Robert Larson	Foreman	32155.88
Harold Morse	Foreman	30651.60
Terry Woirol	Foreman	32986.47
Ted Weinert	Proj.Engr. Asst.	33445.83
Shirley Anthony	Clerk/Sec.	30756.45
Diane Swathwood	Asst.Clerk	18114.34

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board authorized Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer to get bids ready for trucks.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

*Shirley Anthony*

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

January 25, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr.Dittmer, Sec. Anthony.

Absent: Thurow

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and read the minutes of the January 12th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the January 12th meeting as amended.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Payroll #2 (\$43,825.85) and warrant 42073 thru 42122 in the amount of \$49,563.50.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:30 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheets.

At 9:33 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included
  - a. Maintenance - County Wide  
Plowing snow and placing ice control sand/salt.
  - b. Maintenance - State Trunkline  
Plowing snow and placing sand/salt.  
Supply of back-up salt from MDOT is in storage.  
Have additional backup of 500 tons available.  
3000 tons of sand from Kirschner pit is in storage in yard.
  - c. Construction  
G & S projects - preparing plans Jebavy Drive, from Riverview drive to Fisher Road - bit. overlay, GI scheduled for Jan. 29th.
2. Lee Redman still on workmans compensation, will be reviewed by another doctor.
3. Tim Towns discharge is official. Union review board met and denied his claim.

4. Bob Larson is on his way to Lansing to have truck scales calibrated.
5. Ted, Harold, and Chris attended a training seminar at Cadillac put on by DNR for soil erosion control.
6. Eric, Terry, Ron and Gary traveled to Grand Rapids to inspect a used Cat 950 loader.
7. Clutches in new Fords have been changed by Duther Ford.
8. Changed brakes and other minor front steering items on Unit #48.
9. Yale loader front planetary drive on other side has gone out - unit has been parked.
10. New engine has been installed in Drott.

Commissioners reports and comments:

Member Merrill

Had comments from public that they like the roads being plowed early in the morning.

Chairman Archer

Went to Northern Association planning meeting. Set up program for next meeting.

At 10:00 a.m. Eric and Terry came in to discuss the need for a new loader and trucks.

Bid for Trucks and semi-tractor

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to take bids for one semi-tractor and two tandem 10 yard trucks.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bid for Loader

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to take bids for one - used loader.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The meeting was open to the public at 10:45 a.m.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Four bidders put in bids for timber sale at Amber, Taylor and Nurenborg pits. Weideman Forest Products

had the high bid of \$50,650.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with Weideman Forest Products, Inc. to cut timber at Amber, Taylor, and Nurenburg rd. pits and to authorize Gary Dittmer, Engr.-Mgr. to sign on behalf of the Road Commission.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. County Task Force and Rural Task Force met this past period.

a. County Task Force Report:

Custer Road in Village of Custer to be paid for under hazard elimination funds.

Freesoil road in Village of Freesoil to cost \$120,000.

South Main St. in Scottville to cost \$100,000.

Balance left to MCRC \$150,000 for Jebavy Drive.

b. Rural Task Force Report:

No final decisions made, MDOT stated:

1. No more STP funding.
2. Cat-D funding in transition.
3. Reset meeting to Jan. 31st. to vote on projects.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. First draft of local road policy was discussed.
2. Paul Bunyon meeting on Feb. 1st. at Lake County.
3. Extend all season roadway Custer

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to concur with village of Custer to extend an all season roadway on Custer road from Village limits to US10.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

4. Extend all season roadway Scottville

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill concur with city of scottville to extend and all season roadway from US-10 to south Scottville city limits

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

*Shirley Anthony* Shirley Anthony, Secretary

February 9, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Thurow, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr.Dittmer, Sec. Anthony

Absent: Archer

Vice-Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the January 25th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the January 25th meeting as read.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve Payroll #3 (\$57,157.13) and warrant 42123 thru 42189 in the amount of \$56,956.87.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:30 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the last two weeks included:
  - a. Maintenance-county wide  
Plowing snow and placing ice control sand/salt.
  - b. Maintenance - State Trunkline  
Plowing snow and placing sand/salt  
Have ordered 500 additional tons of salt back-up  
and 2000 tons of additional sand back-up.
  - c. Construction  
G & D Projects - Ted finished plans on Jebavy Drive  
and specifications ready for shipment with  
signature by board today.
2. Lee Redman is still on workmen's compensation. Got a report from his case worker.
3. Tim Towns discharge is official. Dittmer has met with him and is preparing final termination paperwork.
4. Minor repairs on various pieces of equipment.
5. Received check from Michitree for 20% of timber sales. No word on when they will start.

6. Met with E. Sheers of City of Ludington regarding possible construction projects for 1997.
7. Rural task force met on January 31st and set priorities for 1996.
8. Ron, Bob and Gary attended Paul Bunyon meeting at Lake County. Discussions on funding and gas tax main items. Dittmer was appointed Sec.-Treas. of Association.

At 10:00 a.m. Bids were opened for the following:

Surplus used equipment sale

	#94 loader	#139 Grader
Bob Adams & Associates	5000.00	2500.00
Steve Morang	3600.00	
Walter Fugere	2558.96	
Environmental Contractors	5810.00	4150.00
Mason Co. Fruit Packers	3175.00	
Bedker Excavating	5105.00	1705.00

Used loader to purchase

Michigan Cat	82750.00	alt. trade in 6500 #94
		alt. trade in 8000 #139
Balance:	68250.00	

Koontz Equipment	67000.00	alt. trade in 5000 #139
Balance:	62000.00	

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept the bid of Koontz Equipment to buy one used Caterpillar loader, with a trade-in of 5000 for #139, at a price of \$62000.00.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept the bid of Environmental Contractors for Mason County Road Com. used loader #94 at a bid price of \$5810.00.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Approval of warrant for loader

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve warrant #42190 in the amount of \$62,000.00 for purchase of used loader.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Under old business the following was discussed:



1. Reviewed draft of Local Road Policy revision.
2. Dittmer contacted US Forest Service and they are sending a permit to remove 5000 cyds of material from new pit. We must do this to retain ownership.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Letter from CRAM was read.
2. Gary to sign Turf Care Contract for lawn this summer.

#### Stop Sign Hoague Road RR Tracks

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to put up a stop sign at Hoague Road at the railroad tracks.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

3. Letter was read from Creative Risk asking if they could come and inspect the county unannounced.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to sign petition from Creative Risk to come to the Mason County Road Commission unannounced.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### 4. Renalis Subdivision

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to sign plat of Renalis Woods Estates.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### 5. Jebavy Drive Project

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve plans for Jebavy Dr. from Riverview Dr. to Fisher Road, Job #EDDF53555/39220A.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### 6. Milk Haulers during weight restrictions

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to allow milk haulers to haul on restricted roads during weight restrictions for the 1996 season.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### 7. Waste Hauler during weight restrictions

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to allow Malburg Waste Hauler to use Rasmussen Road from

Jebavy to Riviera Trailer Park during spring weight restrictions to haul waste for the 1996 season.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

8. McCormicks & Reynolds Sawmill

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to allow McCormicks Sawmill and Reynolds Sawmill to use Fountain Road during spring weight restrictions as per agreed upon restrictions.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Report and Comments:

Member Merrill

Paul Danielson said that clay is washing in his pond on his property north of Jagger Road.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.



Shirley Anthony, Secretary

February 23, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Thurow, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer, Sec. Anthony

Absent: Archer

Vice-Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the February 9th meeting.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the February 9th meeting as read.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve Payroll #4 (\$46153.66) and warrant numbers 42191 thru 42249 in the amount of \$58992.57.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:15 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheets.

At 9:20 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
  - a. Maintenance County-wide.  
Plowing snow and placing ice control sand/salt.  
Cutting brush and trees.
  - b. Maintenance State Trunkline  
Plowing snow and placing sand/salt.
  - c. Construction  
G. & DS Projects - Jebavy Dr. final construction plans and specifications sent in for April letting by MDOT.
2. Lee Redman still on Workmen's compensation. Coresource having difficulties with him.
3. New loader is in use, seems to work well. Dealer took motor grader on trade.
4. Environmental Contractor's, Inc. to pick up loader #94 today and pay for it with certified check.
5. Gary scheduled to be at Hamlin Township board meeting at their next regular meeting.

6. Tim Towns received check for balance of vacation leave as per contract.
7. Equipment breakdowns:  
     Tandem truck #28 laid on side only very minor damage, but plow was destroyed. Accident caused by plow taking a dive from a frost heave on Beyer Road, no one hurt.  
     Ford Tractor had engine fire. Sent to Flint Ford Tractor to have repaired.
8. Order one-half load of underbody blades with Manistee County for normal season use.
9. Nordlund completed bridge inspections, had various recommendations for loading changes and maintenance work.
10. Weight restrictions went into effect today. Met with solid waste haulers Thursday. Notification made in Ludington Daily News and WKLA radio. No major problems noted.
11. Agreement put together for waivers from weight restrictions for McCormick's Saw Mill and Reynolds Saw Mill. Brigg's Farms and Beachy Saw Mill investigating possibilities of doing the same.
12. The Road Commission must deny contract with City of Scottville for construction engineering due to possible conflict of interest, per the County Road Association and our attorney Mark Otto.
13. Last night on TV channel 9/10 it was stated Senator Bart Stupac had requested the Governor to provide emergency funding due to the bad winter, the Governor refused.
14. Provided MDOT with projection on winter cost overrun for additional funding per their request.
15. Discussed with Gerry Matthews of Dow the use of brine from Dow's return lines - they declined due to competition with market products.
16. Talked to Frank Adams regarding brine from Pentwater and he is willing to sell to Mason County Road Commission as per last year.
17. Letter from attorney regarding case of Arnold Vs MCRC.
18. Looked over copy of annual report.

At 10:00 a.m. the bids were opened for the following:

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
 MATERIAL HANDLING BODY  
 BID TABULATION AND COMMENTS  
 BID OPENING FEBRUARY 23, 1996

#	BIDDER	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
1	HYDE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	HIWAY MODEL DO-ALL W/CAB SHIELD, TOOL BOX, SPINNER	\$10,500.00
2	HYDE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	FLO N DUMP 13-15 CYD, W/CABSHIELD, HOIST, SPINNER	\$14,858.00
3	TRUCK & TRAILER SPECIALTIES, INC	MONROE - 14' "V" BOX W/SPINNER	\$ 9667.00

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
TANDEM AXLE CHASSIS-CAB TRUCKS

BID TABULATION AND COMMENTS  
BID OPENING DATE FEBRUARY 23, 1996

BIDDER	DESCRIPTION	BASE PRICE	TRADE IN <u>ALLOWANCE</u>	PRICE
1. WOODLAND INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS	INTERNATIONAL 2574 6 X 4	\$116,941.20	\$12,500	\$104,441.20
DELIVERY : PRODUCTION IS CURRENTLY IN MAY 1996				
2. BOLLINGER'S INC.	INTERNATIONAL 2574 6 X 4	\$119,004.00	\$12,505	\$106,499.00
DELIVERY : CURRENTLY SLOTS OPEN IN APRIL				
DUTHLER FORD TRUCK INC.	FORD LT-9000	\$120,460.00	\$12,500	\$107,960.00
DELIVERY 45-60 DAYS				
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTORS INC.			\$11,500	

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
UNDERBODY SCRAPER  
BID TABULATION AND COMMENTS  
BID OPENING DATE FEBRUARY 23, 1996

#	BIDDER	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
1	TRUCK & TRAILER SPECIALTIES, INC.	MONROE MS2012	\$5118
2	HYDE EQUIPMENT	ROOT F89	\$5237



MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
10 CYD DUMP BOX  
BID TABULATION AND COMMENTS  
BID OPENING DATE FEBRUARY 23, 1996

BIDDER	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
1. TRUCK & TRAILER SPECIALTIES, INC.	CRYSTEEL 13' W/1/2 CAB SHIELD	\$5702
2. HYDE EQUIPMENT CO.	GALION 502U W/CAB GUARD	\$5758
3. ALLIED TRUCK EQUIPMENT CO.	GALION 402U W/CAB GUARD	\$5637.00



MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
SEMI - TRACTOR TRUCK  
BID TABULATION AND COMMENTS  
BID OPENING DATE FEBRUARY 23, 1996

	<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BASE PRICE</u>	<u>TRADE-IN</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
				<u>ALLOWANCE</u>	
1.	DUTHLER TRUCK CENTER	FORD LTLS 9000	\$68,385	\$6,000	\$62,385.00
		DELIVERY EARLY MARCH			
2.	BOLLINGER'S INC.	INTERNATIONAL	\$69,275.00	\$6,000	\$63,275.00
		MODEL 9300SFA 6X4			
		DELIVERY SLOTS OPEN IN APRIL			
3.	WOODLAND INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS	INTERNATIONAL	\$72,525.46	\$6,000	\$66,525.46
		MODEL 9400 6X4SBA			
		DELIVERY - 2 WEEKS			
4.	ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTORS			\$7,100	

In attendance for the bid opening was Steve Bush from Woodland International, Scott Bachelor from Hyde Equipment, and Roger Hill from Truck and Trailer Parts.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to close bidding and have staff compile bid tabulation with recommendations for consideration at the next meeting.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 10:30 a.m. Eric Moody came in to the meeting to discuss putting Joe Fiers on full time when his probation period is up.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to hire Joe Fiers full time when his 90 day probation period is up, subject to provisions of the bargaining agreement.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Category F fund grant for 1997 is \$375,000. Possible projects are Bryant Road, from Jebavy to Washington or Sixth Street and Meyers Road from Industrial park to US10/31.
2. Talked to Pere Marquette Township regarding permits to work in road right-of-ways.
3. Contacted Halliday Sand and Gravel to sample the USFS property for gravel and set up boring and crushing schedule.
4. Reservations are set for annual meeting on March 19-21. Scheduled to dine with other counties for legislative dinner.
5. Discussion of an employee appreciation breakfast to acknowledge long winter work by employees.
6. Miller Equipment to demonstrate a shoulder retriever some time in April or May.

#### Loading on Bridges change

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to change the loading of bridges as per recommendation by Nordlund Engineering for Tuttle Road over the N. Branch of Lincoln River to 3 ton, Hawley Road over Carr Creek to 25 ton and Reek Road over North Branch of Pere Marquette river to 3 ton.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Preliminary Plat for Burr Creek Subdivision

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve preliminary Plat of Burr Creek Subdivision.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

U.S. Forest Service Gravel Lease

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to authorize Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer to sign gravel lease with the United States Forest Service for Lukes Gravel Pit.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

A proposal was given by West Shore Engineering to finish engineering study for pollution in east yard. Dittmer to contact Mich. Dept. of Environmental Quality to determine work necessary prior to signing agreement with West Shore Engineering.

Certification Reports

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to sign Act 51 Certification maps.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Commissioner reports and comments:

Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. Fred Kirschner wants to meet with the commission at the next board meeting.
2. Had a complaint about drivers plowing too fast on the five-lane.

Certification Map changes

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to request MDOT to change Hansen Road from US-31 to Jebavy Drive from the local system to Primary: also to change Sugar Grove, Taylor and Decker Roads from Campbell Road to Mason Lake County line from the local system to the primary system.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A ballot was received from the county road association to increase service charges 10%.

Whiskey Creek Resort wants some signs put up in the township. Will go through the township board.

The board looked over the amended local township road agreement.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the local road policy as amended.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

March 8, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr.Dittmer, Sec.Anthony

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the minutes of the February 23rd meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the February 23rd meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve Payroll #5 (\$48711.71) and warrant 42253 thru 42317 in the amount of \$95019.78.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:30 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 10:00 a.m. Fred Kirschner, from the soil conservation district came in to the meeting and discussed the soil survey done in Mason County and the book printed to show the maps and information contained within.

At 10:45 a.m. Eric Moody and Terry Woirol came in to the meeting to discuss the bids for trucks, dump boxes and underbody scrapers.

#### Semi-Truck

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to accept the bid for one semi-tractor truck from Duthler Truck Center in the amount of \$68385.00 and to advertise for the sale of MCRC Unit #62. Bids for #62 to be opened at the next meeting.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Tandem Axle Trucks

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept the bid of Woodland International Trucks for 2-tandem axle chassis-cab trucks in the amount of \$116941.20 with a trade-in

allowance of MCRC Unit #25 for \$8,000 and MCRC Unit #46 for \$4500.00 leaving a balance of \$104441.20.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Material Handling Body & Dump

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept the bid of Hyde Equipment Company for 1-Do-Al material handling body for \$10,500.00 and 1-10Cyd. dump box for \$5758.00.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Underbody Scrapers

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept the bid from Hyde Equipment Company for 2-Root Underbody Scrapers at a price of \$5237.00 each.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 11:40 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
  - a. Maintenance - County wide
    - Plowing snow and placing ice control sand/salt.
    - Cutting trees and brush with own crew and prisoners and chipping.

