

January 10, 1997 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 27th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the December 27th 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 Merrill to approve Pay #1 (\$52766.35) and warrant numbers 43716 thru 43784 in the amount of \$56,067.77.

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. the board excused Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer and Secretary Anthony and went into executive session.

At 10:35 a.m. the board reconvened with all members present.

CHAIRMAN ELECTED

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to appoint Robert Thurow as Chairman of the board, Ronald Merrill, Vice-Chairman and Dean A. Archer Member for 1997.

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

Robert Thurow took over the meeting as the new chairman.

STAFF RAISES FOR 1997

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to increase the staff salaries to the following:

Name	Position	Salary
Shirley Anthony	Clerk	\$31,796.45
Robert Larson	Foreman	\$32,705.88
Harold Morse	Foreman	31,626.88
Eric Moody	Superintendent	36,671.60
Diane Swathwood	Asst. Clerk	20,280.00
Theodore Weinert	Proj.Engr.Asst	34,245.83
Terry Woirol	Foreman	33,536.98
Gary Dittmer	Engr.-Mgr.	43,216.00

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

At 10.55 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
 - Hauling 2NS sand to yard
 2. State Trunkline
 - Snow plowing and sanding
 - b) **CONSTRUCTION**
 1. Primary System
 - GI planned for January 21st for both Bryant and Jebavy Drive
2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
 - #98 loader - linkage for tilt broken
 - #60 truck - blown head gasket
 - Numerous minor items such as clutches, brakes, etc.
3. Earl Herban has completed work as a contract person for drafting.
4. Dittmer and Moody attended a meeting with the Blue/Thunder Association members to discuss possible work on roads in their area - very good response.
5. Sanitary sewer pumps broke down this week. Required Malburg and City of Scottville to repair and put back into service.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. It would be nice if when our trucks went west of the Scottville stop light if they will put their scraper down in the City.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Roads were plowed early in Mason County and not in surrounding counties.

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Read a letter from CRAM.
2. He can't go to task force meeting in Muskegon on Jan. 17th.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Have a tentative agreement with City of Ludington regarding storm sewer.
2. Have requested funds from EDC office In MDOT for Cat. D funds to finish Bryant. They may not have enough in their funds.
3. Monies available from 1996 are \$741,000. Very similar to 1994 and less than 1995.
4. MTF monies down from 1996 by \$20,000 for month of January.
5. Billing for Trunkline Maintenance very similar for December of 1996 and 1995.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. John Walters will be here Jan. 15th to discuss the pension and deferred comp. with the employees.
2. Coresource meeting at MCRC regarding personal protective equipment on January 17th.
3. US-31 Corridor Status meeting to be held in Muskegon on January 17th at 7:00 p. m.
4. ISTEA preliminary meeting to be held on January 15th in Baldwin with Region 8A task force.
5. Present proposed Mission and Goals of the MCRC sheet given to commissioners.
6. Information regarding purchasing of a motor grader discussed.
7. Proposal from Lucent Tech. regarding replacing telephones.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to update the telephone system.

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

PICKUPS

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to purchase two 3/4 ton pickups from the State Department of Management and Budget.

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

EQUIPMENT BIDS

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to advertise for bids for the following:

- a. Two Tandem truck chassis
- Two Underbody Scrapers
- One dump box
- One Semi Tractor
- One Self-Propelled power broom

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

It was discussed that the county Extension Director would like to use the MCRC building to calibrate sprayers. It was decided to not let them use the building.

Chairman Thurow thanked Dean Archer for doing a good job as Chairman for the last two years.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:45

P.m.

Shirley M. Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary/Clerk

January 24, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: Archer

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the Jan. 10th. meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the January 10th 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 Pay #2 (\$63474.44) and warrant 43785 thru 43850 in the amount of \$45437.30.

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

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

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**

Snow plowing and sanding
Cold patching various locations
Hauling 2NS sand to yard

2. **State Trunkline**

Snow plowing and sanding

b. **CONSTRUCTION**

1. **Primary System**

Grade inspection held on January 21st for both Bryant and Jebavy Drive, plans, specs. etc, completed and ready to send in by next week. Letting date April 4th, start up date May 1st.

2. **Equipment repaired during this period:**

#98 loader - linkage for tilt broken
Numerous minor items such as clutches, brakes, blade changes, etc.

3. Gary and Ted attended Rural Task Force meeting on Jan. 15th, this informational meeting only at this time.
4. Gary met with Bill Roy, who represents St. Simmons church regarding Bryant Road.
5. Terry and Eric met with Coresource and various counties to discuss personal protective equipment and how to implement.
6. Grievance filed on Jan. 13th regarding overtime, responded to grievance.
7. Disciplinary taken against employee who failed to report to supervisor of call in. Grievance filed by employee.
8. Various articles in paper regarding MCRC, all reports seem good to date. Ludington Daily News reporter rode with Joe Vaclavik during storm last week and was impressed.
9. Lots of overtime this pay due to severe weather conditions, but no major problems.
10. Driver hit railroad track and broke plow and truck.
11. Informational meeting to be held in Pere Marquette Township hall regarding Bryant road on Jan. 27th.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Wondered if Gary had any additional information on graders yet.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Attended quarterly Township association meeting held in Riverton Townhall last night. A roast was held at the meeting for retiring County Treasurer Bernal Burke.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Truck bids are out but not many requests yet.
2. Two pickups from Orson E. Coe of Grand Rapids ordered and expect delivery sometime in March.
3. Numerous requests for specs on broom.
4. Comments on Mission Statement of MCRC and Goals.
5. Gary to set up meeting with Township Supervisors in

early February.

6. Informational meeting on Monday Night at PM Twp. hall regarding Bryant road and improvements.
7. Talked to Bruce Conradson from MDOT regarding US-31 freeway poor workmanship. Contractor agreed to redo portions of job, due in part to letter from Gary.
8. Receiving proposals for fire protection alarms for MCRC building.
9. US-31 Corridor status meeting in Muskegon on Jan. 17th was postponed, no new date set.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Mason County Rural Task force meeting to be held on February 10th to discuss 1997 projects.
2. ISTEA meeting to be held on Feb. 18th in Baldwin with Region 8A task force
3. Paul Bunyon meeting to be held on Feb. 6th in Grand Traverse County.
4. Permission to begin condemnation proceeding on property needed if necessary to get right-of-way on Bryant Road.
5. Ted to be gone next week from Monday to Thursday at Ferris State College to study bituminous inspection.
6. Presented Restrictive covenant on property due to soil contamination.
7. Laman Asphalt has invited MCRC to dinner on March 18th at Lansing.
8. Gary has invited Bill Schutte and Bill Bobier to Legislative Reception and Dinner on March 19th in Lansing. Manistee has set up the balance of the invitations.
9. Shirley will be gone from February 7th to Feb. 14th to vacation in Florida.
10. Letter from Northern Association of Road Commissions requesting candidate for directors.
11. Had to pick up barrell in road on Jebavy and have tested for contamination.

BUILDING AT KIRSCHNER PIT

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to sell for \$1.00 the structure located at Kirschner pit, with a \$100.00 deposit to be returned if removed by July 1st. to Charnes Construction. Contractor to provide indemnification of insurance to Mason County Road Commission.

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

CITY OF LUDINGTON AGREEMENT

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to have Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer sign an agreement with the City of Ludington regarding hook up to the storm sewer on Bryant Road.

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

OAK PARK SUBDIVISION APPROVAL

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to accept Oak Park Subdivision road into the Mason County Road Commission system, called Oak Ridge Drive.

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

JEBAVY DR. & BRYANT ROAD PROJECTS

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to authorize signature of Chairman Thurow and Vice-Chairman Merrill to sign plans for Jebavy Dr. Project #EDDF53555 Job #39353A and Bryant Rd.

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

Letter from Parks & Recreation read requesting Chairman of the Road Commission be on Parks & Recreation Committee.

Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer would like to contact a labor attorney regarding the next Union contract.

LIFE INSURANCE FOR STAFF

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to pay life insurance on the staff in the amount of \$5000.

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

It is being considered at a later date to contribute to deferred comp. as a possible bonus to the staff.

Discussed P.M. highway turnback. Bill Kraatz will talk to business men along the highway.

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

Shirley Anthony, Sec./Clerk

Shirley Anthony

February 7, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: Archer

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to suspend reading the minutes of the January 24th meeting and approve them as written.

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 #3 (\$56100.79) and warrant 43851 thru 43928 in the amount of \$72474.96.

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

At 9:10 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:25 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
Cold patching various locations
Hauling 2NS sand to yard

2. State Trunkline

Received 300 tons of backup salt this week. Have ordered 700 tons more.

b. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Bryant Road-Final plans have been shipped. Still negotiating with property owners, have meeting with Mark Otto Monday to discuss condemnation on three parcels - Gary Herman, Mrs. Vern Smith and Chester Hammond.

Jebavy Drive- Final plans have been sent in all is ready for letting.

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
 #93 loader - linkage for tilt broken
 #40 Truck - clutch being replaced at Woodland International and there are numerous other problems.
3. Accident by Harold Morse on Tuesday, he hit a tree-
 much damage to vehicle - caused by slippery conditions.
4. Scottville Fire Department held a mock fire drill at MCRC
 on Monday.
5. Rick Bowman on Workmans Compensation due to accident, he
 hit a set of railroad tracks and is having physical
 therapy.
6. Contacted Fabian Knizacky regarding Chairman being on
 Parks and Recreation Committee. This is by state statute
 cannot change, can not even have representative.
7. Trunkline expense for January 1996 \$84,000, for Jan. 1997
 \$129,000.
8. Robert Larson took scales to Lansing to be certified for
 weight restrictions in spring.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Discussed letter from Ron DeCook regarding governor's
 speech about transportation plan.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

No comments

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Discussed proposed truck bids.
2. Pickups ordered from Orson E. Coe of Grand Rapids.
 Expect delivery in March. Will be orange.
3. Gary set up meeting with Township Supervisors on
 Monday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m. at MCRC lunchroom.
4. Numerous requests for specs on broom have been requested.
5. Union Step 2 meeting to be held on Feb. 11th to discuss
 two grievances. One pertains to failure to call
 supervisor and the other one; overtime list. Gary
 Dittmer, Eric Moody, Walt Dessauer, Rick Bowman and the
 union representative will attend.

6. County Task Force meeting to be held on Monday. Nov. 10th at this office at 10:00 a. m. There is \$380,000 available for 2 years. LMTA needs two buses and Jebavy Drive requires \$175,000
7. Receiving proposals for a proposed pole barn for MCRC storage. Gary Dittmer will put together data to bid this work.
8. Shirley to be on vacation from Friday Feb. 7th thru Sunday Feb. 16th.
9. Paul Bunyon meeting held in Grand Traverse County on Feb. 6th. Robert Thurow, Shirley Anthony, Terry Woirol and Gary Dittmer attended and the Grand Traverse County Road Commission was toured. Gary was elected chairman for 1997 and the next meeting will be held in Mason County in May.
10. Sent proposal to Lake County Builder interested in our building in Kirchner Pit - no response yet.
11. There will be staff appraisals this year.
12. Suggested using a labor negotiator for the union contract the next time the contract is due.
13. There was a thank-you letter sent to the people in attendance at the Bryant Road meeting held at the Pere Marquette Township Hall.
14. Received a call from Sherman Township Supervisor regarding a road closure causing Al Villadsen property to be landlocked.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. ISTEa meeting to be held on 18th in Baldwin with Region 8A task force.
2. Letter from Sherman and Amber Townships requesting to change previous projects to be consistent with the present Local Road Policy.
3. The commission agreed to place bid notice in the paper for the sale of used trucks along with trade-in for the local people to bid on.
4. Senator Bill Schuette will not be able to attend the Legislative reception but he will meet with the Board on a one on one basis sometime during the CRAM meeting.

5. CRAM requested appointments for Commissioners Committee.
6. Hyde's Equipment has exchanged a plow for one of the same design but longer than the previous one with a difference in price of \$500.
7. Received a generic letter to the Editor from CRAM that could be modified and sent to the Ludington Daily News.

In regards to the Proposed Policy for Local Road Program the only change is if the deposit is made it stays at the Road Commission.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept the Local Road Maintenance Policy for 1997 as written.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to appoint Gary Dittmer to be on MCRASIF committee if nominated.

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

A letter was read from Dorothy Pohl from Ionia County Road Commission regarding an editorial in the Grand Rapids Press. Gary Dittmer is to provide additional information to Ms. Pohl for her to respond to editorial.

At 11:05 a.m. Al Villadsen came into the meeting to discuss a road closure.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



Respectfully submitted,
Shirley M. Anthony, Clerk

February 21, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: Archer

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to suspend reading the minutes of the February 7th meeting and approve them as written.

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 Pay #4 (\$46782.01) and warrant 43929 thru 43995 in the amount of \$64907.70.

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

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

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

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:

MAINTENANCE

1. County Wide

Snow plowing and sanding
Cold patching various locations
Hauling 2NS sand to yard from pit
Cutting trees and brush

2. State Trunkline

Snow plowing and sanding
The only salt left is salt owned by the state, we cannot use any of it on the county system.

CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Plans are in on both Jebavy and Bryant road. Are still working on right-of-way for Bryant Road.

2. LOCAL SYSTEM

Began clearing on Sherman and Mavis roads, have staked Rath road for clearing.

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:

#98 loader-linkage for tilt broken
 #41 truck - fan clutch delivered
 #40 & 41 talked to International representative
 regarding problems; they will furnish parts but
 labor is our cost, new clutch in #40 was ok the
 transmission was broken, #41 clutch will be
 replaced by Woodland at their cost and labor
 when necessary.

3. Mason County Rural task force met to discuss and
 set up priorities, for 1997 and 1998
 1. Transit has two busses at \$96,000
 2. Jebavy Drive 216,000
 3. Fountain Road(Village) 125,000
4. Rural Task force at Baldwin held on Feb. 18th,
 projects, except for Fountain, were approved.
 Region must be balanced by 1998, we are balanced.
5. Met with supervisors on February 10th to discuss
 local policy and goals, good turnout and
 discussion, only Meade, Hamlin and Logan did not
 attend, information sent to Supervisors.
6. Union grievance Step 2 held with Union last week
7. Met with Frank Charnes regarding building on
 Kirschner pit. Dittmer to prepare paperwork -
 Charnes to begin removal in April.

At 10:00 a.m. bids were open for dump box, underbody scrapers,
 self-propelled broom, semi tractor and 2 trucks. Representatives
 attended from Horner Equipment, Ed Jabrocki, Wolverine Equipment
 Caldwell Equipment, and Woodland International.