At 12:05 p.m. the meeting recessed for lunch.

At 1:30 p.m. the meeting resumed with all members present.

Gary resumed with his report as follows:

- b. Maintenance - State Trunkline
  - Plowing snow and placing sand/salt.
- c. Construction
  - G & D.S. project - Jebavy Dr. final construction plans sent in are set for April letting. Ted started working on preliminary plans for Riverside Dr. in Meade Twp. and Dewey Road in Victory Township.
2. Lee Redman is still on Workmen's compensation.
3. An official letter was received from the union that they will not arbitrate for Tim Towns.
4. Bob Dodson fell and broke additional ribs on 2/21/96.
5. Smalley has picked up Yale loader and paid for it by certified check.

6. The Drott has been painted and read for work. New dump box came in. Hough loader being rebuilt.
7. Half a truckload of underbody blades have arrived.
8. Weight restrictions went into effect on February 22nd., however, due to the cold weather have been held in abeyance, when weather warms up will start to enforce.
9. Granted waivers from weight restrictions for McCormicks Sawmill, Reynolds Saw Mill, Briggs Farms and Beachy Saw Mill for selected locations where bonded.
10. Ticket was issued to Weideman Forest Products for over-loading.
11. All loading recommendations on bridges have been changed as per inspection.
12. Letter from Attorney regarding Arnold Vs MCRC case. Trial will be later this year, if at all.

Commissioner reports and comments:

Member Merrill

1. There was a lot of snow on Scottville Road south of Chauvez yesterday. Car had an accident by Gordon Terryn.

Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. Train hit a car at the R.R. Crossing at Hoague Road.
2. Had a complaint about truck drivers going too fast plowing.
3. Inquired about gravel at Whiskey Creek.
4. Road Commission should start going to township board meetings again.

Chairman Archer

1. Need to make arrangements with townships to meet with their board.
2. County board of commissioners had concerns about notariety raised in Lansing concerning the future of road commissions.

Under old business the following was discussed:

Ted putting together an estimate on Bryant Road for Cat. F funding project for 1997.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. CRAM Nominee

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to have Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer sign ballot proposal for CRAM.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2. CRAM increase in apportioning

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to deny the 10% dues increase to CRAM.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

3. Held a meeting with township supervisors regarding new Local road policy. All interested but unsure of money situation due to fire costs.

4. G. Dittmer, R. Merrill and E. Moody met with Mark Todd, of Whiskey Creek, regarding making gravel there.

Resolution to transfer US-31 Scottville

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to sign Joint Resolution of Intent for the jurisdictional transfer of old US31 North of Scottville to the Mason County Road Commission.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Act 51 Certification Reports

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill that the board approve the Act 51 Certification reports and financial data for the 1995 fiscal year, and further that Chairman Archer be authorized to sign the various documents.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Act 51 Report Transfer of Funds

Motion by Thurow seconded by Merrill that the board approve the transfer of \$348,457.00 from the Primary Road Fund to the Local Road Fund.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



Shirley Anthony, Secretary



March 22, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr.Dittmer, Sec.Anthony

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Sec. Anthony read the minutes of the March 8th meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the March 8th meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve Payroll #6 (\$45958.71) and warrant 42319 thru 42387 in the amount of \$75548.80.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:25 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:40 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1.

- (a) Maintenance -county wide
  - Blading gravel roads as weather allowed.
  - Minor ditching, replacing driveway tubes
  - Patching holes with coldpatch
  - Shaping shoulder material to bit. surface
  - Cutting trees and brush with own crew and prisoners

- (b) Maintenance-State Trunkline
  - Patching holes with coldpatch
  - Blading shouders

- (c) Construction-Riverside Drive preliminary alignment meeting with USFS set for Tuesday to review Riverside Drive.
  - Bryant Road-preliminary estimate for a Cat. F grant project \$450 to 480,000.

2 Lee Redman is still on Workmen's compensation. Talked to Coresource regarding getting him back to work.

3. Bob Dodson came back to work on Tuesday without restrictions.

4. New dump box is in, shop working on frame and replaced cylinder.  
Hough loader-rebuilt wiring, turbo, injector pump and injectors.  
Vee bottom trailer #1 patched, painted and now getting new tires.  
Ford tractor-wiring redone, they are now replacing the air conditioner.
5. Tickets were issued to the following this past two weeks for being overweight.  
Jerry McCormick Logging truck  
Ludington Beverage for beer truck  
Ziehm Bottle Gas for bottle gas truck
6. Mason County Road Commission has been issued a subpoena to appear for Weidemann Forest Products for an overweight ticket. Bob Larson and Gary Dittmer to appear.
7. Victory Township wants to gravel at least 3 miles and do some brining.  
Sherman Township wants to do 5-6 miles of graveling.  
Riverton is going to do graveling and replace culverts.

At 10:00 a.m. bids were opened for MCRC Unit #62. The following bids were received:

Environmental Contractors	\$8175
Midwest Tractor	7751
Beard Brothers	2556

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to award the bid of \$8175 to Environmental Contractors, for truck #62, subject to truck being picked when our new truck arrives.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 10:10 a.m. Robert Larson came in to discuss the weight restrictions and tickets that had been issued for overweight vehicles.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

Chairman Archer

1. We need to put together bid requirements for seasonal materials.
2. Would like to have Gary talk to George Ostensen.
3. Is concerned about the public knowledge of how the road commissions do their business.
4. There was a lack of attendance at the No. Mich. Assoc. meeting. Going to the Road Commission Seminar at Traverse City.

At 10:35 a.m. Chairman Archer left the meeting and Vice-Chairman Thurow took over the meeting.

Member Merrilll

No comments

Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. Inquired about the picture taken cutting the ribbon on Jebavy Drive.
2. The ditches at Hawley Rd. & Scottville Rd. need cleaning out.
3. Several intersections need the sand cleaned off from the winter.
4. Need to get township resolutions sent to state supporting the road commissions.
5. Would like a map of county gravel pits put on the table.
6. There may be an industrial park going in on the county line road north of Branch.

The meeting was open to the public at 10:45 a.m.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. The increase in the gas tax that the state wants to get.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Gary met with Hamlin Township, the following was discussed:
  - (a) Jebavy Dr. construction project.
  - (b) Mavis Rd. reconstruction-possible cost share.
  - (c) Sherman Road reconstruction-possible cost share project between Mason County Road Commission, Hamlin Twp. and residents.
  - (d) Brining of gravel roads.
2. Contacted Halliday Sand and Gravel to sample the USFS property and set up boring and crushing schedule for both Luke's Store Pit and Whiskey Creek site.
3. Have posted a Revised Drug and Alcohol policy package for crew to review.
4. Would like to put up 2NS sand from our pit instead of taking bids for a years supply.
5. Have posted a Work Safety Policy and Rules for crew to review and comments.

6. Quarterly Township meeting set for Tuesday March 26th at Logan Township at 7:30 p.m.
7. Road Commission Seminar set for April 14, 15, 16 at the Pantlind Motel in Traverse City, reservations needed.
8. Duther Ford stated new truck would be here soon.
9. Terry and Gary met with Steve Bush of Woodland Int. regarding new ten yard trucks; both are ordered. Windshield wipers were changed to top of windshield.
10. Scott Bachelor from Hyde Eq. has a new/old style snow plow for sale the same as the old Ross Flow-cost very similar and design very good.

#### Highway Easement Quarterline

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept a highway easement from Mike Petersen on Quarterline road that also includes a turn-around.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Credit Card Resolution

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept the credit card resolution as follows:

WHEREAS public Act 266 of 1995 authorizes a road commission to be a party to a credit card arrangement if the road commission board has adopted by resolution a written policy governing the control and use of credit cards, and

WHEREAS, The Mason County Road Commission Board deems that it is in the best interest of the county to make certain county financial transactions by using a credit card as described in the Act, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following policy shall govern the use of county credit cards;

(a) The Engineer-Manager/or Clerk is responsible for issuing, accounting for, monitoring, retrieving and generally overseeing compliance with the township's credit card policy.

(b) County credit cards may be used only by an officer of the county road commission for the purchase of goods or services for the official business of the county. The use of credit card is limited to the following circumstances:

Purchase of up to \$1000.00 travel, meals and accommodations while on county business (excluding expenses incurred in operating a privately owned automobile) gas, oil and other necessary expenses incurred in operating a county owned vehicle,

other

(c) County officers and employees who use a county credit shall, as soon as possible, submit a copy of the vendor's credit card slip to the clerk. If no credit card slip was obtained that described the transaction, the employee shall submit a signed voucher that shows the name of vendor or entity from which goods were purchased, the date and the amount of the transaction, the official business that required the transaction, and the chart of account number indicating the line item to which the transaction is to be charged. All credit card slips shall include this information as well. Vouchers shall also include a statement why a credit card slip was not obtained.

(d) An official or employee who is issued a credit card is responsible for its protection and custody. If a credit card is lost or stolen, the Engineer-Manager/or Clerk shall be notified. The entity issuing the lost or stolen card shall be immediately notified to cancel the card.

(e) An officer or employee issued a credit card shall return the credit card to the Engineer-Manager/or Clerk upon termination of his or her employment or service with the county.

(f) The Engineer-Manager/or Clerk shall maintain a list of all credit cards owned by the county, along with the name of the officer and employee who has been issued the credit card, the credit limit established, the date issued, and the date returned. Each employee shall initial the list beside his or her name to indicate agreement that the credit card has been issued, and that the employee has received and read a copy of this policy.

The Engineer-Manager/or Clerk shall review each credit card statement as soon as possible to ensure that transactions comply with this policy. Any transactions that appear on the statements that are not documented with a credit card slip or a signed voucher shall be immediately investigated. Transactions that do not comply with this policy shall be reported to the road commission board.

(g) The road commission board shall not approve a payment to the entity issuing the credit card until all transactions have been verified, including the approval of all transaction invoices is issued.

(h) The balance including interest due on an extension of credit under the credit card arrangement shall be paid for within not more than 60 days of the initial statement date.

(i) Officers and employees who use a county credit card in a manner contrary to this policy shall be subject to the following disciplinary actions, as deemed appropriate by the county board of road commissioners:

Verbal counseling, written reprimand, suspension, termination, reimbursement to the county for unauthorized

expenditures.

Upon a roll call vote the following voted Aye: Thurow, Merrill.  
Nay: None. Motion carried.

Will send thank-you letters to Senators for coming to the  
legislative dinner.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:30  
a.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

April 4, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer, Sec. Anthony

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the minutes of the March 22nd meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the March 22nd meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays None. Motion Carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts.

Motion by Thurow Supported by Merrill to approve Payroll #7 (\$43435.86) and warrant 42388 thru 42457 in the amount of \$91875.55.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:25 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:30 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. (a) Maintenance - county wide
  - Blading gravel roads
  - Minor ditching, replacing driveway tubes, etc.
  - Patching holes with coldpatch
  - Shaping shoulder material to bit. surface
  - Cutting trees and brush with own crew and prisoners,
  - Chipping brush
- (b) Maintenance - State Trunkline
  - Patching holes with coldpatch
  - Amount of state budget used to date: \$426,000 used out of a budget of \$526,000.
- (c) Construction - Primary System - Riverside Drive - preliminary alignment.
  - Local System - Victory Twp. and Eden Twp. had requested numerous projects - Branch Twp. requesting contract for Maple Road for G & DS, Agg. Base, and Sealcoat surface. Dittmer to prepare contracts.

2. Met with Logan Twp. on 3/26/96 for quarterly meeting no big problems discussed Local Road Policy, projects and snow plowing main items.
3. Met with Riverton Twp. on 4/2/96, no big problems, discussed Local Road Policy, projects and brining.
4. Lee Redman returned to work on light duty as of 4/1/96. Works for 4 hours a day.
5. Minor equipment problems from last meeting - no major accidents.  
Equipment rebuilt to date:  
Hough loader, Vee bottom lead and trailer - one set, Ford Tractor and Bush Hog grass mower.  
{ Equipment to complete: A  
Vee bottom lead and pup, and dump trailer
6. New Ford Semi- Tractor truck was delivered Wednesday. New two wheel trailer picked up also Wednesday for use to haul lawn mower, etc. for rest areas.
7. Ticket/Warnings issued to the following this past two weeks, Ziehm Bottled Gas for gas truck, Fremont Co-Op and Farmers Petroleum Co-Op
8. County Task Force met to discuss Village of Free Soil request; Vote was to deny request to change percentage of participation in project.
9. Met with R.O. Nelson regarding weight restrictions on Tuttle Road bridge crossing Lincoln River in Sherman Twp.

The Commissioners gave their reports as follows: } }

#### Member Merrill

1. Asked about status of Breakfast/Safety meeting for crew.
2. Asked if Brush Cutters were scheduled out. .3
3. When the men patch holes with blacktop commented to clean up the old blacktop off the roadway.

#### Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. Has had complaints about the dips on S. Scottville Road by Wiley Store.
2. Two lane roads looked good in Kentucky and Tennessee



3. Shorty Jensen has a parcel of land with gravel on for sale near his home.

Chairman Archer

1. Questioned if the brine tanks will be sent back to Liquid Dustlayer soon.
2. Will be turning in a bill for expenses soon
3. Eddie Moffitt has 80 acres on Chauvez Rd. by Indian Trail he would like the public kept from using.
4. Will be on the commissioner's program at Traverse City

The meeting was open to the public at 10:50 a.m.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Commissioners should visit with employees when they see them working.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. The crew is working on getting the Rest Area ready for April 15th opening.
2. Greg Collins was the successful bidder for the rest area attendant.
3. Contacted Halliday Sand & Gravel to sample the USFS property and set up boring and crushing schedule for both Luke's Store Pit and Whiskey Creek site.
4. Road Commissioners Seminar set for April 14 thru 16 at the Parkplace Hotel in Traverse City.
5. Received quote on catered breakfast from Kaz's for \$4 per person. Will set up for April 19th.
6. Due to weather conditions have scheduled the end of Night Patrol to April 13th.
7. Have advertised Seasonal Material bids to be opened at next meeting, bidders have been advised and advertisement is in magazine.
8. MCRC has been issued a subpoena to appear on 4/10/96 for Weideman Forest Products ticket.
9. Received notification that MCRC Victory Corners bridge is 146th on Critical bridge list and Indian bridge is 320th.

10. Letter sent in opposition to Legislative introduced by Senator Hoffman regarding Gas Tax bill.
11. Jim Riffle sent letter from Twp. association to legislators giving their support to road commissions.
12. Invitation was received to attend "Fish Fry" Golf meet.
13. Letter received from Attorney regarding Arnold Vs. MCRC, saying we have been dismissed, note that an appeal has been filed.
14. Received telephone call from CoreSource regarding Camfield VS MCRC. Mediation was held and stated Camfield due \$10000.00
15. Received letter from Blue Cross/Blue Shield stating rates are going up. Representative from blue Cross will be coming to board meeting on 4-19-96

#### Easement Jim Nicholson

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to accept easement from James Nicholson for property on Quarterline Road:

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Maple Road Easements

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to accept easements from Susan Carini, Roger Smith, Thomas Manorolla and Retha Schaub for Maple Road.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Apply Grant Funds Bryant Road

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to apply for MDOT Economic Development Category F funds for the improvement of Bryant Road from Washington Ave. to Jebavy Drive in 1997.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Apply Grant Funds Fountain Road

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to apply for MDOT Economic Development Cat. A Grant for the improvement of Fountain Road from US-31 east thru the Village of Fountain to McCormicks Saw Mill in 1997.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### MCRC Personal Safety Program Policy

Commission Archer moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mason County Road Commission is

committed to providing a safe and non-injurious work environment for its employees, and  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mason County Road Commission will abide by the requirements prescribed by the applicable MIOSHA standards, rules, etc. and good safety practices  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mason County Road Commission Shall Devise a Program to Establish and implement Standard Operating Procedures to be followed by all employees and the employer.  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this program shall be as per the attached FORMAL SAFETY PROGRAM from the COUNTY ROAD ASSOCIATION SELF-INSURANCE FUND.

Motion was Seconded by Commissioner Merrill.  
 Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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#### Deny Request Tuttle Road Subdivision

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to deny request by Jim and Diane Coleman to abandon road in Tuttle's Ford Lake Subdivision.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Stop Sign Resolution

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve Stop Sign Authorizations for Ehler Road w/b. at Masten Road. Section 12, Sheridan Twp. Tuttle Rd. s/b at Mavis rd. Sec. 17, Sherman Twp. Tuttle Rd. n/b at Townline rd. Sec. 4 Sherman Twp. and Meyers Rd. n/b at Dewey rd. Sec. 30, Victory Twp.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Jebavy Dr. Project

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to sign the contract with MDOT for Jebavy Dr. Project EDDF53555/39220 and authorize Chairman Archer and Vice-Chairman Robert Thurow to sign the documents.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at  
 12:05 p.m.

 Shirley M. Anthony, Secretary

April 19, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan. E  
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Present: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer, Sec. Anthony

Absent : None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the minutes of the April 4th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the April 4th meeting as read. A

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve Payroll #8 (\$42828.32) and warrant numbers 42458 thru 42533 in the amount of \$143457.00.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:40 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheets.

At 9:45 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included.
  - a. Maintenance
    1. County Wide
      - Blading gravel roads
      - Minor ditching, replacing drive tubes, etc. W
      - Cold patching various blacktop roads.
      - Cutting trees and brush with own crew and prisoners and chipping same.
    2. State Trunkline
      - Patching holes with coldpatch
      - Began sweeping intersections
  - b. Construction
    1. Primary System
      - Riverside Drive-Preliminary alignment study
      - Rybicki Road-Clearing completed, staking in progress
      - Jebavy Drive bids opened and Rieth-Riley read low at \$160,000. Estimate was \$190,000.
    - Local System
      - Decker/Campbell-Staking completed, clearing in progress

3. Township contracts requested to date:  
Eden-Graveling and brining contracts  
Victory-Graveling, minor ditching projects  
Sheridan-Graveling, bit. patching, minor grading projects.  
Branch-Grading, Agg. Base Project, culvert replacement.
4. Township requests for quotes to date:  
Hamlin Twp. Mavis and Sherman  
Pere Marquette Twp. various bit. surfacing projects
5. Lee Redman returned to work on light duty as of 4/1/96 for 4 hours per day, beginning Monday April 15th began driving truck. To see doctor on April 26th to evaluate progress.
6. Rest area opened on April 15th, no problems to date.
7. Training held on Confined Space Entry by Coresource on April 17th., all employees attended. Certificate has been given to each employee.
8. Joseph Young & Associates did drug/alcohol test last week, all passed without incident.
9. Equipment rebuilt to date:  
Vee Bottom lead and pup painted and refurbished.  
Dump trailer is almost done.
10. New Ford Semi-tractor truck set up and ready for service.
11. Ticket/warning was issued to the following this past two weeks:  
Ticket issued to Mason County Transit.  
Warning issued to M-37 Concrete.
12. Trial held for Wiedman Forest Products-MCRC won. Wiedman to pay \$1380.00 fine.
13. Weight restrictions lifted today for Mason County, Lake Co. Monday, Oceana last Monday and Manistee next Monday. MDOT will be next week.
14. Urban Task Force met to discuss possible projects in urban area for 1996 and 1997.
15. Inspected Oak Ridge Subdivision just north of Jebavy Dr. Minor problems with drainage and clear vision, developer will correct.
16. Night patrol ended on April 14th. Last year ended plowing on March 8th, this year, so far, ended on April 15th.

At 10:00 a.m. contractors from Jensen Bridge, Rieth Riley and Liquid Dust.came into the meeting and the board opened and closed the bidding and opened bids for the following seasonal require.:

BID TABULATIONS

**SEASONAL MATERIALS**  
**Bid Opening Date April 19, 1996**

**1. Corrugated Steel Pipe**

<u>Vender</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>12"</u>	<u>15"</u>	<u>18"</u>	<u>24"</u>
Jensen Bridge & Supply Co.	Prices firm to 5/1/97, 1%-10 days Net 30 days	3.20	4.03	4.95	6.95
H. H. Craig & Sons	Prices firm to 4/1/97, 1%-10 days Net 30 days	3.25	4.04	5.15	7.16
St. Regis	Prices firm 1 year-1%-10 days Net 30 days	3.26	4.28	5.25	7.00
Premarc Corp.	1996 Seasonal needs-Net 30 days	3.30	4.30	5.28	6.94

**2. Plastic Corrugated Pipe**

<u>Vender</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>12"</u>	<u>15"</u>	<u>18"</u>	<u>24"</u>
Hancor, Inc.	Net 30 days Smooth Interior	2.95	3.90	5.80	9.15
ADS, Inc.	Smooth Interior	3.30	4.32	6.02	9.68

**3. Bridge Materials-Wood**

<u>Vender</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Materials</u>
Krenn Bridge	None listed	Treated Bridge Plank \$1,100./MBM Timber Box culvert \$2,100./MBM Panelized Deck \$3,000./MBM

**4. Guard Rail and Posts**

<u>Vender</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>St.</u>	<u>50'</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Wood</u>	<u>Steel</u>
		<u>Section</u>	<u>Rad.</u>	<u>Sect.</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Post</u>
Jensen Bridge	1% -10 days Net 30	3.16	4.62	68.44	25.94	21.25
Anro Supply	None listed	3.18	5.08	62.50	27.50	22.50

## 5. Lubricating and Hydraulic Oils

Vender	Trade Name	15W40 Motoroil	<u>Hydraulic</u> oil
Merle Boes Inc.	Penstate	2.39	1.79
Kamp Oil Inc.	Citguard 600	2.76	
	Citgo AW32 0r 46		2.12
National Oil Sales	Chevron	2.77	2.15
Blarney	Texaco Ursa Super+ HD Oil	2.97	2.15
Diamond Oil Dist.	Mobile	3.07	1.99

## 6. Cold Patch Material

Vender	Material	Bidders Plant	<u>MCRC</u> <u>Garage</u>
Midland Contracting	CP#6 Styrelf	30.50	36.00
	CP#7 UPM	55.00	58.97
Rieth-Riley	CP#6	34.00	34.90
	UPM	68.00	
Barrett Paving Mat.	CP#6 Styrelf		43.50

## 7. Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

### A. Diesel Fuel

Vender	Rack Price	Mark- <u>Up</u>	Valve <u>tech</u>	Delivery <u>Cost</u>	<u>Sub</u> <u>Total</u>	Total
Merle Boes	0.779	0.01	0.015	0.015	0.04	0.819
Slaggert	0.785	0.04	0.0039	0.021	0.0649	0.8499
Farmers Petro	0.7845	0.01	0.0075	0.020	0.0375	0.822
Westgate	0.7845	0.0205	0.01	0.00	0.0305	0.8150
*Brenner	0.7933	0.0240	0.01	0.00	0.034	0.8273
Blarney	0.7845	0.01	0.01	0.0194	0.0394	0.8239

## B. Unleaded Gasoline

Vender	<u>Rack</u> <u>Price</u>	Mark- <u>Up</u>	Delivery	SubTotal	Total
Merle Boes	0.725	0.01	0.015	0.025	0.75
Slaggert	0.754	0.05	0.021	0.071	0.825
Farmers Petro	0.7155	0.02	0.06	0.08	0.7955
Westgate	0.7155	0.0205		0.0205	0.736
*Brenner	0.7243	0.0235		0.0235	0.7478
Blarney	0.7155	0.01	0.0194	0.0294	0.7449

\*0.00875 added

## 8. Brine/Calcium Chloride

A. Furnished & Loaded in County Vehicles  
F.O.B. Bidders Plant/Yard

Vender	<u>26%</u>	<u>32%</u>	<u>38%</u>
Wilkinson Corp.	0.09	0.16	0.195
Wilkinson Corp (Alt. Plant Pickup)	0.06	0.13	0.165
LDI		0.14	0.17

B. Furnished & Applied Continuously  
Mason County Roads

Vender	<u>26%</u>	<u>32%</u>	<u>38%</u>
Wilkinson Corp.	0.11	0.18	0.215
LDI	0.12	0.19	0.22

C. Furnished & Applied Intermittently,  
Mason County Roads

Vender	<u>26%</u>	<u>32%</u>	<u>38%</u>
Wilkinson Corp.	0.125	0.205	0.235
LDI	0.14	0.21	0.24



Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept the bids as presented.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

Member Merrill

1. In Riverton Twp. Schwass Road, south of Kinney, needs the ditches cleaned out.
2. Freesoil Road, east of Freesoil, has a bad hole in the road.
3. Was asked why Oceana County has more blacktopping done than Mason County.

Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. Would like a list of dates that townships meet.
2. There are blow-outs on the off ramp of Freeway by Chauvez Road.
3. Would like to see the ditcher going every day opening ditches.
4. Gene Hartwig, from Lapeer County Road Commission toured our facility Thursday.

Chairman Archer

1. Thompson-McCully sponsored a dinner at the Commissioners seminar.
2. Gave a speech at Commissioners Seminar. Had a mock trial that was altered from an actual case.
3. Parks & Recreation Commission is having a meeting on April 23rd. Consumers Power would like to remove their support for the park.
4. Jack LaRouch, from Mich. Twps. Assoc., spoke at the Commissioners seminar. MTA is backing a gas tax increase up to .05 cents a gallon.
5. Kelley Rossman & Assoc. didn't show up for the seminar, but sent literature.

The meeting was open to the public at 12:30 p.m.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. The Union voted to approve a 4-10 hour day work week.

2. Paul Bunyon meeting at Manistee on May 9th. Retirement party for Jim Little.
3. Crew to have a First Aid Training class on April 25th by the Mason County Red Cross, at a cost of \$7.00 each.
4. Tri-Us Sweeping Service to begin sweeping on state highway on April 29th and to do MCRC the next week.
5. MDOT proposed to reorganize into two Bureaus. Construction and Maintenance - Tom Coleman and Engr. Planning & MT, Tom Taylor. Districts to reorganize their areas also.
6. Proposal from MDOT to fund replacement of R/R Cross bucks with new improved design.
7. Discussion to pass resolution to accept jurisdiction of Cabana Bridge over the north branch of the Pentwater River.

#### Branch Twp. Road Contract

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept a contract from Branch Twp. for clearing, grading and 3" agg. base on Maple Road, at an estimated price of \$22600.00. Twp. portion \$11300.00.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Loader Payoff

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to pay off the rest of the lease for loader #93.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

May 3, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer, Sec. Anthony

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the minutes of the April 19th meeting.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the April 19th meeting as corrected.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve Pay#9 (\$40,870.00) and warrant 42534 thru 42591 in the amount of \$199,861.34.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:40 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheets.

At 9:45 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:

a. Maintenance

1. County Wide

Blading gravel roads

Pulling shoulders-tried using the "retriever", it hasn't worked our real well.

Minor ditching, replacing drive tubes, such as Schwass road, south of Kinney.

Coldpatching various blacktop roads.

Gravel patching various locations as needed.

Sweeping of intersections.

2. State Trunkline

Patching holes with coldpatch

Tri-Us Sweeping Service swept highways this last week, catch basins to be done later this month.

Spring drive around done with Bruce and Tom from MDOT, and Eric and Gary.

b. Construction

1. Primary System

Rybicki Road-clearing completed, staking completed, grading half done. Rented two scrapers from Hallacks, and rented a dozer.

Jebavy Drive-Precon held on April 23rd, Contractor may start on May 13th.

2. Local System

Decker/Campbell-staking completed, clearing completed, grading completed and agg. surface in progress.

2. Township contracts requested to date:

Eden, Sheridan, Sherman, Branch, Victory, Pere Marquette, Riverton, Custer and Grant.

3. Lee Redman returned to work on light duty as of 4/29/96 for 8 hours per day, driving truck.

4. Coresource has changed rehabilitation company as of May 1st. This company has been in contact with us.

5. Training held on standard first aid put on by Red Cross. All employees attended and received certificates.

6. Equipment being rebuilt to date:  
New dump trailer and pup.

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Don Wilkinson, from Wilkinson Corp., came in to the meeting to discuss the bid he submitted for brine/calcium chloride for the season.

At 10:45 a.m. the Commissioners gave their reports as follows:

Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. County Commissioner Jerome Rybicki would like to go over the roads in Freesoil Twp. with someone from the road commission.

2. A retired road commission employees wife complained about the condition of Townline Road, west of the highway.

3. Is disappointed on how slow the work progressed on Schwass road with the excavator.

4. Had a complaint about the shoulders on Riggle road being pulled back with the shoulder retriever.

5. Scottville hill south of Scottville needs work done on the shoulders that have eroded.

Member Merrill

1. Men have been cutting too big brush with the brush hog.

2. Had a question about when work will start on Logan Twp. project.

### Chairman Archer

1. Mailman Dick Schwass said East Decker road has been nearly impassable at times this spring.
2. Would like to evaluate men working 4-10 hour days.
3. Would like to start the next meeting early so he can leave for fish fry at Tawas. Meeting will start at 8:00 a.m.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. There is a Paul Bunyon meeting at Manistee on May 9th. There will be a retirement party for Jim Little at the meeting.
2. It was discussed to pass resolution to accept jurisdiction of Cabana bridge over the north branch of the Pentwater river.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer that the Mason County Road Commission accept jurisdiction of the Cabana road bridge over the Pentwater river and apply for critical bridge funds.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

3. Weight limits have been changed from 3 tons to 5 tons on the Tuttle road bridge over the Lincoln river.
4. The Camfield Vs MCRC case has been settled. MCRC to pay \$7500 and City of Scottville \$2500.
5. Hamlin Township requested MCRC loan money to township for construction of Mavis/Sherman roads.
6. Gary attended meeting sponsored by Mason County. Economic Development Commission to organize a reception for MDOT Transportation Commission to be held on May 21st and 22nd. Gary to give 10 minute talk on infrastructure of Mason Co. Meeting to be held at Lincoln Hills Golf Club by invitation only.

### Sheridan Township Road Contracts

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept contracts from Sheridan Township for Morse Road for Single Seal at an estimated cost of \$10000.00 and Griffin Road for aggregate at an estimated cost of \$10000.00.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Stop Signs

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to put up stop signs at the following locations:

Roosevelt E/B at Kennedy -	Sec. 3 Hamlin Township
Kennedy S/B at Nixon -	Sec. 3 Hamlin Township
Eisenhower N/B at Roosevelt-	Sec. 3 Hamlin Township
Eisenhower S/B at Nixon-	Sec. 3 Hamlin Township

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Bid Awards for Materials

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to award the low bid to the following for materials:

Corrugated Steel Pipe	Jensen Bridge & Supply
Plastic Corrugated Pipe	Hancor Inc.
Bridge Materials-Wood	Krenn Bridge
Guard Rail and Posts	Jensen Bridge & Supply
Lubricating Oils	Merle Boes, Inc.
Cold Patch Materials	Rieth-Riley, Inc.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Fuel Bid

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to award the bid for diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline to all the bidders.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Brine/Cal. Chloride

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept the low bid for brine/calcium chloride to Wilkinson Corp. for seasonal requirement.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Copier

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to buy a new copier for the main office and transfer the old copier to the superintendents office.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill. Nays: Archer. Motion Carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

*Shirley Anthony*

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

May 17, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Merrill. Thurow at 8 30 a.m. Engr.-Mgr.Dittmer,  
Sec. Anthony

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a. m. and read the minutes of the May 3rd meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the May 3rd meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve Pay #10 (\$40516.67) and warrant 42593 thru 42660 in the amount of \$99239.37.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 8:40 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheets.

At 8:45 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave hi report as follows:

1. Work progress during the last two weeks included:

a. Maintenance

County wide

Blading gravel roads

Pulling shoulders

Minor ditching, such as Schwass Rd. s. of Kinney

Cold patching various locations as needed

Sweeping of intersections

Tri-Us coming back soon to do sweeping as soon as they can

2. State Trunkline

Patching holes with coldpatch

Catch basins are being cleaned by state crew. Catch basins are full this year because of the long hard winter.

b. Construction

Primary System

Rybicki Road-clearing completed, staking completed, & grading completed. Have finished with Hallack's scrapers. Graveling to start Monday.

**Local System**

Griffin Road Sheridan Township graveling completed.  
 Maple Road Branch Township clearing in progress.  
 Taylor Road Logan Township to begin Monday.

3. Township contracts requested to date. All townships have contracts except Meade, Hamlin, Summit and Freesoil. Have talked to Supervisors in Meade, Hamlin and Freesoil.

4. Equipment repaired during last two week period minor items, brakes, blades, drive shafts, etc.

5. New copier has been delivered and is operational.

6. Received May MTF check and it is down by 37% from last year.

7. Eric and Gary attended Spring MDOT maintenance meeting in Cadillac Tuesday. Gary put on demo on weather station.

8. Gary met with Bill Meloney, Supervisor of Meade Twp., regarding work in his township. Gary to supply map and estimated cost for gravel projects.