DUMP BOXES AND U.B. SCRAPERS

Hyde Equipment Co.	Gallion Dump Box	\$5901.00
	2-Root U.B. Scrapers	9418.00
Horner Equipment Co.	Henderson dump box	5574.00
	2-Henke U.B. Scraper	9806.00
Truck & Trailer Specialties	Perfecion dump box	5553.00
	2-Monroe U.B.scraper	9912.00
Glar & Sons Equip.Co.	Warren 10 yd.dump box	6552.00
	2-Viking U.B. Scraper	9420.00

SELF-PROPELLED SWEEPER

West Mich. Power & Equipment	1997 Sweepster	\$35953.00
	Alt. bid \$3000 for #73	32953.00
Wolverine Tractor	1997 Waldon	25170.00
	Alt. bid \$6170 for #73	19000.00
Colwell Equipment	1997 Rosco	25905.00
	Alt. bid \$2500 for #73	23405.00

SEMI-TRACTOR

Duthler Ford Tractor	LT9522 Ford	70475.00
	Alt. bid \$4000 for #63	66475.00
	Alt. bid Add \$250.00 for Cummins engine	66725.00
Woodland International	1996 Int. tandem	69821.39
	alt. bid \$4000 for #63	65821.39

2 TRUCKS

Duthler Ford Tractor	2-1998 LT9511 Ford	\$123450.00
	Alt. bid \$4500 for #19 and \$6500 for #27	112450.00
Woodland International	2- 1997 Int. tandem	117344.68
	Alt. bid #19 \$4500 and #6500	106344.68

BIDS FOR TRADE-INS

Ed Jabrocki	Unit #27	3250
Deposit \$600 incl.	Unit #19	3250
Myers Equipment	Unit #27	5200
Deposit \$1600 incl.	Unit #19	4600
	Unit #63	3600
	Unit #73	2200
Ben Knizacky	Unit #27	1510
Deposit included \$151		
Phil Gajeski	Unit #73	1201.05
Deposit included \$121		

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Talked to man at soil district annual meeting last Thurs. He praised the condition of his road for the year and his area roads were well taken care of this winter.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

No comments

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Pickups ordered from Orson E. Coe of Grand Rapids expected to be delivered in early March.
2. Mission statement of MCRC and Goals was reviewed and to be discussed at the next meeting.
3. Receiving proposals for fire protection alarms, only one received to date.
4. US-31 corridor status meeting in Muskegon on Jan. 17th postponed will be held April 1st in Muskegon.
5. Rick Bowman back to work after being off on Workmen's compensation.
6. Dittmer to have Staff evaluations and job descriptions completed by next meeting for board review.
7. Dittmer contacted various counties regarding labor attorney and sent letter of request for proposal to four attorneys.
8. Met with Stanley Saya regarding Al Villadsen property. Thinks they will work out the problem between the property owners.

UNDER NEW BUSINESS THE FOLLOWING WAS DISCUSSED

1. Weight restrictions will be in effect in Manistee on Wednesday of next week.
2. Mason, Lake and Oceana are on hold until next Friday for weight restrictions due to weather conditions.
3. Dittmer has been appointed to MCRCSIF Board of Directors at least until July. Goals meeting to be held on Feb. 27 & 28 in Gaylord.
4. Have found a used VEE bottom gravel trailer, are checking this out for possible purchase.

5. Bob Thurow is attending an auction in Southern Michigan.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to allow Thurow to bid on used 30,000 gallon fiberglass storage tank at auction on 2/24/97.

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

6. MDOT denies MCRC for Timber Bridge Incentive.

7. Discussed various letters to editor in Oceana and Ludington paper.

8. Various townships have commented they have money to spend on Local roads this summer- could be a good year again.

9. Time to begin thinking about 4-10 hr. work days for summer.

10. Met with Forest Service and DNR regarding Landon road fish access site and parking area.

Letter read from Northern Assoc. of Road Commissions requesting candidate for directors-tabled until next meeting.

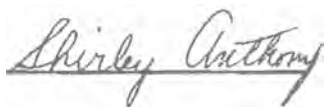
Discussed proposals for furnishing and constructing a 50'x100' pole building. Will discuss more at next meeting.

ACT 51 REPORT TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to transfer \$52690.99 from the primary fund to the local fund.

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

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



Shirley Anthony,
Clerk/Secretary

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

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the February 21th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the February 21st meeting as read.

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

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

Motion by Acher supported by Thurow to approve Pay #5 (\$51132.95) and warrant 43996 thru 44065 in the amount of \$54361.61.

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

At 9:30 a.m. County Treasurer Tim Hansen came in to the meeting to discuss how Mason County Road Commission funds are invested and a statement of Mason County revenues as of Feb. 28, 1997.

At 10:00 a.m. Engineer/Manager Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:

MAINTENANCE

County Wide

Snow plowing and sanding. 8-11" of snow fell in 5 hours on February 27th.

Cold patching at various locations.

Patching bad areas with gravel.

Cutting trees and brush.

Have obtained 50 tons +/- of salt for county from Lake County.

2. **State Trunkline**

Snow plowing and sanding - last Thursday had at one time 11 units working trunkline.

Only salt left is owned by state and they don't want the county to use any of it.

B. Construction

1. **Primary System**

Plans are in on both Jebavy and Bryant road. Are still working on right of way for Bryant Road. Mark Otto beginning condemnation proceedings.

2. LOCAL SYSTEM

Began clearing on Sherman and Mavis Roads.
Are negotiating with Reynolds Saw mill to cut trees and tops on Rath road at no cost to road commission.
Have began contacting various townships on projects for 1997.

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
 #98 loader - completed
 Various other minor items repaired during this period.
3. Billing to MDOT for month of February was \$73,000, at the same period last year was \$80,000.
4. Dittmer performed Staff evaluations this past week.
 Also rewrote job descriptions to update and improve.
5. Weight restrictions were imposed on Saturday March 1st.
 All signs are up and Bob Larson is enforcing same. To date have met with garbage haulers, contacted Milk haulers and have issued only one warning.
6. Have inspected Frost Tube Thursday March 6th.
 0 -1 Unfrozen ground
 1-2.5 Frozen ground
 2.5 No frost
7. Gary Dittmer attended first meeting of MCRCSIP board.
 Next meeting to be held at CRAM annual meeting.

Terry Woilol, Shop foreman, came in to the meeting to discuss the bids for a broom, semi-truck, tandem truck, dump box and scraper.

SELF-PROPELLED BROOM

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill that we purchase a Waldon self-propelled broom from Wolverine Tractor & Equipment for \$25,170.00, less trade-in of #73, of \$6170 for a total of \$19,000.00.

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

SEMI-TRACTOR TRUCK

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to purchase 1-semi-tractor truck with Cummins Engine from Duther Ford Truck in the amount of \$70725.00, with no trade-in.

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

TANDEM AXLE TRUCKS

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to purchase 2-tandem axle trucks from Duthler Ford Truck in the amount of \$123,450.00 with trade-in of #19 for \$4500 and #27 for \$6500 for a balance of \$112,450.00.

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

SCRAPERS

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to purchase 2 underbody scrapers from Hyde Equipment Co. in the amount of \$9418.00.

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

DUMP BOX

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to purchase 1 perfection dump box from Truck & Trailer Specialties of Boyne Falls in the amount of \$5553.00.

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

Discussed the cost of buying a new V-bottom trailer or rebuilding a used trailer.

PICKUPS

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to dispose of pickup #18 and #24, and miscellaneous office equipment.

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

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. There are some bad bumps on Hansen road by Bill Nicholsons.

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Would like to know more about proposal for a labor attorney.
2. There will be a Commissioners seminar coming up on April 13th in Traverse City for CRAM.
3. There is still a lot of confusion in the state about lack of support for a gas tax raise.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Went to Riverton township board meeting last Monday night. There was some complaints about the soft roads. The township has a lot of roads they want fixed this year. They want the county to be aware of the shoulder damage done by the pipe line.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. CRAM annual meeting to be held before the next meeting. Rooms and reservations are all set.
2. The new pickups ordered from the State Extended Purchase plan are here. They look good.
3. Receiving proposals for fire protection alarms for MCRC buildings.
4. US-31 corridor status meeting to be held on April 1st in Muskegon.
5. Gary Dittmer has contacted Gibb's Restaurant for the next Paul Bunyon meeting. Also contacted Tom Postema, County board chairman, and George Etchison, with CSX, to be on the program.
6. Al Villadsen contacted Gary regarding past road abandonment problem. Gary to assist in helping him solve problem.
7. Copy of letter from property owner along Larson Road with regards to CSX closing read.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Letter of appreciation read from Mason/Lake ISD regarding Jim Durfee finding lap top computer along road and returning.
2. Reviewed various news items from St. Clair CRC regarding efficiency.
3. Reviewed various Legislative update information.
4. Letter from NMARC regarding next years meeting and location.
5. Reviewed listing of proposed surplus office equipment.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CRAM

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to nominate Ron Young for board of directors for CRAM.