9. Gary and Eric met with Bob Peters regarding his hauling activity on Decker Road in Branch Township.

10. Gary contacted Hamlin Township regarding Mavis Road. Township is still uncertain on how to proceed. Requested contract on Rath Road to work on hill.

11. Met with Sam Wallace from MDOT regarding Cat. "F" funding and Cat. "A" funding. Want to get funds for Freeman Road west of US31, Bryant Road and Fountain Rd.

The Commissioners reports and comments are as follows:

**Chairman Archer**

1. Responsibility of maintaining the system should come before new township contracts.

2. Wondered what the priority is on primary roads.

**Vice-Chairman Thurow**

1. Would like to have a long term commitment on fixing Chauvez and South Scottville roads.

**Member Merrill**



1. Would like to see intersection of Meyers and Conrad fixed when Conrad road contract is done.

The meeting was open to the public at 10:00 a.m.

There was no old business.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. There will be a reception held on May 21st and 22nd for Transportation Commission. Bill Kratz from EDC will be MC for the meeting.
2. There will be a Upper Michigan Road Builders Assoc. meeting at Iron River on June 10-12th.
3. Letter read from MDOT auditors regarding 1994 audit.
4. Letter read from John Schimke of Liquid Dustlayer regarding prices of brine.
5. Brining is to begin next week.
6. Would like to look at a mulcher at an auction next week.
7. Terry contacted Woodland Int. regarding delivery of trucks.
8. Request from Pere Marquette Twp. regarding the change of name of Carr St. to First Street.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to change the name of Carr St. to First St. in Pere Marquette Twp.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Road contracts were signed for the following townships:

#### Pere Marquette township

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to enter into contracts with Pere Marquette Twp. for Brye Rd. single seal -\$10000, Conrad Road leveling cse. \$6600, Meyers/ Pere Marquette Hwy. Intersection-reshape and place agg. base and asphalt into fillet and between roadway-\$900, and intersection of Arrow & Lendale Ave.-drainage structure \$2000.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Sheridan Township

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Sheridan Township for Interlochen road-grade and place agg. base \$9440.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Victory Township

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to enter into contracts for Dewey Road-clearing, grading, agg. surface for \$19000, Dewey Rd. agg. surf. for \$2500, Amber Rd. for agg. surface-\$10000, Colburn Rd. for agg. surface for \$10000 various brine solution \$11200, Victory Dr. bit agg. surface \$5000. and Peterson Rd. edge drain and ditching \$12000.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Eden Township

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into contracts for various locations-brine \$8400, Stickney Rd. agg. surf. \$5000, Darr Rd.-Agg. surf. \$10000, Sippy Rd. agg. surf. \$10000 and Sippy Rd. -Agg. surface \$7500.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Grant Township

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into contracts for Alexander Rd. Agg. surface \$10000, LaSalle Rd. agg.surf. \$10000, and Freeman Rd. agg. surface \$10000.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Riverton Township

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into contracts for various rd.- brine \$17640.00, and Brye Rd. single seal, \$10000.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### Contract for US31 North

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Michigan Department of Transportation for US31 North, Job #37977, Control Section JSTT 53032, MDOT contract No. 96-0283, and authorize Chairman Archer and Vice-Chairman Thurow to sign the contract.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### Hoague Road RR Crossing signs

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to revise the authorization of Feb. 9, 1996 meeting for a stop sign on Hoague road to read stop signs east and west bound on Hoague road at the railroad crossing, Sec. 4 and 9 in Freesoil Twp.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. nays: None. Motion Carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

May 31, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr.Dittmer,Sec. Anthony

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the minutes of the May 17th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the May 17th meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender accounts:

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve Pay #11 (\$40805.36) and warrant 42661 thru 42710 in the amount of \$93,565.89.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:20 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheets.

At 9:25 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

1. a. Maintenance
  - County wide
  - Blading roads
  - Cold patching various blacktop roads
  - Gravel patching various locations as needed
  - Tri-Us Sweeping Service began cleaning curb and catch basins.
  - Began county spot brining Thursday. Read letter from John Schiemke regarding brine prices.
2. State Trunkline
  - Filling cracks in preparation for micro-seal project on Freeway.
- b. Construction
  1. Primary System
    - Rybicki Road-graveling completed, topsoil in progress, completed this week.

Jebavy Drive-contractor started on May 28th, trenching and widening in progress.

#### Local System

Darr Road Logan Twp. - Graveling in progress.  
 Maple Rd. Branch Twp.- Clearing in progress.  
 Taylor Rd. Logan Twp.- To begin Monday  
 Completed Twp. brining projects for first brining in Riverton, Victory, Eden and Amber.

2. Transportation Commission met in Mason County on May 21st. and 22nd. There was a good turnout and response from them.
3. There was only minor items on equipment repaired during the last two weeks.
4. The mulcher discussed at the last meeting was not purchased due to its poor quality.
5. Eric is on vacation May 30 thru June 7th. Harold and Bob in command.
6. Halliday Sand and Gravel is drilling today for gravel in USFS pit.
7. Contacted Woodland Int. regarding delivery of tandem trucks ordered. To be delivered in late June or July.
8. Road damage done by others:  
     Conrad road east of Scottville-Malburg Logging.  
     We will make repairs and bill them.  
     Hansen road west of US-31-Mason Co. Aggregate.  
     We will make repairs and bill them.
9. Mason County Aggregate repaired Decker, Taylor, and Dewey roads with MCRC brining same to improve roadway.

At 10:20 a.m. Ed Bargert and his wife, from Birch Harbor, Summit Township, came in to the meeting to discuss his neighbors artesian well flowing in the ditch in front of his house. They left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

At 10:55 a.m. the Commissioners gave their report as follows:

#### Member Merrill

1. Wondered if we had found any land we could purchase for top soil.

2. On Sugar Grove road there is a washout at the tube and on Darr road by Finn & Feather club there is a washout.

#### Chairman Archer

1. Got a call from Bob Nelson wondering who sets statewide priorities for paving state roads.
2. Was impressed with the state meeting at the college.
3. Wondered if MCRC would be doing any pulverizing this year.
4. Wondered what the summer itinerary would be.

#### Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. Wondered if men fixed the shoulders on hill south of Scottville on Scottville road.
2. Talked to Bill Bobier last Friday regarding Hoffman bill.
3. Wanted to know the procedure for furnishing tubes for driveways.

The meeting was open to the public at 11:20 a.m.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Request from Pere Marquette Twp. regarding the change of name of Carr St. to First St.-Equilization Dept. agreed, so township wants new name signs erected.
2. Gary was appointed to be on the Engineering Committee for CRAM and Dean on the Commissioners Committee.
3. Requested rate change from Blue Cross for Drug Rider.
4. Will begin the 4-10 hour work week days next Monday.
5. MCRC picking up brine from Dow at this point. Letter read from Liquid Dustlayer regarding brine.
6. Diane to be off on vacation June 3rd thru 7th.
7. Letter was read from Newaygo County regarding survey on deer removal.
8. MCRC to lease a Ford Tractor from Grandville Ford for use as a mower tractor.

The following road contracts were approved for townships:

Custer

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept contracts for Darr Road Agg. surface for \$5000, Bean Road for Agg. Surf. for \$5000, Decker Road for agg. surf. for \$10000 and Filburn road for agg. surf for \$5000.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Amber

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept a contract for brine for \$4130.00.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Sherman

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to accept contracts for Millerton Rd. agg. for \$10000, Stephens Road for Agg. for \$7500, Decker road for agg. for \$10000, Tuttle road for single seal for \$10000 and Dewey road for agg. for \$10000.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Temporary Summer help

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to hire a temporary engineering student for the summer.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Voter delegate for MCRC SIP meeting

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill that Chairman Archer be authorized to vote at the annual MCRC SIP meeting and member Merrill be an alternate.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer showed the Commissioners a map of the proposed paving and sealcoating projects for the summer.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

*Shirley Anthony*

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

June 14, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr.Dittmer, Sec. Anthony

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. and Secretary Anthony read the minutes of the May 31st meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the May 31st meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The new summer temporary office employee Dan Crossman came in to the meeting to meet the commissioners.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve Pay #12 (\$42,175.22) and warrant 42711 thru 42784 in the amount of \$81,982.01.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:30 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:40 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
  - a. Maintenance
    - Blading gravel roads
    - Cold patching various blacktop roads
    - Gravel patching various locations as needed.
    - Tri-Us completed cleaning curb and catch basins.
    - Wilkinson completed county spot brining.
    - Began mowing on primary system. It is about 25% complete.
    - Repaired washouts, culverts, from storm last week.
  - b. Construction
    - Primary System
      - Rybicki Road completed this week.
      - Jebavy Dr. - Contractor completed top course of mainline Thursday, and will complete job next week.
    - Local System
      - Darr Road in Custer Twp. is completed.
      - Maple Road in Branch Twp., clearing in progress.



Taylor Road in Logan Twp. in progress.  
 Sippy Road in Eden Twp. -Graveling in progress.

2. Status of road contracts are on summary report.
3. Began 4-10 hr. days on June 3rd. It has been working out well. Have seen improvements since beginning.
4. Equipment repaired during this period included: Minor items, brakes, blades, working on sandblasting sanders, etc.
5. MTF June check is 1.5% lower than last years check.
6. Halliday Sand and Gravel drilled for gravel in the USFS pit and found a good vein. Would like to make at least 10,000 cyds. this year in the pit.
7. Dittmer met with USFS regarding gravel pit. They were very cooperative.
8. Dittmer had sampled Whiskey Creek property for gravel.
9. Contacted Woodland Int. regarding tandem trucks. They are to be delivered in late June or July.
10. Wilkinson rebrined various roads missed or done poorly.
11. Looked over Ed Bargert property at Bass Lake to see what could be done with his problem in the ditch.

At 10:30 a.m. the Commissioners gave their report as follows:

Member Merrill

1. Would like to know when MCRC would start claying roads.

Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. Quarterline and countyline roads need bituminous repairs at various locations.
2. On Hawley Road by Stiles the culvert is settling down, needs bituminous patch.
3. Need ditching on corner of Hawley and Scottville Roads.
4. There are tree limbs hanging over the road on Jagger and at intersection of Scottville and Chauvez Road that need trimming.
5. Wondered why there are stakes along S. Scottville road just south of the bridge.

Chairman Archer

1. Would like maintenance of county roads a priority.
2. CRAM has a new director. It took them a long time to make a decision.
3. It doesn't look like the Hoffman bill made it out of committee, so it doesn't look like there will be any major changes in road funding.
4. The insurance pool has a lot of men running for board positions.
5. At the corner of Riegle and Bradshaw some of the brush should be cut to make a clear vision area.

The meeting was open to the public at 11:15 a.m.

Under new business the following was discussed:

Engineering Reimbursement

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to request reimbursement from MDOT in the amount of \$10,000 for engineering reimbursement for the period 7/1/95 thru 6/30/96 for having a licensed professional engineer employed by Mason County Road Commission.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Hamlin Twp. Road Contracts

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to enter into contracts with Hamlin Twp. for Sherman Rd., cut and remove trees, not to exceed \$10000, Mavis Rd.-cut and remove trees, not to exceed \$10000, Presidential Estates double seal \$9200 and Presidential Estates, Place 5" agg. base \$9200.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Eden Twp. Road Contract

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to enter into contracts with Eden Twp. for Ordway Road. agg. surf. \$10000 and Kinney Road Agg Surface for \$3000.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Member Merrill left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Dittmer showed a map of proposed paving and sealcoating projects.

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to bid sealcoat 25A aggregate. Bids to be opened June 28th.

yeas: Archer, Thurow. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Emulsion

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to extend 1995 contract with Thompson-McCully for emulsion.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Freeman Road Class A

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to support applying for MDOT Economic Development Category A funding for the improvement of Freeman Road from US-31 west for 0.2 miles in Section 25/36 of Grant Township.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

June 28, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Merrill. Thurow arrived at 10:30 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer and Secretary Anthony.

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the June 14th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the June 14th meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Pay #13 (\$41239.77) and warrant numbers 42785 thru 42839 in the amount of \$37116.86.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:20 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue report.

At 9:25 a. m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
  - a. Maintenance
    1. County Systems
      - blading gravel roads
      - cold patching various blacktop roads
      - Repaired washouts and damaged culverts
      - Completed first mowing on primary system
    2. State Trunkline
      - Completed mowing on all highways
  - b. Construction
    - Primary System
      - Jebavy Drive - Contractor completed everything except cleanup and seeding to date
    - Local System
      - Townline Road - Grant/Victory culvert installed
      - Maple Road Branch Twp. - Clearing in progress
      - Taylor Rd. - Logan Twp. - grading completed - started graveling with 23a
      - Sippy Road Eden Twp. - graveling completed
      - Alexander Road Grant Twp.-Graveling in progress
2. Status of road contracts on sheet provided.

3. Equipment repaired during this period: Minor items, must install rebuilt transmission in #20 pickup, #35 put in clutch provided by Spicer.
4. Halliday Sand and Gravel contacted to come to MCRC to produce gravel in the next two to three weeks.
5. Union Grievance regarding not bidding trucks 30 thru 33-Dittmer returned response and no action taken by Union.
6. Union voted on a new steward on June 24th - nothing was resolved. New organizational meeting on July 11th.
7. Ehler Road between Jebavy and Beaune Rd. was scarified, graveled and graded due to the poor condition of the road.
8. Freeman east of US-31 road was scarified, graveled and graded due to the poor condition of the surface.
9. Rasmussen road was scheduled for surfacing on Wednesday- due to various circumstances will not be done until after July 4th.
10. Employees and families of MCRC planted flowers in rest area on Saturday.

Bids were open at 10:00 a.m. with three contractors in attendance for the following:

Bituminous Paving			
Oomans Contracting, Inc.	Bit. Mix		26.00 ton
	Base mix		26.00 ton
	Temporary marking		1.00 ft.
	removal		8.00 cyd.
Rieth-Riley Const. Co.			
	Bit. Mix		25.78 ton
	Base Mix		25.78 ton
	temporary marking		.50 ft.
	Removal		5.00 cyd.
Sealcoat Aggregate			
Laman Asphalt & Paving	25A rd.comm.yd.		14.65 ton
	25A Suppliers yard		12.95 ton
Meekhoff			
	29A Slag rd.comm.yd.		16.83 ton
	29A Slag Cont.yard		12.00 ton
	25A rd. comm. yd.		14.83 ton
	25A Slag cont.yard		10.00 ton

Bidding was closed at 10:05 a.m. Bids to be tabulated.

At 10:15 a.m. the Commissioners gave their report as follows:

Member Merrill

1. The roads need grading. They are getting rough.
2. Grass should be cut to the ditch on South Scottville Rd.

Chairman Archer

1. The foliage is hanging over the road in some of the clear vision areas on Angling and Jebavy Dr. intersection.
2. Would like to have an article put in the paper on how much the road commission is contributing to the cost of improvement of township roads.
3. Discussed the 4-10 hr. work week and the upcoming holiday.

The meeting was open to the public at 10:20 a.m.

There was no old business.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. A letter was read from LEDCOR, and Michigan State Highway Commission thanking us for the meeting on May 21st. They enjoyed the meeting very much.
2. Dittmer and City Manager Schleg attended a pre-Con meeting on North Main Street reconstruction with the highway department.
3. Bob Wiedman has timber contract on Woods Trail south of Hawley Road.
4. Letter was read from Wilkinson regarding a discount for the poor quality of the brine used to date.
5. Letter was read from Dow on Transportation Equipment waiver.
6. Reviewed information on property for possible purchase for topsoil.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to make an offer of \$500 an acre for property on Tuttle and Decker to purchase for topsoil.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays. None.  
Motion carried.

Tim Hansen and Earl Conklin, from the Drain Commission, came in

at 10:30 a.m. for approval of Westbrook Drain at the corner of Marrison and Stiles Road.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF COUNTY DRAIN

WHEREAS, the Mason County Drain Commissioners has received a petition and is proceeding with the improvement of the Westbrook Drain, a legally established county drain currently traversing lands located in Sections 28, 29 and 33 of Riverton Township (T17N, R17W), Mason County, Michigan pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, and,

WHEREAS, the planned improvement of the Drain will, in part, be located within the road right of way of the following roads in Riverton Township (T17N, R17W): a relocation of the Westbrook Drain from the west side of Stiles Road in Section 33 to the east side of Stiles Road in Section 34, and an extension of Branch #1 of the Westbrook Drain along the north side of Marrison Road in Section 28, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the laws of the State of Michigan, the consent of the Mason County Board of Road Commissioners is required for the use of county roads for the construction of any utilities within the right of way of such roads, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Road Commissioners finds that improvement of said county drain is in the best interests of the residents of the County and will not interfere with Stiles or Marrison Roads,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Road Commissioners hereby consents to the improvement, including repair, maintenance and/or replacement, of the Westbrook Drain by the Drain Commissioner within the right of way of Stiles and Marrison Roads, as shown on the attached plans, in accordance with the Michigan Drain Code,

Ayes: Archer, Merrill, Thurow

Nays: None

Commissioner Thurow gave his report as follows,

1. Ed Quinn was concerned about the condition of Ehler Rd.
2. John McCumber has a ditch problem on Stiles Road.
3. On Chauvez Rd. one/half mile east of Riverton Store the ditch needs to be dug out.

Award of Bids

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to award the bid for bituminous paving to Rieth-Riley Construction Co.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to award the bid for Sealcoat aggregate to Laman Asphalt.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary



July 12, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer, Sec. Anthony

Absent: Thurow

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the minutes of the June 28th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the June 28th meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Pay #14 (\$42817.79) and warrant number 42840 thru 42900 in the amount of \$51,078.43.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:20 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue report.

At 9:25 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
  - a. Maintenance
    1. County wide
      - Blading gravel roads
      - Cold patching various blacktop roads
      - Started second phase of brining
      - Completed first mowing on primary system.
      - County crew started cutting grass on guard rails.
  2. State Trunkline
    - Youth crew cutting grass along guard rails.
- b. Construction
  - Primary System
    - Jebavy Drive - contractor completed project
    - centerline has to be painted by county
  - Local System
    - Townline Road - Grant/Victory Culvert completed.
    - Maple Road Branch Twp. - Clearing in progress
    - Taylor Rd. Logan Twp. - graveling completed
    - Alexander Rd. Grant - graveling completed
    - Millerton Rd. Sherman -graveling in progress

2. Status of road contracts on attached sheets.
3. Minor items of equipment repaired during the two week period.
4. Halliday Sand and Gravel contacted to start producing gravel by next meeting.
5. Union voted on new stewards July 11th. Walt Dessauer is still steward and Ricky Bowman alternate.
6. Ehler Road was scarified, graveled and graded due to poor condition. There was negative publicity in paper regarding work done.
7. Rasmussen road was surfaced on Wednesday by order of Pere Marquette Twp. against the wishes of the road Commission.
8. Received word from Mabel Bacon regarding Courtland property. Offer was rejected from Road Commission. Will look somewhere else for property.
9. Rieth Riley to begin paving today for road commission.
10. Have ordered rental roller and broom for seal coating to begin July 22 or 30th.
11. Pay checks were signed and issued on Thursday. They are not to be cashed until Friday.

The Commissioners gave their reports as follows:

MEMBER MERRILL

1. Would like to see clayey getting done on the roads again.
2. Would like to have picnic for the employees again this year.
3. Wondered what the starting and stopping times were for the 8 hour a day employees.

CHAIRMAN ARCHER

1. Read article in Michigan Roads & Construction regarding clear vision lawsuit.
2. Call from man on Fisher regarding bushhog leaving debris in ditch and plugging culvert.
3. Concerned about article in paper regarding Ehler road.

4. Need analysis of brine done by Wilkinson. Would like to look over the plant in Manistee.
5. Talked to Roger Fulton regarding 10 hr. work day.
6. Tuttle road one-half mile north of US10 has a bad dip that is getting deeper.

At 10:30 a.m. Randy Malliet came in to the meeting to have the board look over a plat for Oak Park Subdivision.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve the Oak Park Subdivision plans, and authorize the Chairman and Member to sign the plans.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The meeting was open to the public at 10:45 a.m.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. The meeting next week for CRASIF.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. An invitation was read inviting the commissioners to the McGuire open on August 8th.
2. Letter from Wilkinson regarding credit for brine that was below standard on the 1st brining of roads.
3. Newspaper articles regarding brine and Ehler road was discussed.
4. Advertisement for bids on Westbrook Drain letter was received.
5. Letter from J. Shinn, from MDOT, regarding EDC "F" grant awarded for Bryant road for 1997.
6. Reservations are in for attendance at the MCRCSIF meeting next week at Shanty Creek.
7. Latest word from Woodland Int. regarding trucks is that they should be here by the end of July.

#### RIETH-RILEY PAVING CONTRACT

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve a contract with Rieth-Riley for paving for 1996.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY EASEMENTS

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept highway easements from Patrick A. Thar, Mark A. Thar and Kenneth Thar, of Thar and Sons, for grading permit on the south 120.00 feet of the north 350.00 feet of the East 87.00 feet of the West 120.00 feet of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 23, T.19N., R15W., Sheridan Twp. Mason County, Michigan, and for a perpetual easement for part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 23, T.19N., R15W., Sheridan Township, Mason County, Michigan, said easement further described as the West 33.00 ft. of the above described parced of land, for the purpose of maintaining Taylor Road.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept easement from Walter G. and Phyllis M. Fransen, for the improvement of Maple Road, part of government Lot 5, Section 15, T.18N., R15W., Branch Twp. Mason County.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

July 26, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer, Sec. Anthony

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the July 12th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the July 12th meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the payroll and vender accounts:

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve Pay #15 (\$40946.78) and warrant number 42901 thru 42961 in the amount of \$143,967.12.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:20 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:22 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. 1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
  - a. Maintenance
    1. County Wide
      - Blading gravel roads
      - Cold patching various blacktop roads in preparation for seal coating
      - Brining gravel roads, by Monday entire county will be completed.
      - Completed first mowing on entire system.
      - Youth crew to start Monday cutting grass around guard rails on county roads.
  2. State Trunkline
    - Youth crew completed work on state system.
  - b. Construction
    - Primary System
      - Bituminous leveling course on Chauvez, Scottville
      - Marrison and Sugar Grove roads.
    - Local System
      - Maple Rd. Branch Twp. - Clearing in progress.
      - Conrad Rd. P.M. Twp. - Bituminous patches
      - Meyers Rd. P.M. Twp. - Bituminous patches

2. Equipment repaired during this period included: Seal coat equipment, Case Tractor to be repaired at West Mich. Power & Equipment and brine tank trailer.
3. Halliday Sand and Gravel to start producing gravel at the Forest Service Pit next Wednesday.
4. Rasmussen road clean-up and finish up not completed to date.
5. Law suit by Arnold Vs MCRC has been dropped.
6. Brine usage for 1995 period of two months and 1996 period of two months compared.
7. Drug and alcohol testing held on Thursday.
8. Dittmer completed and mailed out TEDF - Cat. A application for Freeman Road.
9. Meeting held with MDEQ on recertification for soil erosion, MCRC passed recertification.
10. Crews cleaned up sheen on water caused by Drott accident last year.
11. Tandem trucks were produced on Thursday, should be getting them in 7 to 14 days.
12. Lee Redman met with Doctors last week. Restrictions same as they were before.
13. Met with township officers association last Thursday evening.

At 9:35 a.m. Robert Larson, MCRC foreman, came in to the meeting to discuss paving being done for county by Rieth-Riley.

At 10:00 a.m. Ed Bargart and his wife, Summit Township residents, came in to the meeting to discuss the problem with his neighbors flowing well water in the ditch in front of his house.

At 10:45 a.m. the Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Would like to see more directional signs put on roads.
2. Stopped and looked at gravel site for U.S. Forest Service pit.
3. There is a lot of work being done on Maple Road.

MEMBER MERRILL

1. Conrad Road and US31 there is a lot of dirt piled up.
2. A sign should be put up where the men are doing windrowing on the shoulders.

CHAIRMAN ARCHER

1. Wondered how Dan Crossman is doing with the roadsoft programing.
2. Talked to Rick Heyse about spot graveling on Decker Rd.
3. Will be going to McQuire's classic on August 8th.
4. Noticed brine is corrosive to his car.
5. Wondered about where two people was killed on US31 north.

The meeting was opened to the public at 11:20 a.m.

There was no old business.

Under new business the following was discussed:

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to sign timber contract for the "Amber 10," "Branch 11" and "Grant 27" pulpwood sale to Nash Forest Products.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

1. Dittmer to be on vacation thru Tuesday next week.
2. Sealcoat to be starting next week.
3. Paul Bunyon meeting on Thursday August 1st at Reed City.
4. Quarterly meeting with Sheridan Twp. on Monday. They expect someone to attend.
5. Letter from citizen regarding speed control on 34th St.
6. Dittmer has meeting with Bob Welke on Wednesday in Big Rapids.
7. CRASIF and No. Mich. Assoc. annual meeting at Shanty Creek on Sept. 11th.
8. Letter from Hamlin Twp. regarding changing Jagger Rd. to a primary road.
9. Reviewed pickup truck list and recommended buying 2 new

ones next year.

10. Discussed letter of understanding with Oceana County regarding Montgomery Blvd. and Morse Road.
11. Dittmer contacted WKLA regarding county work and the placement of political signs along the road. The signs are in the way when the men do the mowing.

Townships road contracts included:

#### BRANCH TOWNSHIP

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Branch Townshp for Emerson Lake Drive for clearing, grade, and drainage structures in the amount of \$20,460.00.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### GRANT TOWNSHIP

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Grant Township for Various location to apply 1 application of 26% brine, in the amount of \$2618.00.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

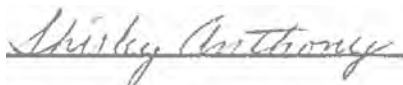
#### Hamlin Township

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to enter into four contracts with Hamlin Township for Rath Ave. clear, grade, and agg. mat. not to exceed \$6000, Sugar Gr. Road place agg. material for \$10000, Lincoln Rd. Place single seal for \$5,000 and Rath Ave. Place agg. material for \$10000.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Have several pieces of surplus equipment would like to advertise to take bids on next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

 Shirley Anthony, Secretary



August 9, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer, Sec. Anthony and Meade Twp. Supervisor Bill Meloney

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Secretary Anthony read the minutes of the July 26th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the July 26th meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve Pay #16 (\$43,405.45) and warrent 42962 thru 43038 in the amount of \$275,944.25.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:25 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:30 a.m. Bill Meloney presented a contract for Meade Township to be approved by the board, and discussed other concerns of the township.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve contract to place agg. material at various locations for an estimate of \$12,500.00.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:45 a.m. Engineer-Manager Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
  - a. MAINTENANCE
    - County Wide
    - Blading gravel roads in preparation for brining.
    - Youth crew completed work on primary systems.
  - b. CONSTRUCTION
    - Primary System
    - Bituminous leveling course on Iris, Benson/Sugar Grove, Mastin and Scottville Roads.
    - Seal coat surfacing on Washington, Kinney, Walhalla, Chauvez, Marrison and Scottville Roads.

#### LOCAL SYSTEM

Maple Road Branch Twp. - Clearing in progress.  
 Brye Road. P.M. Twp. - Single Seal Coat - done  
 LaSalle Rd. Grant Twp. - Graveling - done  
 Pres. Estates - Hamlin - Agg. Base & D.S. in progress  
 Victory Dr. Victory Twp. Remove corduroy-in progress

2. Equipment repaired during the last two weeks included;  
 Truck 57 - rear hub and Case Tractor at West Mich. Power
3. Halliday Sand and Gravel has produced approx. 15,000 ton  
 of 22A, which was completed Monday, and will make 10,000  
 ton of 23A next week.
4. Tandem Truck was delivered Thursday - Woodland Int.  
 states the other truck should be here in 7-14 days.
5. Dittmer and Merrill met with Bob Welke of MDOT, along  
 with representatives from other counties, concerning  
 the gas tax and other concerns.
6. Dittmer and Merrill attended the Paul Bunyon meeting in  
 Reed City Thursday.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

#### MEMBER MERRILL

1. Wondered about the stone leaving dragging marks on the  
 bituminous agg. projects.
2. Would like to see some claying done again on the roads.

#### VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Talked with Mr. Halliday this week about a problem with  
 one of our employees.
2. Would like to see more advertising done on the radio  
 and ads to promote better roads.

#### CHAIRMAN ARCHER

1. Traveled through the eastern United States and noticed  
 SMA being used in Connecticut.
2. Bob and he had a good time at the McGuires resort golf  
 outing talking to contractors.

The meeting was open to the public at 10:45 a.m.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Received word of receipt of application for Cat A Grant for Freeman Road in Grant Twp.
2. Letter read regarding Cabana Bridge being too short to qualify for critical bridge funding.
3. Contacted Bob Dixon regarding Mr. Bargert and Cameron situation at Bass Lake.
4. Met with Jack Lewis of MDEQ regarding oil spill on Deren road from Drott accident.
5. Talked to MDEQ and Westshore Engr. regarding MUSTFA site at garage.
6. Bridge on Darr road - nothing has been done yet.

Under New business the following was discussed:

1. CRASIF annual meeting at Shanty Creek on Sept. 11, 1996.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill that  
Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer vote for election of directors.

Ayes: Archer, Merrill, Thurow. nays: none. Motion  
carried.

2. Northern Michigan Assoc. of Road Commissions to meet at the same time as CRASIF.
3. Michitree sent check for \$3,780 from Nash Forest Products for tops and such from Nurnberg Pit.
4. All right-of-ways have been received for work along Freesoil road.
5. Proposed topsoil sites to purchase was discussed.

#### SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BIDS OPENED 8-7-96

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to accept bids for surplus equipment received 8-7-96 and staff to decide which would be best for county.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill, Thurow. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Item	Bidder	Amount Bid
Pressure Washer	Brian Lindeman	\$177.50
	Gary Dittmer	25.07
	Environmental Con.	15.00

Slip-in brine tank    No bidders

Inland Blade Parts	Joe Fiers	20.00
	Environmental Con.	11.00

Office Cabinet	Joe Fliers	30.00	
	Brian Lindeman	28.00	
	Environmental Con.	5.00	
Cummins 350 engine	Environmental Con.	75.00	
Lead Trailer Dump box	Environmental Con.	127.00	
Snowplow (3 ea.)	Environmental Con.	11.00 each	

CONTRACT WITH DRAIN COMM./ TWPS.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into a cooperative agreement with Grant Twp., Victory Twp. and the Mason County Drain Commission for culvert replacement on ROW Drain, Townline Road crossing.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Shirley Anthony — Shirley Anthony, Secretary

August 23, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Merrill, Thurow. Engr.Mgr.Dittmer, Sec./Clerk  
Anthony  
Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the minutes of the August 9th meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the August 9th meeting as corrected.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve Pay #17 (\$43,918.25) and warrant 43039 thru 43093 in the amount of \$138,982.98.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:20 a.m. the Commissioners looked over the contingent liability and revenue report.

At 9:30 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
  - a. Maintenance
    - County wide
    - Blading gravel roads
    - Youth crew completed work on all systems
    - State Trunkline
    - Began shoulder work
    - MDOT is micro-sealing the US31 freeway.
  - b. Construction
    - Primary System
    - Bituminous leveling course on Stiles and Quarterline roads.
    - Seal coat surfacing on Sugar Grove road.
    - Local System
    - Maple Road Branch Twp. - clearing completed
    - Emerson Lake Road Branch - clearing in progress
    - Presidential Est. Hamlin - Agg. base and D.S. completed.
    - Victory Dr. Victory - Remove corduroy- in progress
    - Lincoln Rd. Hamlin - Single Seal Done
    - Tuttle Rd. Sherman - Single Seal Done
    - Morse Rd. Sheridan - Single Seal Done

2. Looked over status of road contracts sheet. JW
3. Equipment #57 repaired and new trucks being put together in the last two weeks.
4. Halliday Sand and Grvel has produced 15,000 cyd. of 22A and 8,400 cyds of 23A in the Forest Service pit. Road Commission built road into the pit.
5. The last new truck was delivered on Thursday this week.
6. Tanks, dump box, underbody and pumps are in and ready to put on the new trucks.
7. Dittmer and Weinert attended meeting with MDOT on Pre-Grade Inspection for Bryant Rd., Jebavy Rd. and Freeman road for next year.

At 10:00 a.m. Ed Bargert and wife, from Bass Lake came in to discuss the ditch in front of his home at Birch Harbor.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER MERRILL nch2  
No comments

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Wondered why South Scottville road from Conrad north wasn't finished along the edge, and why it wasn't done over the hill.
2. Talked to Ed Rybicki and he wondered why our loader had salt piled on the back.
3. Talked to Tom Posma, County Commissioner, regarding concerns he might have heard from people about the road commission.
4. Concerned about the conditions of the roads in Victory and Hamlin Townships.

CHAIRMAN ARCHER

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- 10 1. Talked about the fatality at Dow yesterday afternoon.
2. Wondered about road ditching standards.
3. Talked to people about upgrading Ehler and Lincoln Roads.
4. Conrad and Myers road intersection is in bad shape.
5. Would like to see the yard cleaned up out in back.