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

Gary showed map of proposed building to be built for storing equipment.

The Act 51 report for 1996 was reviewed.

ACT 51 CERTIFICATION REPORTS

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill that the board approve the Act 51 Certification reports and financial data for the 1996 fiscal year, and further that Chairman Thurow be authorized to sign the various documents.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony
Clerk/Secretary

March 21, 1997 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 and Bill Gerbers, visitor.

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the March 7th meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the March 7th meeting.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill, Archer. 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#6 (\$47677.09) and warrant 44066 thru 44144 in the amount of \$61287.53.

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

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

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

Snow plowing and sanding as necessary
Cold patching in various locations
Patching bad areas with gravel
Cutting trees and brush
Still have approx. 20-30 ton of county salt left.

2. **STATE TRUNKLINE**

Snow plowing and sanding as necessary
Have about 600 tons of state salt in stock
There will be a retirement dinner for Bruce Conradson, MDOT engineer, on 3-27-97.

B. CONSTRUCTION

1. **Primary System**

Jebavy and Bryant have been advertised and property owners have been notified.
City of Ludington started their part of the project last week.

2. **Local System**

Have contacted all townships on projects for 1997.
Looks like there will be a lot of work this year.
Having Ted pick up survey data and stake various
projects for clearing and grading.

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
#10 pickup back in service
Bedliners had to be ordered for new pickups from GM.
Various other minor items repaired during period.
3. Weight restrictions are still in effect to date.
Bob Larson has written two tickets and issued two
warnings.
4. Have inspected frost tube Thursday March 6th.
0 -1.5 Frozen ground 1.5 - Unfrozen ground
5. Gary Dittmer, Ron Merrill and Dean Archer attended CRAM
annual conference ending this past week. Well attended
and a good program.

At 9:55 a.m. Bill Gerbers came in to the meeting to discuss
property damage along Bradshaw Road. He left at 10:45 a.m.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Went to CRAM conference in Lansing. Attended dinner for
legislators. Talked about gas tax raise.
2. Talked to Dave Wright about tile that needed replacing on
Deren Road in Summit Township.
3. Would like to see more road projects due to current fund
balance in road commission funds.
4. Satisfied with the work the road commission staff is
doing here.
5. Concerned with operation of CRAM and its director.
6. Should sent Al Hardman a card of congratulations for
finishing the ididerod race in Alaska.
7. Northern Association meeting elected to dispense with
the entertainment at the next meeting in September.
They are having a drawing in lieu of entertainment.

VICE CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Talked to Jim Bricker, from Michigan Cat. They will be
having an open house on April 4th & 5th.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Wondered how the night crew is working out this time of year.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. New Ford Semi-tractor to be delivered sometime next week.
2. Comments on Mission statement of MCRC and goals.
3. Receiving proposals for fire protection alarms for MCRC buildings.
4. Discussed proposed layout for MCRC property and possible building location. Need permit to put up building.
5. Gary contacted Gibb's Restaurant for next Paul Bunyan meeting. Also contacted Tom Postema, County Board Chairman, and George Etchison with CSX railroad as part of the program for May 1st. meeting.
6. Al Villadsen contacted Gary regarding past road abandonment problem. Have not received any reply yet.
7. Reviewed legislative data from CRAM.
8. Discussed various proposals on VEE bottom trailers. Tabled until next meeting.
9. Talked about 4-10 hr. work days.
10. Commissioners should attend more township meetings.
11. Discussed grievances from union.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Reviewed proposals from various labor attorneys.
2. Cary Shineldecker has been hired to do computer drafting and consulting work for MCRC.
3. Commissioners seminar will be April 13-15 in Traverse City.
4. Bidding for rest area attendant will be held by the next meeting.

Quotations were received for curb sweeping. Will call state office with amounts quoted.

STATE CONTRACTS

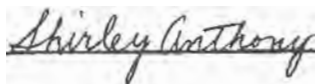
Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept contract from Mich. Dept. of Transportation for #97-5075 Bryant Road and to have Chairman Thurow and Vice-Chairman Merrill sign the necessary documents.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept contract from Mich. Dept. of Transportation for #97-5090 Jebavy Drive and to have Chairman Thurow and Vice-Chairman Merrill sign the necessary documents.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Anthony". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Shirley Anthony, Sec./Clerk

April 4, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to suspend reading the minutes of the March 21st meeting and approve them as written.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill, Archer. 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 #7 (\$49140.42) and warrant 44145 thru 44208 in the amount of \$77403.97.

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

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

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

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

a. **MAINTENANCE**

1. **County Wide**

Ended snow plowing and sanding for now
Blading gravel roads
Cold patching various locations
Patching bad areas with gravel
Cutting trees and brush

2. **State Trunkline**

Ended snow plowing and sanding for now
Balance of funds as of 3/31/97 \$88,000

b. **CONSTRUCTION**

1. **Primary System**

Jebavy and Bryant bids will be opened today
Property owners have been serviced and begin court action by 4/27

2. **Local System**

Have been clearing on Sherman and Mavis roads
Have received numerous requests from townships on projects for 1997
Having Ted pick up survey data and stake various projects for clearing and grading

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:

- #40 truck is at Woodland Int. having starter and transmission repaired
- #73 Drott wheel seals leaking on front hubs.
Parts in and ready for completion
Various underbodies need repairs from winter work
- 3. Weight restrictions are still in effect. Bob Larson has written two more tickets to date.
- 4. Gary Dittmer has contacted Lake, Manistee and Oceana Counties. It appears they will remove weight restrictions by April 14th.
- 5. Have inspected frost tube Wednesday April 2nd and all unfrozen ground.
- 6. Gary Dittmer and Dean Archer attended US-31 Task Force meeting in Muskegon on Tuesday, along with County Administrator and County Board Chairman. The meeting was well attended.
- 7. Permit activity for the past period included:
GTE requests permit to place Fiber Optic on Meisenheimer Road from Brye to P.M. Highway
Symic activity to place cables across roads from Chauvez north to Fisher road.
- 8. New tractor semi was delivered on Thursday April 3rd.
- 9. Prisoners working on brush cutting, cleaning garage and next week working on US-10/31 cleanup.
- 10. Garage inspected by Coresource. He gave a good report.
- 11. Rest area attendant position was bid with no takers.
Joe Fiers to be assigned.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

- 1. Discussed the task force meeting he went to Tuesday.
- 2. Discussed Commissioners meeting coming up on 4-13 at Traverse City.
- 3. Cost share with townships on projects.
- 4. Stopped to see John Schimke in Manistee at Liquid Dustlayer.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

- 1. County is doing a good job coldpatching and grading roads this spring.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Went to meeting at Cadillac and went the back way and noticed the roads were drying up good and graded good.
2. Conrad road east of Eikenberrys need some work done.
3. South Scottville road and east of Fruit Packers on Chauvez Road needs ditching.
4. Wondered if anything more had been done about state turnback of old US-31.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. V-BOTTOM TRAILER

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to purchase a V-bottom trailer from Yale Equipment for \$35,500.00.

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

2. Gary Dittmer contacted Gibb's restaurant for the next Paul Bunyon meeting. Proposed menu discussed.
3. Consider boards position on 4-10 hour work days.
4. Reviewed jurisdiction change of old US-31 north of Scottville. Letter read from state giving jurisdiction to Road Commission.
5. Reviewed letter from CSX railroad regarding Larson Road Crossing. CSX to put crossing back by June 13, 1997.
6. MCRC property on US-31 north has been staked for property lines.
7. Gary Dittmer to contact fence company regarding fencing of east yard this spring.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Reservations have been made for the Commissioners seminar in Travers City.
2. At next Commission meeting, Mike Kluck, Labor Attorney will attend to meeting members and discuss proposal.
3. Will open bids for seasonal materials at the next meeting.
4. MCRC has been served notice of possible law suits for VanSickle accident on Custer Road and Connelly accident

on Millerton road at the RR crossing.