6. Would rather see grading done on roads every week instead of all at once.  
R. J. J.
7. Wondered about centerline painting getting done on roads.
8. Talked to people at Dow regarding the brining situation.
9. Would like to see Children at Play sign moved to different area because the children have moved in the area of the sign and there are children in another area.

The meeting was open to the public.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Gary talked with Westshore Engineering regarding MUSTFA site at county garage.
2. Mich. Transp. funds for August are down by 7.26% from last year for the same month.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. CRASIF annual meeting will be at Shanty creek on Sept. 11
2. No. Assoc. of Road Commissions to meet at Shanty creek on Sept. 11-13th.
3. Dittmer to attend Sheridan Twp. meeting on Monday Aug. 29th. Would like Commissioners to attend.
4. Letter read from John Walters regarding pension plan change.
5. Dittmer to request quotes on underbody blade inserts for truck load quantities.
6. Company picnic to be on Sept. 13 at Stickney Park to begin at 5:00 and eat at 6:00 p.m.
7. Seventeen employees have signed up to take CPR class.

#### OFFER FOR PROPERTY

Realtor supplied a proposal to the county for Montrose property on US-31 the road commission would like to buy for topsoil.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to make an offer of \$20,000 for 25 acres of land on US31.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

#### PULVERIZING QUOTES

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept the quote of \$12,000 from Bernie Johnson Trucking for pulverizing the asphalt on Hawley, Freesoil & Lakeshore Dr.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

NORDLUND REQUEST FOR DETOUR

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to issue a permit to Nordlund & Associates to use Stephens and Trem1 road for a detour for their Freesoil road project next year.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Their being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

*Shirley Anthony* Shirley Anthony, Sec./Clerk



September 6, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer, Sec./Clerk Anthony

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the August 23rd meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the August 23rd meeting as corrected.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve Payroll #18 (\$42,623.80) and warrant 43094 thru 43152 in the amount of \$271,390.97.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

At 9:25 a.m. the Commissioners looked over the contingent liability and revenue report.

At 9:35 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

1. a. Maintenance

County Wide

Very little blading of gravel roads was done due to the dry weather.

Youth crew supervisor Dick Abbey completed the spraying of poison ivy at guard rails sections on all systems.

State Trunkline

Have about \$40,000 dollars available for work in Sept.

Micro-sealing on US-31 freeway is completed.

Met with Tom VanEpps to go over budget left for 1996.

Reviewed North Main Street with officials. Contractor has more work to complete.

b. CONSTRUCTION

Primary System

Bituminous leveling course has been completed for Custer road north and south of Freesoil, Stiles road, Quarterline road and portion of Freesoil road.

Local System

Maple Rd. Branch Twp. - clearing completed

Emerson Lake Rd. Branch - clearing completed

Victory Drive - Victory Twp.-remove corduroy - in

progress.

Dewey Road-Victory -gravel completed

Stephens Rd.-Sherman - gravel completed

Colburn Rd.-Victory - gravel completed

Interlochen-Sheridan- Agg. base and bit surface completed

2. Looked over the status of road projects on sheet.
3. Equipment repaired during this period included: #63 and #37. Mechanics also worked on new trucks.
4. Dittmer sent letter to Woodland International regarding a fuel cooler for the new trucks.
5. Dittmer attended luncheon with Oceana, and Manistee county managers and Bill Bobier, State representative.
6. Dittmer, Vice-Chairman Thurow and Harold Morse attended Sheridan Township board meeting to discuss roads, etc.
7. Dittmer attended zoning meeting last week in regards to topsoil removal in Tubbs Pit - it was approved.
8. House moving Wednesday required assistance from MCRC for traffic control. Intend to bill Jonassen Movers for cost of traffic signs.
9. Check for deposit for the purchase of Montrose property to go towards purchase of property if zoning approves of topsoil removal from property.

At 10:00 a.m. Chris Mooney, from St. Regis Culvert came in to the meeting for the bid opening for a truckload of underbody scraper blades which included:

St. Regis Culvert	Standard Bid	
	5/8" x 8" 6'	23.88 each
	5/8" x 8" 7'	28.63 each
	Total:	\$11,269.80
	Alternate Bid	
Truck & Trailer Specialties	3/4" x 8" 6'	31.56 each
	3/4" x 8" 7'	36.82 each
		\$14,833.20
	Delivery 3-4 weeks	
	No bid	
Hyde Equipment Company	Standard Bid	
	5/8"x 8" 6'	24.84 each
	5/8"x 8" 7'	28.98 each
	Total:	\$11,674.80
	Alternate Bid	
	3/4" x 8" 6'	30.11 each
	3/4" x 8" 7'	35.12 each
	Total:	\$14,151.20
	Delivery 3-4 weeks	
	Standard Bid	

Paper, Calmenson & Son	5/8" x 8" 6'	23.34 each
	5/8" x 8" 7'	27.23 each
	Total:	\$10,969.80
	Alternate Bid	
Tapered edge from 1/2" *	3/4" x 8" 6'	30.90 each
Tapered edge from 1/2" *	3/4" x 8" 7'	36.05 each
	Total:	\$14,523.00
	Delivery 30 days	

#### GRADER BLADE BIDS

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to go with the lowest bid of Hyde Equipment Co. for 3/4" thick blades in the amount of \$14,151.20.

Ayes: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

#### MEMBER MERRILL:

1. Would like more details about the picnic on Sept 13th.
2. Would like to see the east yard fenced in and a gate put up.

#### VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Kinney road west of Scottville road has a bad washout by culvert.
2. Conroad road east of Scottville road where the blacktop turns to gravel road has some bad spots on it.
3. Talked to Dennis Eggert regarding Johnson road off Rasmussen. Dead end roads needs some work on it.
4. West Mich. Electric would like to cooperate on cutting trees along road right-of-way.

#### CHAIRMAN ARCHER

1. Discussed letters from Thomas Zick regarding audit for 1995.
2. Going to go to the seminar at Shanty Creek on Tuesday for meetings.
3. Spent time with Dr. Anderson from the college, discussed additional millage for the college.

Under old business the following was discussed: 71

1. Gary talked with Westshore Engineering regarding MUSTFA site at garage. They will be doing more testing.
2. Department of Transportation approved reclassifying the following local roads to primary roads:  
     Hansen Road from US31 to Meyers  
     Rasmussen Road from Meyers road to Jevavy Dr.  
     Sugargrove Road from Campbell road to Taylor road  
     Taylor road from Sugargrove road to Decker Road  
     Decker road from Taylor road to County Line

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. CRASIF annual meeting and No. Assoc. of Road Commission meeting will be Sept. 11th at Shanty Creek.
2. Company picnic to be on Sept. 13th at Stickney park. To begin at 5:00 p.m. and eat pig roast at 6:00 p.m.
3. Seventeen employees have signed up to take CPR class. Skip McCumber to teach class.
4. Bernie Johnson Trucking to begin pulverizing next week on Lakeshore Dr. and Freesoil roads.
5. Dittmer to attend zoning meeting regarding removal of topsoil at Montrose property on US-31.
6. Gary showed letter from Mich. Tech. magazine regarding chatter bumps.

#### MATERIALS TESTING CONTRACT

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow that Mason County Road Commission enter into a contract with Materials Testing for testing done on Stiles and Fountain roads and Chairman Archer and Vice-Chairman Thurow to sign the contract.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### STOP SIGN AUTHORIZATIONS

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to install stop signs both ways on all the railroad crossing on paved roads in the county.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### LOGAN TOWNSHIP ROAD CONTRACT

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with Logan Township for various locations for brine in the amount of \$813.40.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

RIVERTON TOWNSHIP ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to enter into 2 road contracts with Riverton Township for agg. material at selected locations for estimate of \$38,800 and agg. material on Meisenheimer road for an estimate of \$10,000.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

 Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Sec.-Clerk

September 20, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Merrill, Thurow. Engr.-Mgr.Dittmer, Sec/Clerk Anthony

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the minutes of the September 6th meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the September 6th meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve Pay #19, (\$41853.09) and warrant 43153 thru 43229 in the amount of \$70980.13.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheets.

At 9:35 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:

a. **MAINTENANCE**

1. **County Wide**

Began mowing on the primary road system  
Blading gravel roads in preparation for brining  
Began spot brining that will be completed Friday  
Sweeping of the intersections

2. **State Trunkline**

Began mowing on Wednesday  
Began crack sealing on Wednesday on the 5 lane  
Tri-Us Sweeping will be completed Friday on the  
curb and gutter and intersections

b. **CONSTRUCTION**

1. **Primary System**

Began and completed crushing asphalt on Freesoil  
road and Lakeshore Drive.

Placed topsoil on shoulders beyond paving

**Local System**

Maple Rd. Branch Twp. - Clearing completed  
Emerson Lake Rd. Branch- clearing completed

Victory Drive Victory - Removed corduroy - in progress

Decker Rd. Sherman Twp.- Gravel - in progress

Freeman Rd. Grant Twp. - Gravel - completed

Darr Rd. Custer Twp. - Gravel - completed

Filburn Rd. Custer Twp.- Gravel - completed

2. Looked over status of road contract contribution sheet.
3. Equipment repaired during this period included: the new trucks #40 & 41; #34 and 31 clutch replacement, Sanders removed sandblasted, fixed and painted, #48 and #49 frame sandblasted and painted.
4. Dittmer attending zoning meeting last week in regards to topsoil removal in Montrose property the county wants to purchase, it was approved.
5. Dittmer met with Victory Twp. regarding projects, no problems with the township.
6. Inspected Ed Bargert property permit work on Bass Lake, satisfactory to date.
7. Met with citizens and Hamlin Twp. supervisor regarding Meg-A-Mae, Larch and Dennis Ave., request to upgrade and surface.
8. All board members and Dittmer attended No. Association of road commissions in Bellaire last week.
9. Company picnic was held on Friday Sept. 13th. Good turnout but weather cold.

At 9:50 a.m. George Etchison, from CSX railroad, came in to the meeting to discuss the railroad crossing that was removed from Larson road.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

#### MEMBER MERRILL

1. Wondered if the dirt was spread out by the guard rail by Frank Milverts.

#### VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Washout on the shoulder of the road by Gancarz Auto Sales on US31 north.
2. Wondered about shoulder work on US10.
3. The beaver are plugging up the culvert on Kinney Road

4. Talked to Mr. Sarto at dinner meeting regarding Dewey, Rath, Mavis and Sherman roads.

#### CHAIRMAN ARCHER

1. Visited with Sheriff Larry Stewart. Wondered how the employees got ahold of the sheriff's department.
2. Would like to review the budget amendment for 1996.
3. Would like business cards made up for the road commissioners.
4. Got a lot of displeasure from Dow and Liquid Dustlayer at the meeting regarding the lack of calcium chloride use
5. Would like to see centerline painting done.
6. Talked about tax reform and federal gas taxes.

The meeting was open to the public.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Westshore engineering has prepared a letter to MDEQ regarding MCRC MUSTFA site, wells were tested and results very similar to before - there was no movement of contamination.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. MCRC Gravel haulers have been working 10 hours days getting the gravel hauled for local projects.
2. The shop mechanics will be working Saturdays to get equipment ready for winter.
3. Plan to put at least 2 units in the parade Saturday, Drivers to donate time.
4. Reviewed proposed budget amendment #1.

#### BUDGET AMENDMENT

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Amendment #1 for the budget for 1996. (See attached)

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None.  
Motion carried.

5. Proposal was read from Wilkinson regarding furnishing winter calcium-chloride. Proposal was tabled until Oct. 4th meeting. Dittmer to contact other suppliers for



GRANT TOWNSHIP ROAD CONTRACT

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve contract with Grant Township for Trem1 road agg. surfacing at an estimated amount of \$3500.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

SIGN REPLACEMENT

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to replace yield signs with stop signs at the following: Reek Rd. NB at Poplar Freesoil Township, Ottawa Street, EB at Poplar, Freesoil Township.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Sec.-Clerk

## MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-96 to 12-31-96

	Revenue		
	1995	1996	Amend. #1
Licenses & Permits	3,500	3,500	5,000
Federal Sources			
Secondary	-0-	-0-	-0-
Urban	-0-	-0-	-0-
Surface Transp. Program	45,700	-0-	-0-
State Sources			
Engineering	10,000	10,000	10,000
Snow Removal	74,000	73,000	73,000
Urban Road	70,000	63,000	63,000
Allocation	2,500,000	2,250,000	2,400,000
State Crit. Bridge	-0-	-0-	-0-
Economic Development Fund			
Rural Primary (D)	290,000	225,000	225,000
Forest Road (E)	39,000	100,000	150,000
Urban Area (F)	373,000	-0-	-0-
Contributions from Local Units			
Township Contrib.	365,000	100,000	200,000
Cities & Villages	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other-Hamlin/P.M.	260,000	35,000	17,000
Michitree	-0-	-0-	25,000
Charges for Services			
Trunkline Maintenance	567,000	567,000	600,000
Trunkline Non-Maint.	-0-	20,000	15,000
Salvage Sales	5,600	2,000	2,000
Interest & Rents			
Interest earned	46,000	35,000	50,000
Other Revenue			
Gain/Loss on Eq. Disp.	9,000	5,000	30,000
Other-Installment	140,800	-0-	28,600
Total:	\$4,798,600	\$3,488,500	\$3,893,600
Fund Balance 12/31/95	412,706	501,806	997,461
Total:	\$5,211,306	\$3,990,306	\$4,891,061

## MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-96 TO 12-31-96

## EXPENDITURES

	1995	1996	Amend. #1
Heavy Maint.-Roads			
Primary	1,255,000	500,000	500,000
Local	485,000	100,000	450,000
Maintenance - Roads			
Primary	750,000	600,000	750,000
Local	950,000	900,000	900,000
Heavy Maint. Structures			
Primary	45,000	10,000	10,000
Local	-0-	10,000	10,000
State Trunkline Maint.	567,000	567,000	600,000
State Highway-Other	-0-	20,000	15,000
Equipment Expense - Net	- 150,000	-0-	-0-
Administrative Exp.- Net	130,000	130,000	130,000
Capital Outlay - Net	300,000	250,000	50,000
Debt Service			
Principal Payments	43,000	45,000	185,000
Interest Expense	27,000	30,000	32,000
Distributive Expense	-0-	500,000	500,000
Contingencies	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total Expenditures	4,402,000	3,662,000	4,132,000
Fund Balance	809,306	328,306	759,061
Total Budget:	\$5,211,306	\$3,990,306	4,891,061

October 4, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer, Sec./Clerk Anthony

Absent: Thurow

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Sec./Clerk Anthony read the minutes of the September 20th meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the September 20th meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Pay #20 (\$43137.26) and warrant 43230 thru 43284 in the amount of \$79023.62.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m. the board looked over the Contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:22 Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:

MAINTENANCE

1. County Wide

About 20% completed on mowing on primary system.

2. State Trunkline

Mowing on trunkline completed

Crack sealing on five lane completed

Grading and placing gravel on shoulders

State fiscal year ended and MCRC spent all of the budget

CONSTRUCTION

Primary System

Freesoil Road - placing and shaping aggregate base, shaping shoulders and placing bituminous surface.

Lakeshore Drive-Placing drainage structures, removing vision problems, trees, etc. preparing to place aggregate base. Tree is gone by Wishing Well and power pole will be taken out soon by Consumers Power.

Local System

Maple Rd. Branch Twp. - Clearing completed  
 Emerson Lake Rd. Branch-Clearing completed  
 Victory Dr. Victory -Corduoy removed  
 Decker Rd. Sherman Twp.-Gravel completed  
 Meisenheimer Rd.-Riverton-Gravel in progress  
 Bennet, Benson, Budzynski-Meade Twp.-Gravel in progress.

2. Status of township road projects in commissioners packet
3. Equipment repaired during this period included work on new trucks #40 & 41, sanders removed and sandblasted, and #48 and #49 frame sandblasted and painted.
4. Ditch clean out on Bishop-Barnes drain work done by contractor for Drain Office is in progress. Contractor to install culvert under Hansen Rd. next week.
5. Road Commission had two units in Harvest Festival parade and had good reviews. Road commission employees volunteered for the parade.
6. Dittmer contacted Halliday sand and gravel to be in the Kirschner pit soon to make gravel and sand.
7. Contacted Clark Highway Services to paint railroad crossing signs on the road by crossings.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

CHAIRMAN ARCHER

1. Visited Ambar plant in Manistee as a representative from the Road Commission and toured their facility.
2. Wondered if Dennis Ave. would be developed more. People living on the road would like to have the name changed to Larchwood.
3. Letter received from Mr. Amos regarding fixing the road one mile east of US31 on Beyer Road.

MEMBER MERRILL

1. Would like to see road commission trucks taking the by-pass instead of running through Scottville.
2. Would like to see the employees having a safety meeting at least every two weeks.
3. Visited at Northport on M-22. Noticed the road commission driver putting large rocks along the shoulder of the road.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Dittmer contacted CSX Engineer Tom Tippl regarding Larson road railroad crossing closure. Situation still being discussed. Received letter from property owner who will be developing property north of Larson/CSX crossing.
2. Dittmer to meet with realtor and existing owner of Montrose property today and close for sale of property.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Monday training session set from Coresource on personal protective equipment.
2. MDEQ and Drain Commission to have a public meeting on the creamery corners drain Tuesday night at Courthouse.
3. Eric Moody to attend Superintendents meeting at Grand Rapids Oct. 9-11th. Defensive driving display will be on the agenda.
4. Coresource to put on training session on Defensive driving for the crew.
5. Blue Cross Blue Shield meeting will be next week regarding benefits and the use of a private agent (Bob Smith) to assist clients with questions.
6. Brine and Calcium Chloride costs compared with other years.
7. Proposal read from Wilkinson Corp. and Liquid Dustlayer for winter calcium chloride usage for the winter season.

Liquid Dustlayer 32% calcium chloride picked up at Dow .089 dollars a gal. and supplied in tanks at the Road Commission .1278 dollars a gallon. Wilkinson Corp. 32% supplied in tanks at the Road Commission .1350 dollars a gallon.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept the quote for winter requirements for 32% calcium chloride to Liquid Dustlayer, Inc.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Letter of request was received from Seismic company regarding Amber pit. Recommended to not allow seismic investigation.

Letter read from County Road Association regarding death of Jack Rombouts.

Mailing from County Road Association regarding road millages by

road commissions in the state and deer road kill count in other counties and cost of taking care of the deer.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Sec./Clerk

October 18, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, MI.

Present: Archer, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer, Sec./Clerk Anthony

Absent: Thurow

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the October 4th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the October 4th meeting as corrected.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Pay #21 (\$42,578.05) and warrant No. 43285 thru 43366 in the amount of \$128,603.80.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:20 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheets.

At 9:25 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
  - a. Maintenance
    - County Wide
      - Mowing on primary system to be completed today
      - Blading gravel roads
      - Cutting brush and various trees
    - State Trunkline
      - Minor work preparing for winter
  - b. Construction
    1. Primary System
      - Freesoil Road - Asphalt has been placed, shaping shoulders, ditches & minor clearing. To be done next week.
      - Lakeshore Drive-Asphalt complete, island has been removed, cleanup in progress.
    2. Local System
      - Maple Rd. Branch Twp. - Clearing completed
      - Emerson Lake Rd. Branch- Clearing completed
      - Meisenheimer Rd. Riverton-Gravel completed
      - Bennet, Benson Meade Twp.-Gravel completed
      - Sugar Grove Rd., Hamlin -Gravel in progress
      - Rath Rd. Hamlin Township-Gravel in progress



2. Status of township road contracts sheet reviewed.
3. Equipment repaired during this period included the new trucks, sanders removed sandblasted, fixed and painted and #99 loader.
4. Winding down on the construction projects, may not get all done but will be close.
5. Seng is bringing in salt from Manistee.
6. Began hauling 2NS sand from the Kirshner pit.
7. Held P.P.E. training last week. Staff needs to evaluate all jobs and determine needs.
8. BCBS held informational meeting Thursday for all employees. Bob Smith is to be the agent to assist our employees with blue cross problems.
9. Eric attended CRAM superintendents meeting last week and had a good report.
10. Terry is in Cadillac today for a shop foremans meeting.
11. Dittmer attended Township Officers meeting Thursday evening and presented information on pending legislation. There was not a very big attendance.

RESCIND BID OF 10/04/96 FOR CALCIUM CHLORIDE

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to rescind motion of October 4th to award quote for brine to Liquid Dustlayer.

Yeas: Merrill, Archer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Archer opened the bids for calcium chloride winter seasonal requirements.

John Schimke, from Liquid Dustlayer, Inc. was in attendance.

Liquid Dustlayer 32% Calcium Chloride delivered to MCRC	.0879
32% Calcium Chloride picked up at Dow	.0696

Wilkinson Corporation 32% Calcium Chloride delivered to MCRC	.135
32% calcium chloride picked up at Manistee	.10

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to award the bid for seasonal winter calcium chloride to Liquid Dustlayer, Inc. in the amount of .0879 dollars per gallon delivered and .0696 dollars per gallon picked up at Dow.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Commissioners gave their reports as follows:

CHAIRMAN ARCHER

1. Will be giving a speech at the Southern Association meeting in April of next year.
2. Talked to Mike Sneider on parks and recreation board regarding rewriting new rules and regulations for the Consumers Power park.
3. There is a bad section of Conrad road west of Stiles Rd.
4. Wondered how Lee Redman was working out since he came back to work.

MEMBER MERRILL

1. Talked to Duane Cooper regarding intersection of Meisenheimer and Bbye.
2. Wondered about width of intersection of Lakeshore Dr. and Oceana Drive.

The meeting was open to the public at 10:25 a.m.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Dittmer contacted CSX Division Engineer C.E. Martin about Larson Road situation. Still being discussed.
2. Dittmer met with Realtor and owner of Montrose property and closed on buying the property.
3. Halliday Sand and Gravel in Kirshner pit bailing material to make gravel and 2NS.
4. No MDOT contract line items for budget have been sent yet.
5. Plan on placing patches at various locations to repair damages done by truck traffic.
6. State monthly Act 51 payment for October about same as last year.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. MCRC obtained a 12,000 gallon plastic tank for Calcium chloride storage and use on pre-wetting system.
2. Information on millages state wide for road construction

3. Letter from new president of NMARC regarding the last meeting.
4. Next Paul Bunyon meeting to be held on Nov. 7th at Leelaneu county. Mike Smith is bring an attorney to be speaker for meeting regarding wetlands.

Letter was read from Emmet county road commission regarding an open house for the relocation of their facility.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Sec./Clerk

November 14, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Thurow. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer

Absent: Merrill, Sec. Anthony

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the minutes of the November 1st meeting.

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the Nov. 1st meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve Pay#23 (\$42775.31) and warrant 43432 thru 43506 in the amount of \$51090.85.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:40 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:52 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
  - a. **MAINTENANCE**
    1. **County Wide**
      - Snow plowing and sanding
      - Cutting brush and various trees
      - Replaced culvert under Hansen Road and patched with bituminous
      - Replaced culvert under Ordway Road DNR permit
      - Patched various bad sections damaged by trucks
    2. **State Trunkline**
      - Snow plowing and sanding
  - b. **CONSTRUCTION**
    1. **Primary System**
      - All work completed
    2. **Local System**
      - Maple Rd. Branch Twp. - completed
      - Emerson Lake Rd. Branch - Completed
      - Sugar Grove Rd., Hamlin - Completed
      - Rath Rd. Hamlin Twp. - completed
2. Status of road contract sheet reviewed.
3. Equipment repaired during this period: New truck #40 in service.

4. Salt is all in that was ordered, 3500 ton states 1000 tons for county.
5. To date have 7000 tons of 2NS sand in yard, will haul more next week.
6. Halliday Sand & Gravel is making gravel and sand at the present time.
7. New 12,000 gallon plastic brine tank is in position and ready for plumbing.
8. Night crew began on Nov. 10th this year - Vince VanConis on second shift, Larry Tyndall and Mark Brigham on third shift.
9. Numerous people off on Friday due to deer hunting.
10. Eric will be off Friday and the entire week next week. Bob Larsen to cover for him.
11. Terry has a back injury, not work related, and will need surgery at a later date.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

CHAIRMAN ARCHER

1. Wants a list of projects to be done if MCRC has an open winter.
2. Discussed CRAM reports he received, ie Gas tax update, video on authorities, etc.
3. Discussed Road legislative updates as related to elections.
4. Stopped and visited Manistee County Road Commission last week.
5. Was impressed with asphalt pulverizing process and suggested we use this again.
6. Had submitted his letter of application for the Commissioners position.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Conrad west of Custer at end of asphalt needs repairs.
2. Requested schedule of Township meetings.
3. Asked about details of Christmas party.

4. Discussed West Mich. Electric billing for rest area.
5. Discussed contacting Soil Conservation Service for details on possible salt containment system for MCRC.

Under old business the following was discussed;

1. No news from CSX railroad on Larson Road crossing to date.
2. Dittmer, Archer and Merrill attended Paul Bunyon meeting at Leelanau County on Nov. 7th.
3. Sold used dump tub to Bob Peters Trucking instead of Smalley due to Smalley not showing up with the money.
4. Talked to John Schimke regarding CaCl Storage - will move tankers here later this week or early next week.
5. Dittmer and Moody met with MDOT, Wexford, Manistee, and Missauki counties regarding salt storage and charge out to state on Friday Nov. 8th.
6. Contacted Fisher Fence and the Fence Man (Muskegon) regarding quotes on fencing of east yard-approximately \$18,000.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Dittmer to prepare letter to MDOT for Chairman's signature requesting that action be taken to begin turnback procedure for Old US-31 (P.M. Hwy.)
2. So. Mich. Assoc. of Road Commissions to meet on Dec. 2nd thru 4th - reservations made.
3. MTF check for November is 19.4% below last year-same for the rest of the counties.
4. Comparison of vacation and sick leave usage for 1995 and 1996 - 60% decline in use due to 4-10 hour days.
5. Christmas party is December 14th at Gibbs - details to follow.
6. Comparison of Seniority sheet reviewed.
7. Looking for a good used "VEE BOTTOM" pup and a dump pup for hauling sand and gravel.
8. Dittmer looking at buying new pickups early 1997 possibly thru the State net.

MOTION FOR HOLIDAY GIFT CERTIFICATE

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to authorize the purchase and issuance of Holiday Gift Certificate in the amount of Ten dollars to each employee from Foster's on Schoenbergers Food Market.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gary L. Dittmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gary L. Dittmer, Engr.-Mgr.  
Acting Secretary

November 27, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Merrill. Thurow at 10:00 o'clock  
Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer, Sec./Clerk Anthony

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Sec. Anthony read the minutes of the November 14th meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the November 14th meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve Pay #24 (\$44,259.930 and warrant 43509 thru 43578 in the amount of \$120,474.07.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:25 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:30 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

#### A. MAINTENANCE

##### 1. County Wide

Snow plowing and sanding  
Cutting brush and various trees  
Replaced culvert under Tallman Lake Road-had applied for permit from DNR  
Cold patching at various locations  
Gravel patching at various locations  
Blading gravel roads when weather permits  
Placing edging material along edge ruts  
Repairing sections of guard rail  
Filling and placing sand barrels and placed where needed

##### 2. State Trunkline

Snowplowing and sanding  
Repairing edge ruts as necessary

#### B. CONSTRUCTION



1. **Primary System**

All work completed for 1996

Preparing plans for Bryant Road for 1997

2. **Local System**

Have obtained numerous right-of-way along Mavis and Sherman Roads-will begin clearing soon.

Have ROW on Rath road-will begin clearing soon.

2. Equipment repaired during the last two weeks included minor repairs due to shakedown of equipment.
3. To date have 8000 tons of 2NS sand in the yard and will haul more next week.
4. Halliday Sand & Gravel is done making gravel and sand.
5. New 12,000 gal. plastic brine tank is in position and plumbed.
6. Numerous employees off on Friday due to holiday.
7. Tankers are in position and loaded and ready.
8. Terry has a back injury, non work related, and will not need surgery.
9. Schwass road south of Chauvez has a collapsed culvert. Due to depth of fill we are looking at boring a new culvert under road.
10. Dittmer contacted Murry Stall of SCS regarding placing containment around salt storage, he is checking on idea.
11. Bill for REA from last meeting is not out of the ordinary for this time of the year.

At 10:00 Ken Thar came in to the meeting to discuss the condition of Dewey Road and N. Taylor Road. He would like to have it graded and more gravel put on it.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER MERRILL

1. Read in the paper Wayne County spends as much on salt in the winter as our whole budget.

CHAIRMAN ARCHER

1. Final budget adjustment should be looked over at the next meeting.
2. Contract with the school for fuel should be negotiated again for the coming year.

3. Should MCRC keep Mark Otto for attorney for another year.
4. Read newspaper article regarding US-31 turnback.
5. Problem at Arrow drive with is citizen is not our problem. It is a private drive.
6. Would like county fire chief to look over situation MCRC garage when trucks are all stored in garage.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Would like to see Conrad road east of Scottville Rd. on high priority for the township next year and Scottville road at the south end needs work done on it.
2. Talked to several people regarding traffic problem at Sixth St. and U.S. 31 south.
3. Likes to see Gary ride with superintendent once in awhile.

Meeting was open to the public at 10:55 a.m.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Have received news from CSX railroad regarding the closing of the crossing. Sent letter to CSX asking that it be reopened.
2. Sheet passed out regarding township meeting dates.
3. Transportation package for gas tax is a dead issue.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. So. Mich. Assoc. meeting Dec. 2nd thru 4th.
2. Christmas party is Dec. 14th at Gibbs.
3. Finance Committee to meet with road commission today regarding tree sale.
4. Coresource was here Tuesday collecting data on possible law suit by Mrs. Marcellus.
5. CPR training for selective employees on Dec. 11th in the evening at Ludington.
6. Defensive Driving course put on by Coresource on Dec. 3rd-a three hour course.
7. MDOT winter maintenance meeting to be held on Dec. 12th by Tom VanEpps.

8. Meeting on Dec. 19th between MCRC, EDC and MDOT regarding PM Hwy. turnback and possible funding.
9. Preliminary Ameneded budget for 1996 and proposed budget for 1997 to be provided soon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. at MCRC and reconvened at Mason County Court with Mason County Finance Committee regarding tree sale at Amber and Nurnberg pits.

Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with all members present.

#### MOTION REGARDING TREE SALE

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill that Mason County Road Commission (MCRC) make the following proposals to the Mason County Board of Commissioners (MCBC):

In regards to the "Amber Pit", located in Section 10 of Amber Township:

In exchange for the transfer of property ownership from the County of Mason to the MCRC, and a guaranteed clear title for the above named property, the road commission shall transfer all recipts from the combined timber sale in the amount of \$17,480.55 minus expenses not to exceed \$4,185.55. These expenses shall include the property survey, MICHITREE contract expense and MCRC administrative expenses.

The property transfer is subject to the stipulation that if the road commission, for any reason, should sell this property any monies in excess of the timber sale amount shall be shared on a pro-rated basis for a time period not to exceed seven (7) years.

In regards to the "Nurnberg Pit" located in Section 27 of Grant Township:

In exchange for the transfer of property ownership from the County of Mason to the MCRC, and a guaranteed title for he above named property, the road commission shall transfer all receipts from the combined timber sale in the amount of \$15,393.50 minus expenses not to exceed \$3,924.19. These expenses shall include the property survey, MICHITREE contract expense and MCRC administrative expenses.

The property transfer is subject to the stipulation that if the road commission, for any reason, should sell this property any monies in excess of the timber sale amount shall be shared on a pro-rated basis for a time period not to exceed seven (7) years.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CANDIDACY ENDORSEMENT FOR CRAM

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill that Mason County Road Commission endorse the candidacy of Michael Dillenbeck for board of directors of CRAM.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1.35 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shirley Anthony", written over a horizontal line.

Shirley Anthony, Clerk/Secretary

November 1, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr.Dittmer,Sec./Clerk Anthony

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the minutes of the October 18th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the October 28th meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and vendors accounts:

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Pay #22, (\$42250.06) and warrant 43367 thru 43431 in the amount of \$154,361.50.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:35 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:45 a.m. Superintendent Moody came in to the meeting and discussed winter patrol schedules, gravel hauled for projects during the summer, and other activities over the summer and fall.

#### MEETING DATE CHANGE

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to change the next meeting date from Nov. 15th to Nov. 14th at 9:00 a.m.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 10:20 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
  - A. **MAINTENANCE**
    1. **County Wide**
      - Painting centerlines on roads by Clark Hwy. Systems
      - Blading gravel roads
      - Cutting brush and various trees fallen down from the strong winds
    2. **State trunkline**
      - Patched PM Hwy. at the Mason-Oceana County line
      - Patched US-10 intersection with Custer Road
      - Special Projects with MDOT -US-31 Sherman Twp.