5. Gary Dittmer met met with Coresource to investigate the situation with the accidents.
6. Letter from Bill Schuette regarding transportation funding.
7. Mark Lothrop has been re-evaluated by Workmen's Comp. carrier.
8. Discussed other employees on restrictions.
9. Estimated gravel to be hauled in 1997 for local and primary roads is 40,000 cyds.

STOP SIGN WARRANTS

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to authorize stop signs at the following locations:

1. Oakridge W/B at Jebavy Dr. Sec. 1 Hamlin Twp.
2. Hillside Dr. W/B at Jebavy Dr. Sec. 1 p.m. Twp.
3. Riverside Lane W/B at hillside Dr. Sec. 1 Pere Marquette Township.

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

EASEMENTS

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept easements from the following and record them at the Register of Deeds:

1. Robert R. Morse & Kathy Morse, Donald & Sally Hutchison and Aline Marie Koptis & Albert Anthony Rosman
Barothy Road, Walhalla Road East 1 1/4 Miles
2. Steven H. Wever III & Richard H. VanDenHeuvel and Stephanie A. Wagner
Mavis Road West of Jebavy 1/2 mile
3. Karla Lee Fargo & Tommy John Wickes
Sherman Road, Mavis North 1 mile
4. Joyce I. Striker, Curtis W. Frost, Matthew J. & Julia K. Kaleyta, Tammy Sanders, Mary Lou Hathaway, Tracy & Janice Bothwell, William & Reneee Wright, William & Pamela Cramer, Paul A. & Julie Ann Meeker, Ervin L. & Peggy S. Padgett
Dewey Road, Amber East 1 mile
5. Karen K. Daly
Millerton West of Custer Rd.
6. Otto G. & Sue C. Allison, Ronald D. & Sally J. Hess, Brad R. & Stephanie A. Overholt.
Bryant Road between Washington & Sherman.

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

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



Shirley Anthony, Secretary

April 18, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to suspend reading the minutes of the April 4th meeting and approve them as written.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill, Archer. 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 #8 (\$48,808.96) and warrant 44209 thru 44278 in the amount of \$242,853.81.

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

At 9:10 a.m. Tom & Marilyn Zick, auditors, came in to the meeting to discuss the audit they are doing for Mason Co. Road Commission.

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

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

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:

a. **MAINTENANCE**

1. **County Wide**

Night patrol was ended as of last Monday April 14th
Have been blading gravel roads
Cold patching various locations
Patching bad areas with gravel
Preparing to start crackfilling on primary
Sweeping intersections and other areas
Cutting trees and brush

2. **State Trunkline**

Beginning to crack fill
Tri-Us Sweeping to start on april 28th

b. **CONSTRUCTION**

1. **Primary System**

Bid for Bryant Road	Engr.Est.	Low Bid
	\$640,000	582,000

	Engr.Est	Low Bid
Bid for Jebavy Dr.	\$217,000	200,000
2. Local System		
Sherman Road, Hamlin Twp.-Clearing in progress		
Mavis Road, Hamlin Twp. -Clearing in progress		
Kinney Road, Riverton Twp. Gravel in progress		

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
 - #40 Truck needs new clutch
 - #73 Drott Wheel seals-completed and working
 - #31 Truck needs new clutch
 - #33 Truck needs new differential
 - #93 Loader-new tires added-replacing low profile style
3. Weight restrictions lifted as of Monday April 14th.
4. Permit activity for past period included driveways only
5. Auditors are working this week on Treasury audit-will be completed by the end of the day.
6. Terry Woirol and Mark Lothrop attended a Brake seminar Wednesday night in Muskegon on their own time.
7. Gary Dittmer met with Bill Kraatz regarding P.M. highway-goal set to have all information to be tabulated and application for funding is to be done by June 1st.
8. Gary Dittmer met with Mark Otto regarding various abandonment locations.
9. Supervision of MCRC met with D. Bushness, Director of Central Dispatch this week.
10. Gary Dittmer and Eric Moody met with USFS regarding forest service gravel pit.
11. Rest area was opened on Monday April 14th. Joe Fiers will be the attendant.

At 10:00 a.m. bids were opened for Plastic pipe, coldpatch materials, Guard Rail, Hyd. & lub. oil, Diesel fuel & gasoline, corrugated metal pipe, calcium chloride, underbody scraper blades, and surplus equipment, with representatives in attendance from Wilkinson Corp., Jensen Bridge and Liquid Dustlayer. Also, Matt Boerma was in attendance. See attached sheets for reconciliation.

Awards for surplus materials to go to the highest bidder.

BID TABULATIONSSEASONAL MATERIALS

Bid Opening Date April 18, 1997

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.	1%-10 days Net 30 days	3.26	4.23	5.17	7.04
H. H. Craig & Sons	1%-10 days Net 30 days	3.33	4.30	5.20	7.35
St. Regis	1%-10 days Net 30 days	3.36	4.34	5.32	7.20
Premarc Corp.	1%-10 days Net 30 days	3.30	4.29	5.24	7.01

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	2.85	4.10	5.80	8.95
ADS, Inc.	Net 30 days	2.85	4.06	5.80	8.95

3. Bridge Materials-Wood

<u>Vender</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Materials</u>
Krenn Bridge	None listed	Treated Bridge Planks \$1,500/MBM

4. Guard Rail and Posts

Vender	Remarks	Str. Section	Curved Section	Wood Post	Steel Post
Jensen Bridge	1% ~10 days Net 30	3.16	4.62	25.94	21.25
Anro Supply	Net 30 days	2.48	3.57	21.25	17.65
St. Regis	Net 30 days	3.12			30.00
Const. Supply Inc.	None Listed	2.48	3.96	23.75	19.50

5. Lubricating and Hydraulic Oils

Vender	Trade Name	15W40 Motoroil	<u>Hydraulic</u> oil
Merle Boes Inc.	Penstate	2.37	1.79
Kamp Oil Inc.	Citgo	2.58	1.86
Adams Oil	Adams	3.32	1.79
Blarney Castle	Texaco	2.75	1.99
Diamond Oil Dist.	Mobile	3.07	1.99
Spartan Oil	No Bid		

6. Cold Patch Material

Vender	Material	Bidders Plant	<u>MCRC</u> <u>Garage</u>
Midland Contracting	CP#6	32.00	39.00
	CP#7	54.00	57.40
Rieth-Riley (Big Rapids)	CP#6	36.50	38.50
	CP#7	68.00	68.00

7. Unleaded Gasoline

<u>Vender</u>	<u>Rack Price</u>	<u>MarkUP</u>	<u>Delivery Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Westgate Trans.	0.6365	0.01	0.015	0.6615
Blarney Castle	0.6453	0.01	0.0194	0.6747
Brenner Oil	0.6453	0.0225		0.6678
Merle Boes	0.6453	0.01	0.01	0.6653

8. Diesel Fuel

<u>Vender</u>	<u>Rack Price</u>	<u>Mark- Up</u>	<u>Valv tech</u>	<u>Delivery Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Merle Boes	0.6196	0.01	0.015	0.015	0.6546
Westgate	0.6197	0.01	0.0055	0.015	0.6502
Brenner	0.6238	0.0225	0.0085		0.6548
Blarney Castle	0.6248	0.01	0.01	0.0194	0.6642