Minor work preparing for winter

B. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Freesoil Road-mulched and completed  
Lakeshore Drive-mulched and completed

2. LOCAL SYSTEM

Maple Rd. Branch Twp.- in progress  
Emerson Lake Rd. Branch- in progress  
Sugar Grove Rd. Hamlin - Gravel in progress  
Rath Rd. Hamlin Twp.-Gravel in progress

2. Winding down on construction projects, may not get all done this year, but will be close.
3. Status of road contracts sheet reviewed.
4. Equipment repaired during the last two weeks included:  
New Trucks #41 put in service and #40 dump box to be installed today. Sandblasted sanders and prepared them for winter use.
5. Salt is coming in slowly from Seng in Manistee.
6. 2NS sand is almost all hauled to garage from Kirschner pit.
7. Dittmer attended Freesoil Township meeting Monday.
8. Dittmer met with various schools regarding winter maintenance. Schools were interested in weather computer like ours for their use.
9. Halliday has moved crusher in and is preparing to make gravel and sand.
10. New 12,000 gallon plastic brine tank is in position and ready for plumbing.
11. Dittmer met with MDEQ on culvert replacements for Ordway Road south of Kinney in Eden Twp. and Tallman Lake road in Branch Township.
12. Gayle Wright and Jim Durfee attended the snowplow rodeo last week. Letter read from employees thanking commissioners for letting them go to rodeo.

Assistant to engineer Ted Weinert came in to the meeting at 10:45 a.m. to discuss projects he had been working on over the summer and fall.

The Commissioners gave their reports as follows:

MEMBER MERRILL

1. Wondered if anything had been done yet about the intersection of Meisenheimer and Brye.
2. Freesoil Road projects looks real good.
3. Would like to see the centerline painting done earlier in the fall.
4. Would like to see MCRC get rid of old snow plows that are not usable on our trucks.
5. Would like to see east yard fenced in.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Audrey McDonald problem with fence.
2. Would like to see something done on old 31 turnback.
3. Would like to see more work done on US10 between Scottville and Custer.

CHAIRMAN ARCHER

1. Had questions about deferred compensation.
2. Wondered if Ed Bargert situation at Bass Lake was settled.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Dittmer contacted CSX Division engineer C.E. Martin about Larson Road situation. May have to seek legal action regarding closure.
2. Nash Forest Products clearing Amber pit of poplar trees. Check sent for trees taken.
3. Hansen Road culvert to be installed next week by Rocky Sorensen.
4. Pioneer Construction has installed all open trenched road crossing for gas line as per schedule.
5. Letter from Ron Wilson regarding Gerbers Vs Richert situation.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. The next Paul Bunyon meeting will be on Nov. 7th at Leelanau County.
2. Southern Mich. Assoc. of Road Commissions to meet on

Dec. 2-4th. Reservations made for rooms.

3. Review of property on Brunson road for possible sale or trade.
4. Discussion with MDOT regarding questionable costs for testing on Jebavy Drive. Dittmer still negotiating with MDOT.
5. Discussions with Halliday sand and gravel regarding barn on Kirschner pit-it needs to be removed.
6. Possible purchase of 10,000 gallon steel tank from Phil Eikenberry for use as brine storage.
7. Wage and benefit report from CRAM for road commission employees and commissioners.
8. Request to begin abandonment proceedings on various locations.
9. Letter from Tim Hansen regarding stormwater management public hearing on Nov. 6th.
10. Information regarding ISTEPA and funding.

#### EASEMENTS ACCEPTED

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to accept easements for right of way in Hamlin Township:

Sherman Rd.	Douglas & Lori Vargo Mavis Properties, Inc Ronald & Dawn Sarto Michael & Christy Anthony Brian & Donald Stokely Walter & Gwen Marks Lawrence & Barbara Lyewski Martin Niekro & Gloria Gorski Timothy & Cynthia Aberegg Lawrence & Brenda Walicki John & Kimberelly Larson Rita Abrahamson Danny & Rebecca Sandretto Frank & Darlene Redmond Leo & Goldie Yeck Henry Niekro
Mavis Rd.	LaVerme & Stefania Carrier Billie & Sonja Collier Hassen & Juanita Berry Cynthia Carrier James & Ayako Harrington Mavis Properties, Inc.
Rath Rd.	David & Marlene Seymour



Dale E. Organ

Summit Township

Lakeshore Dr. David Sheuerman & Jean Black  
Walter & Mary Ligon  
Robert & Mary Ellen Kuikman

Branch Township

Barothy Rd. LaVerme & Esther Johnson

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### STOP SIGNS

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to put up a stop sign at the following locations:

Anderson Road southbound at Fountain Road  
Masten Road Southbound at Freesoil

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### CHANGE ROAD NAMES

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to change road name of Mag-A-Mae in Hamlin Twp. to Larch Road and Dennis Lane in Hamlin Twp. to Larchwood Road.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm



Shirley Anthony, Sec./Clerk

December 13, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Merrill, Thurow. Engr.- Mgr. Dittmer

Absent: Sec. Anthony

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. with Engr.- Mgr. Dittmer Reading the minutes of the November 27th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the November 27th meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill, Thurow. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Pay #25 (\$52,878.98) and warrant 43579 thru 43651 in the amount of \$97,409.71.

Yeas: Archer, Merrill, Thurow. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:24 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:35 a.m. Engr. - Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:

#### A. MAINTENANCE

##### 1. County Wide

Snow plowing and sanding  
Cutting brush and various trees  
Cold patching various locations  
Gravel patching various locations  
Blading gravel roads when weather permits  
Placing edging material along edge ruts  
Hauling 2NS sand to yard

##### 2. State Trunkline

Snow plowing and sanding  
Repairing edge ruts as necessary

#### B. CONSTRUCTION

**1. Primary System**

Preparing preliminary plans for Jebavy Dr. for 1997  
Preparing preliminary plans for Bryant Road for 1997

**2. Local System**

Have obtained all right-of-way along Barothy Road  
Have contacted all townships regarding deposit monies for uncompleted projects - some want it back but most do not.

2. Equipment repaired during this period:
  - #93 loader - linkage for tilt broke
  - #62 truck - blown head gasket
  - #40 truck - Dickey John monitor system
3. Tankers are in position one leaked - slightly and was emptied - will not be used anymore.
4. Schwass Road south of Chauvez culvert has collapsed, due to depth of fill. We are boring a new culvert under the road. Contractor to begin before next meeting using 16 inch plastic
5. Dittmer contacted Murry Stall of SCS regarding placing permanent containment around salt storage - he is providing possible names and sources of funding.
6. CPR training for employees was held on December 11th in the evening
7. Defensive Driving Course was put on by CoreSource on December 3rd.
8. MDOT winter maintenance meeting was held on December 12th by Tom VanEpps, MDOT
9. Grader/truck accident Thursday no one hurt. Grader sustained minor damage - other vehicle major damage
10. Have purchased a fire proof safe for records and money storage and have contacted various companies an alarm systems for building
11. Diane attended Cogitate year end meeting Thursday

At 9:50 Al Villadsen came into the meeting to discuss access to his property in Section 7 of Sherman Township.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

CHAIRMAN ARCHER

1. Reported on his attendance at the Southern Michigan Association of Road Commission Meeting held in Kalamazoo.
2. Discussed MDOT retirement program and impact to MCRC
3. Discussed new cold patch from Koch Asphalt Products
4. Asked about status of property transfer with county
5. Discussed the relationship of Liquid Dust Transport and Wilkinson Corp.
6. Stated he was to present a topic at the Commissioner's Seminar Traverse City in April

VICE CHAIRMAN - THUROW

1. Stated he had met informally with Oceana CRC last week

MEMBER MERRILL

1. Asked about status of fencing east yard

Meeting was opened to the public at 10:55 a.m.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Have not received news from CSX Railroad on Larson Road Crossing
2. Timber sales/land transfer proposal was sent out to Fabian but no response to date
3. Transportation package in trouble - it appears Gas Tax will not have action this year
4. Letter from Thompson/McCully regarding demurrage - no charge

Under new business the following was discussed

1. Meeting on December 19th between MCRC, Mason County EDC and MDOT regarding P.M. Hwy. turnback, and possible funding
2. Preliminary Amended budget for 1996 and proposed Budget for 1997 provided
3. Dittmer hired Earl Herban on a temporary basis to work

as a draftsman

4. Letter to Editor by Dittmer
5. Review various news items in paper regarding MCRC - all seem good coverage
6. Review news item regarding Ionia CRC and fire
7. Review letter from Bill Schutte to Employee Chris Sobaski
8. Review article in MAC regarding transportation funding
9. Mike Dillenbeck of Grand Traverse R.C. was elected to the CRAM Board of Directors

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Gary L. Dittmer, Temporary Secretary

December 27, 1996 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Engr.-Mgr.Dittmer, Sec.Anthony

Absent: None

Chairman Archer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the minutes of the December 13th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the December 13th meeting as read.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays:None Motion carried.

The board took the following action after reviewing the Payroll and Vender Accounts:

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve Pay #26 (\$47002.94) and warrant 43652 thru 43714 in the amount of \$68245.89.

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:50 a.m. Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:

**A. MAINTENANCE**

**1. County Wide**

Snow plowing and sanding  
Cutting brush and various trees  
Cold patching various locations  
Blading gravel roads when weather permits  
Hauling 2NS sand to yard

**2. State Trunkline**

Snow Plowing and Sanding

**B. CONSTRUCTION**

**1. Primary System**

Preparing preliminary plans for Jebavy Dr. and Bryant Road for 1997.

**2. LOCAL SYSTEM**

Work completed for year.

2. Equipment repaired during the last two weeks included:  
     #93 loader - linkage for tilt broken  
     #62 truck - blown head gasket
3. Schwass Road south of Chauvez, culvert has been repaired by boring a new culvert under road. Contractor used 16 inch plastic.
4. Dittmer attended a meeting with Bill Kraatz, Mason Co. EDC office, Reps. from MDOT, EDC office and Cadillac Construction, and Dow chemical to discuss PM Hwy. and how to improve it using EDC Cat. A funds.
5. Discussed employee Christmas party and cost breakdown.
6. Earl Herban has been used as a contract person for drafting, will be done in about two weeks.
7. Had disciplinary action problem with employee's, poor work, uncompleted work etc., held meeting with all involved and have set up a DRIVER DAILY INSPECTION REPORT.

#### BUDGET AMENDMENT AND APPROVAL FOR 1997

At 10:00 a.m. the budget was reviewed and amended.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Amend #2 for the budget for 1996. (See attached)

Yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve the proposed budget for 1997. (See Attached)

yeas: Archer, Thurow, Merrill. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

#### MEMBER MERRILL

1. Early Tuesday morning the freeway was snow covered and slippery.

#### VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Mr. Riisberg would like to see deer crossing signs on state highway.
2. Would like to see the passing zone coming into Walhalla made into a no passing zone.
3. The sanders are doing a good job distributing the sand.

CHAIRMAN ARCHER

1. Got a communique from Tom Brouwer regarding refunds for liability insurance.
2. Letter regarding upcoming spring meeting in March.
3. Task force letter read regarding meeting on Jan. 17th from Muskegon County.
4. Letter read from executive committee regarding proposed site for location of Northern Mich. meeting for 1998-99.

Ted Weinert came in to the meeting at 11:45 a.m. to discuss the plans for Bryant Road improvement.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Bryant Road project update
2. Storm sewer agreement with City of Ludington
3. Memo of Understanding with P.M. township

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Union employee contribution to Deferred Comp. paid this year.
2. MCRC new meeting schedule for 1997.
3. Letter from consulting firm read inquiring about evaluating county.
4. Request bids on 1997 pick-up trucks be taken.
5. Presented wage information for staff for review and comment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

 Shirley Anthony, Secretary



## MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-96 to 12-31-96

## Revenue

	1995	1996	Amend.#1	Amend#2
Licenses & Permits	3,500	3,500	5,000	8,000
Federal Sources				
Secondary	-0-	-0-	-0-	
Urban	-0-	-0-	-0-	
Surface Transp.Program	45,700	-0-	-0-	
State Sources				
Engineering	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Snow Removal	74,000	73,000	73,000	79,000
Urban Road	70,000	63,000	63,000	63,000
Allocation	2,500,000	2,250,000	2,400,000	2,350,000
State Crit.Bridge	-0-	-0-	-0-	
Economic Development Fund				
Rural Primary (D)	290,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
Forest Road (E)	39,000	100,000	150,000	250,000
Urban Area (F)	373,000	-0-	-0-	
Contributions from Local Units				
Township Contrib.	365,000	100,000	200,000	203,000
Cities & Villages	-0-	-0-	-0-	
Other-Hamlin/P.M.	260,000	35,000	17,000	19,000
Michitree	-0-	-0-	25,000	30,000
Mason Co. Drain Comm.				4,000
Charges for Services				
Trunkline Maintenance	567,000	567,000	600,000	575,000
Trunkline Non-Maint.	-0-	20,000	15,000	15,000
Salvage Sales	5,600	2,000	2,000	1,500
Interest & Rents				
Interest earned	46,000	35,000	50,000	46,000
Other Revenue				
Gain/Loss on Eq.Disp.	9,000	5,000	30,000	34,000
Other-Installment	140,800	-0-	28,600	28,600
Total:	\$4,798,600	\$3,488,500	\$3,893,600	3,941,100
Fund Balance 12/31/95	412,706	501,806	997,461	997,461
Total:	\$5,211,306	\$3,990,306	\$4,891,061	\$4,938,561

## MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-96 TO 12-31-96

## EXPENDITURES

	1995	1996	Amend. #1	Amend. #2
Heavy Maint.-Roads				
Primary	1,255,000	500,000	500,000	600,000
Local	485,000	100,000	450,000	400,000
Maintenance Roads				
Primary	750,000	600,000	750,000	900,000
Local	950,000	900,000	900,000	890,000
Heavy Maint. Structures				
Primary	45,000	10,000	10,000	-0-
Local	-0-	10,000	10,000	10,000
State Trunkline Maint.	567,000	567,000	600,000	575,000
State Highway-Other	-0-	20,000	15,000	12,000
Equipment Expense - Net	- 150,000	-0-	-0-	20,000
Administrative Exp.- Net	130,000	130,000	130,000	132,000
Capital Outlay - Net	300,000	250,000	50,000	50,000
Debt Service				
Principal Payments	43,000	45,000	185,000	181,000
Interest Expense	27,000	30,000	32,000	24,500
Distributive Expense	-0-	500,000	500,000	-0-
Contingencies	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total Expenditures	4,402,000	3,662,000	4,132,000	3,794,500
Fund Balance	809,306	328,306	759,061	1,144,061
Total Budget:	\$5,211,306	\$3,990,306	4,891,061	4,938,561

## MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-97 to 12-31-97

	Revenue	
	1996	1997
Licenses & Permits	8,000	8,000
Federal Sources		
Secondary	-0-	
Urban	-0-	
Surface Transp.program	-0-	
State Sources		
Engineering	10,000	10,000
Snow Removal	79,000	79,000
Urban Road	63,000	63,000
Allocation	2,350,000	2,350,000
State critical bridge	-0-	-0-
Economic Development Fund		
Rural Primary (D)	225,000	225,000
Forest Road (E)	250,000	50,000
Urban Area (F)	-0-	375,000
Rural Target (A)		50,000
Contributions from Local Units		
Township Contributions	203,000	203,000
Cities & Villages	-0-	-0-
Other-Hamlin/P.M.	19,000	500,000
Michitree	30,000	-0-
Mason Co.Drain Comm.	4,000	-0-
Charges for Servics		
Trunkline Maintenance	575,000	575,000
Trunkline Non-Maint.	15,000	3,000
Salvage Sales	1,500	1,500
Interest & Rents		
Interest Earned	46,000	40,000
Other Revenue		
Gain/Loss on Eq. Disp.	34,000	30,000
Other-Installment	28,600	-0-
Total:	3,941,100	4,562,500
Fund Balance 12/31/95	997,461	1,164,061
Total:	\$4,938,561	\$5,726,561

## MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-97 to 12-31-97

## EXPENDITURES

	1996	1997
Heavy Maint.-Roads		
Primary	600,000	1,600,000
Local	400,000	450,000
Maintenance-Roads		
Primary	900,000	900,000
Local	890,000	900,000
Heavy Maint. Structures		
Primary	-0-	10,000
Local	10,000	10,000
State Trunkline Maint.	575,000	575,000
State Highway-Other	12,000	3,000
Equipment Expense-Net	-0-	20,000
Administrative Exp.-Net	132,000	135,000
Capital Outlay-Net	50,000	50,000
Debt Service		
Principal Payments	181,000	51,000
Interest Expense	24,500	25,000
Distributive Expense	-0-	500,000
Total Expenditures	3,774,500	5,229,000
Fund Balance	1,164,061	489,561
Total Budget:	\$4,938,561	\$5,718,561