9. Brine/Calcium ChlorideA. Furnished & Loaded in MCRC Vehicles
@ Bidders Plant

<u>Vender</u>	<u>26%</u>	<u>32%</u>	<u>38%</u>
Wilkinson Corp.	0.05	0.07	0.145
LDI	0.045	0.1029	0.1080

B. Furnished & Applied Continuously
Mason County Roads

<u>Vender</u>		<u>32%</u>	<u>38%</u>
Wilkinson Corp.	0.11	N/A	0.215
LDI	0.09	0.163	0.185

C. Furnished & Applied Intermittently,
Mason County Roads

<u>Vender</u>	<u>26%</u>	<u>32%</u>	<u>38%</u>
Wilkinson Corp.	0.125	N/A	0.235
LDI	0.11	0.183	0.205

D. Furnished & Loaded
In MCRC Facilities

Wilkinson Corp.	0.08	0.10	0.175
LDI	0.08	0.133	0.155

10. Under Body Scraper Blade Inserts

<u>Vender</u>	<u>Standard Size</u>		<u>Alternate Size</u>		<u>Remarks</u>
	<u>6'</u>	<u>7'</u>	<u>6'</u>	<u>7'</u>	
St. Regis	23.99	27.86	29.52	34.44	3/4" Thick
Paper Calmenson	23.88	27.86	29.82	34.79	Tapered 1/2" 3/4"
Hyde Equip.	24.30	28.35	29.39	34.28	Tapered 1/2" 3/4"

At 11:00 a.m. Mike Kluck, with Kluck & Associates, came in to the meeting to discuss representing MCRC on Labor issues and negotiations.

At 12:00 o'clock the board adjourned for lunch and resumed at 1:15 p.m. with all members present.
The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Attended the Commissioners seminar in Traverse City. There were 26 new Commissioners at the meeting. The meeting was well attended.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Would like to see South Custer road sealcoated this year.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. The cracks on US10 east are getting bad. Would like to see some shoulder work done also.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Discussed position on 4-10 hour days.
2. Scottville Fire Dept. held a site review of MCRC property last Tuesday.
3. Gary Dittmer met with Reymonds Saw Mill regarding cutting trees on Rath Ave. for the Road Commission. To begin Monday cutting trees.
4. Gary sent agreement to Frank Charnes regarding building on Kirschner pit-no response to date.
5. Winter costs to date include:
 Primary System - -\$30,000 from 1996, +21,000 4 yr. aver.
 Local System - -\$34,000 from 1996, +12,000 4 yr. aver.
6. MTF funds for April down 4.5% from 1996
7. Letter from Dennis Babcock regarding US-31 Task Force
8. Commissioner Seminar held in Traverse City-all MCRC Commissioners attended.
9. Road Commission has been trying out a shoulder retriever.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to purchase a Shoulder Retriever from Miller Equipment Co. for a cost of \$7400.00.

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

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Discussed winter appreciation breakfast for employees.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to have a winter appreciation breakfast for MCRC employees.

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

2. MDOT Spring Review is scheduled for April 25th. Ted measured all the state highways.
3. BC/BS proposed rate increase is an average of 15% to be raised on June 1, 1997.
4. Letter from Thompson-McCully Oil Co. regarding sealcoat materials.
5. Letter from CRASIF regarding changing third party administrator.
6. Letter from MCRCSIP regarding director vacancy.
7. Letter from Jackie Shinn approving award of TED Cat. A funds for Freeman Road. Was awarded \$36000.
8. Letter of announcement for Road Commission fishfry on May 16th.
9. Letter from MichCon regarding building energy audit.

SHERIDAN ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to award contracts to Sheridan Township for Stolberg Road Agg. Surf. for \$5000, Morse Road, Single Seal for \$12,000, Trail Ridge, Agg. Surf, for \$10,000 and Taylor Road, Agg. Surf. for \$5,000.

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

VICTORY ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to award contracts to Victory Township for Victory Dr., Single Seal, \$24,000, Amber Road, Agg. Surf., \$10,000, Fisher Road, Agg. Surf., \$10,000, Victory Corners, Agg. Surf., \$5,000, Peterson Road, Agg. Surf for \$10,000, Dennis Road, Agg. Surf., \$10,000, and Beyer Road Agg. Surf. for \$20,000.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Sec./Clerk

May 2, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr/Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the April 18th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept the minutes of the April 18, 1997 meeting as read.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill, Archer. 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 #9 (\$46,815.26) and warrant 44280 thru 44354 in the amount of \$85054.25.

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

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

BIDS AWARDED

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer that management will award the seasonal bids taken on 4-18-97 in the best interest of the Mason County Road Commission.

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

At 9:40 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 locations
 - Patching bad areas with gravel
 - Sweeping intersections and other areas
 - Cutting trees and brush
 2. State Trunkline
 - Tri-Us Weeping Services to start on May 5th.
 - MDOT to do major crack sealing with contractor.
 - b. Construction
 1. Primary System
 - Obtaining grading permits and Easements for Hawley, Freesoil, and Lakeshore Drives.

Pre Con meeting for Bryant and Jebavy Drive on May 9th.

2. Local System

Sherman Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp. In progress
 Mavis Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp. In progress
 Rath Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp. In progress
 Kinney Road, Gravel, Riverton Twp. In progress
 Kinney Road, Gravel, Riverton Twp. Complete
 Appleton Road, Gravel, Riverton Twp. Complete
 Beard Road., Gravel, Riverton Twp. In progress

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
 - #40 Truck - done
 - #16 Truck - engine overhaul
3. Permit activity for the past period included:
 - Meeting with seismic people regarding work within R/W Driveway applications
4. Auditors completed Treasury audit - will be back with report later.
5. Eric and Gary met with MDOT for spring review last week, main items were the Freeway and lack of monies left over due to winter costs.
6. Review letter from Patricia Johnson MDOT regarding micro-seal on US-31 freeway.
7. Met with MDOT regarding drainage problem at Townline and US-31 north-seeking estimates for repairs.
8. Received payment from Michitree for cuttings in MCRC properties.
9. Gary has meeting with Fabian Knizacky regarding property transfer next week - opinion from prosecutor.
10. Gary has been in contact with Tom Coleman regarding reconstruction of P.M. Hwy. and with MDOT in Cadillac. Tom will be retiring on June 1st.
11. Crew has been working on east yard in preparation for crushed asphalt from Bryant Road.

At 9:45 a.m. Ronald Sondee and John Racine came in to discuss representing MCRC on labor issues and negotiations.

At 10:10 a.m. William Stakenas came in to the meeting to discuss Eiler Road abandonment. He left at 10:30 a.m

The Commissioners gave their reports as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Got a call that someone would like to have a no outlet sign put up on Dewey Rd. east of US31.

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Wondered if signs renaming Dennis Ave had been changed.
2. Should decide which roads to fix with money coming from

the state for maintenance.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Road is bad on Decker north of Jebavy and the bridge is barricaded.
2. North Custer road was bad when it was raining out last week.
3. Needs more progress with Whiskey Creek regarding getting gravel from them.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Gary sent agreement to Frank Charnes regarding building on Kirschner pit-No reponse to date.
2. Union grievance meeting to be held on May 7th to discuss employees grievance.
3. MDOT spring maintenance meeting to be held on May 5th. Eric and foreman to attend.
4. 4-10 hr. work week proposal passed union vote last Friday To begin 10 hr. days on June 2nd.
5. Surplus equipment was sold and everything has been removed and paid for by the bidders.
6. Reviewed proposed MDOT reorganization chart. Will be having 5 regional districts instead of 7.
7. Gary has contacted various fence companies for quotes on fence in the yard.
8. Gary has revealed numerous proposals on Fire protection and is preparing for action.
9. Gary has contacted caterer regarding appreciation breakfast-They will not do-but will do lunch. Will contact other caterers.

Under new business the following was discussed:

CENTERLINE PAINT CONTRACT

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to extend contract to Clark Highway Systems for centerline painting for one year.

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

1. BC/BS proposed rate increase is an average of 15% to

begin on June 1st. - this will reduce union wages by approx. 7-10 cents per hour as per the contract.

2. Letter from Thompson-McCully Oil Co. regarding sealcoat materials. Commission decided to put out on bids.
3. Dick Abby will be the summer Youth Crew Director again this year.
4. May 16th John Walters will be here to meet with the crew and management regarding pension and deferred comp.
5. Letter from Coresource regarding CRASIP change of TPA.
6. Month of May is time to bid open equipment for employees.
7. Paul Bunyon meeting held in Mason County Thursday was in good attendance.
8. Gary is planning to hire Caleb Dodson as summer help for engineering dept. this summer. He is a student at MTU.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to hire Caleb Dodson as summer help for the engineering department for this summer.

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

9. Gary had meeting with Jim Riffle, Custer Twp. Supervisor, and discussed local road funding.

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to allow Chairman Thurow, Vice-Chairman Merrill and Member Archer to sign Memo of Understanding with Hamlin/Per Marquette Water & Sewer Authority with regards to MCRC being the lead agency for the Bryant Road Project.

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

FREESOIL ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to enter into contracts with Freesoil Twp. for Freeman Road, Clearing & grubbing \$46,000, Reek/Poplar Road, Bit. Agg. \$35,200, Schoenherr Road, Agg. Surf. \$5,000, Stephens Road, Agg. Surf. \$17500, and Townline Road, Agg. Surfacing \$10,000.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill, Archer. Nays: None. Motion carried.
The next board meeting on May 16th is to start at 8:00 a.m.

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

 Shirley Anthony, Secretary

May 16, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to suspend reading the minutes of the May 2nd. meeting and approve them as written.

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

Contract for fence

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept a contract from Scenic-Security Fence Company for \$17,212.00 for fencing the east yard.

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

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to approve Pay#10, (\$46009.02) and warrant 44356 thru 44424 in the amount of \$114,581.32.

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

At 8:30 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 8:35 a.m. John Walters, from Comprehensive Financial Services came in to the meeting to discuss the deferred comp. and pension plans and ways to improve them. He left the meeting at 9:45 a.m. He is to meet with the employees at 12:30 p.m.

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

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

a. MAINTENANCE

1. County Wide

- Blading Gravel Roads
- Cold patching various locations
- Pulling shoulders
- Cutting trees and brush
- Brining with 38%

2. State Trunkline

Tri-Us Sweeping began sweeping last Monday
MDOT cleaning catch basins on trunkline
Contractor crack sealing on US10

b. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Hawley Road - clearing in progress
Bryant Road - Precon meeting held on May 9th
- Construction may begin on May 20th
- Court hearing held on May 13th
Jebavy Drive- Precon meeting held on May 9th
Construction to begin after July 4th

2. LOCAL SYSTEM

Sherman Road, Clearing-Hamlin Twp. in progress
Mavis Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp. in progress
Rath Road, Clearing, Hasmlin Twp. Contractor clear.
Kinney Road, Gravel, Riverton Twp. complete
Beard Road, Gravel, Riverton Twp. complete
Sippy Road, Gravel, Eden Twp. in progress
Stickeny Road, Gravel, Eden Twp. in progress

2. Equipment repaired during this period-no problems
Someone shot hole in window of boom mower
3. Permit activity for past period included:
Driveway applications
Michcon request to install in Golfwood Estates
Dow to remove abandoned pipe on First St,
Rasmussen Road and Bryant road
4. Gary has met with all townships regarding local road projects. Almost all paving projects are in by this meeting-Amber has one project still out.
5. Gary and Eric attended MDOT spring maintenance meeting in Cadillac-reviewed Concept Truck and discussed other items relating to trunkline contract.
6. Gary has applied for one of the open positions on the MCRCSIP board.
7. Larry Coolman had a minor accident with sign truck this last week-minor damage and no injuries.
8. Gary closed LaSalle Road bridge over the Sauble River in Grant Twp. last week due to deteriorated condition-repairs to follow.
9. Gary met with Victory Twp. to discuss with locals condition and procedure on Victory Corners Bridge closure.
10. Gary met with Rich Davis, Mason Co. Emergency preparedness Coordinator Thursday.
11. Prisoners are scraping building to paint.

RESOLUTION MDOT

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to send Resolution to MDOT to include Mason County in future highway improvement projects.

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

The Commissioners gave their reports are follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Would like to go to the U.P. Road Builders meeting in Sault St. Marie on June 17th and 18th.
2. Can't go to meeting at Shanty creek on May 30th.
3. Call from Norm Summerfield regarding pulling shoulders on Fisher road.
4. Talked to employees regarding park custodian job at the rest area.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. A semi went thru the sealcoat on Amber road south of railroad tracks and tore up the shoulder.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Would like to arrange to have Sheriff Larry Stewart come to commission meeting.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Met with union BA regarding union grievance on May 7th.
2. Reviewed proposed MDOT construction chart.
3. Gary has contacted Gibbs regarding appreciation breakfast Date set is May 23rd at 6:30 a.m.
4. New broom arrived last week-still checking machine out.
5. BC/BS proposed rate increase is an average of 13 1/2% to be raised on June 1st., this will reduce union wages by approx. 2-5 cents per hour as per contract.
6. May 16th John Walters will be here to meet with crew, management and board.
7. Terry checked on "Vee bottom" trailer-should be delivered by June 1st.
8. Truck bids for 1997 are as follows;
 - #19 - Jim Durfee-dropped from operator to heavy truck
 - Rick Hankins and Greg Collins
 - With this last bidding there are no people in the light truck classification or labor
9. Gary met with Tim Klunder regarding the placement of storage building close to property line - he had no

objection- will present to City council June 2nd for approval.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Caleb Dodson as summer help for engineering dept. To begin on June 2nd at \$5.50 hr.
2. Gary met with Ed Budzinski, rep. of Village of Fountain, they are interested in having MCRC do sealcoating on various village roads-Gary to prepare estimates.
3. Labor attorney named John McGlinchey will attend next board meeting.
4. Sealcoat sone, emulsion and asphalt bids will be opened at the next meeting on May 30th.
5. Gary to set up plat recertification meeting for next board meeting on May 30th for Plat on St. Marys Lake.
6. Reviewed proposed primary jobs for this year.

Discussed installing fire protection warning devices in MCRC building-Tabled for time being.

BIDS FOR STORAGE BUILDING

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to seek bids on equipment storage building.

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

PERE MARQUETTE TWP. ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to enter into contract with Pere Marquette Twp for Inman Road, crush, grade,agg. base for \$8,450, Sherman Rd. Leach Basin for \$2500, Bradshaw Rd. agg. surf. for \$6,000, Grace Ct. & Dawson Ave, Minor grade & agg. for \$7000 First St. Bit. wedge for \$1750, Meyers/Conrad Int. Grade, improve drain. & agg. base for \$21,954, King Dr. Oakwood dr. Johnson Rd. Hazelwood Dr. Bit. patches for \$6,250, Inman Rd. Single Seal for \$5,000, Hesselund Rd. bit. surface for \$7,150 and Hesselund Rd. Mill exist.asphalt, crack & seal, agg.base for \$15,923.00

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

SUMMIT ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to enter into contracts with Summit Township for Hawley Road, DoubleSeal

for \$15,000, Marrison Road, Bit. surface for \$9,375, Schlick Road, Agg. Surf, for \$4,000, Basswood Dr. & Basswood Court, Grade & agg. base for \$17,124, Basswood Dr. & Basswood Ct. for Bit. Surface, for \$8,750, Lattin Road, Bit. Surface for \$37,500, and Thiele Road Single Seal for \$2400.00.

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

BRANCH ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to enter into contracts with Branch Township for Emerson Lake Dr. & Maple Road, Single Seal for \$13,600, Barothy Road, Clear, grade & agg. mat. for \$64,000, Campbell Road, Single Seal for \$30,000, Johnson & Jackpine Single Seal, for \$6000. Emerson Lake Dr. & Maple Road, Agg. Surf. for \$15,400, Landon Road, Single Seal for \$4,800, Gibson Road, Single Seal for \$9,000.

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

AMBER ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into contracts with Amber Townshp for Fairview Subdivision, Bit. Asphalt, for \$11,880, Conrad Road, Bit. Asphalt, for \$10,000, Johnson Road, Agg. Surf. for \$10,000, Gordon Road, Single Seal, For \$18,000 and Lasalle Rd. Agg. Surf. for \$10,000.

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

CUSTER ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to enter into contracts with Custer Township for Wilson Road, crush and shape, replace culverts, for \$17,500, First St. Agg. Surf. for \$15,000, Hansen Road, Agg. Surf, for \$30,000, Wilson Road, Bit. asphalt for \$31,000 and First St. Agg. Surf. for \$5,000.

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

GRANT ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into contracts with Grant Township for Morton Road, crush 7 shape, add. add agg. for \$7,000, LaSalle Road, crush & shape, add add. agg. & double seal, for \$2,500, LaSalle Road, Single Seal, for \$10,000, and Morton Road, Single Seal for \$15,000.

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

RIVERTON ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into contracts with Riverton Township for Schwass Road, replacement of box culvert, for \$18,000, Various locations for 38% cal. chl. for \$6,660, and Morton Road, Single Seal for \$24,000.

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

VICTORY ROAD CONTRACT

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Victory Township for Various locations, 38% calcium chloride for \$6,197.50.

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

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

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

May 30, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

At 9:00 a.m. Ron Sarto, citizen of Hamlin Twp., came in to the meeting to discuss the condition of Sherman and Mavis road in Hamlin Township. He left at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to suspend reading the minutes of the May 16th meeting as discussed and approve them as written.

Yeas: Thurow, Merrill, Archer. 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 #11 (\$45,400.89) and warrant 55536 thru 55580 in the amount of \$68,209.19.

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

At 9:55 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

Bids were open at 10:00 a.m. for Bituminous Paving, Sealcoat aggregate, asphalt emulsion and Bituminous Pulverizing program, with representatives in attendance-Ron Wardon, Thompson-McCully, Marlin Oomens-Oomen's Contracting, Chad Waldo, Rieth-Riley, Nick Matiasch, Laman Asphalt and Dick Damore, Koch Materials.

SEALCOAT AGGREGATE BID

Laman Asphalt	29A Slag F.O.B. Scottville	15.65 ton
	29A Slag Suppliers yard	13.95 ton
	25A Slag F.O.B. Scottville	14.65 ton
	25A Slag Suppliers yard	12.95 ton

Meekhoff Lakeside Dock

	29A Slag F.O.B. Scottville	17.30 ton
	29A Slag Suppliers yard	12.25 ton
	25A Slag F.O.B. Scottville	13.80 ton
	25A Slag Suppliers yard	8.75 ton

ASPHALT EMULSIONS

Thompson-McCully	HFRS-2	.5611 gal.	RS-2A	.5611 gal.
	SSIH	.5611 gal.	MS2H	.7611 gal.
	MSOP	.8611 gal.		
Koch Materials	HFRS-2	.5200 gal.	RS-2A	.5200 gal.
	SSIH	.6200 gal.	MS-2A	.7200 gal.
	MSOP	.7700 gal.	HFRS2P	.8200 gal.

BIT. ASPHALT PAVING

Oomens Contracting	Bit. Mix 13A	25.81 ton
	Bit. base 700	25.50 ton
	temp. pave.mark.	.50 cents ft.
	rem. bit. surf.	5.00 sq. yd.
Rieth-Riley	Bit. Mix 13A	27.70 ton
	Bit. base 700	35.00 ton
	Temp. pave. mark	.75 cents yd.
	rem. bit. surf.	4.00 sq. ft.

BIT. PULVERIZING

J & M Enterprises	.25 cents/sq. yd
PRI	.35 cents/sq. yd
Bernie Johnson trucking	.35 cents sq./yd

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to allow management to make a decision on asphalt bid and bituminous pulverizing the rest the manager to tabulate and place on file.

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

At 10:45 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
Cold patching various locations
Pulling shoulders
Sweeping intersections

2. State Trunkline

Tri-Us Sweeping completed sweeping
MDOT cleaning catch basins on trunkline completed.
Contractor cracking sealing on US-10 completed.

b. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Hawley Road- grading in progress
Bryant Road-Construction began on May 27th
Court ruled in favor of MCRC for easements.

2. LOCAL SYSTEM

- Sherman Road, Clearing, Hamlin twp. completed
- Mavis Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp. completed
- Rath Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp. in progress
- Sippy Road, Gravel, Eden Twp. in progress
- Stickney Road, Gravel, Eden Twp. in progress

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
 - #256 Tractor/boom mower-windshield shot out
 - # 35 Tandem Truck - new clutch
 - # 56 & 57 Sandblasted, prime and painted boxes
3. Permit activity for past period included:
 - Driveway applications and GTE replaced manhole on Bryant Road.
4. Prisoners cleaning building and preparing to paint on outside.
5. Held employees appreciation breakfast last Friday.
6. Have used all of the gravel in Forest Service pit. Gary has contacted Halliday regarding processing more at that site.
7. Gary has talked to Mark Todd, of Whiskey Creek, regarding purchasing gravel he has had processed.
8. Had a fatality on Hansen Road-Have taken pictures and contacted Coresource.
9. Tri-Us Sweeping Service to begin county sweeping on Monday.
10. Letter from state regarding rest area being clean was read to commission.

Lawyer John McClinchey came in to the meeting at 10:50 a.m. to discuss representing MCRC on labor issues and negotiations. He left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Letter regarding MDOTs new director.
2. He and Bob Thurow are going to Grand Rapids to Rush-pac fund raiser.
3. Discussed work activities of employees and perception by public.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Discussed Ron Sardo situation on Sherman/Mavis Roads.
2. Discount Pipe is leaving a mess on Rasmussen Road where they are pulling pipe.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Pipeline contractor is doing a good job seeding where they buried lines.
2. Discussed the need to make a road from Quality Farm & Fleet west to Meyers road.
3. Need to look into making a road from Quality Farm & Fleet west.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. BC/BS proposed rate increase in an average of 15% to be raised on June 1st. This will reduce Union wages by approx. 5 cents per hour as per the contract.
2. Terry checked on "VEE BOTTOM" trailer-will not be delivered on June 1st-they will need two more weeks.
3. Gary met with Stokley regarding proposed building site. They appear to have no problem with building.
4. A purchase order was sent out to Scenic Security Fence Co. for installing security fence in east yard.
5. Reservations are made for 4 for Shanty Creek for MCRCSIP annual meeting on July 15th & 16th.
6. Caleb Dodson to start working on June 2nd in engineering Dept.
7. 4-10 hour work week to begin on June 2nd.
8. Youth crew to begin June 9th with Dick Abbey as leader.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. To begin County wide spot brining next week.
2. Letter from Ludington Area Schools regarding cross walk at South Hamlin School on Dewey Road.
3. Union held their first bargaining meeting Thursday.

LOGAN TOWNSHIP CONTRACT

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to enter into road contracts with Logan Township for Taylor Road, agg. surf.

for \$5,000, Porter Road, Agg. Surf. for \$7500, Various roads
38% calcium chloride for \$1075, and Anthony Road, Agg. surf.
for \$5,000.

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

AMBER TOWNSHIP CONTRACT

Motion by thurow supported by Merrill to enter into road
contracts with Amber Township for Various locations, 38%
Calcium chloride for \$2,266, Amber Road, bit. asphalt
for \$13,000, Meyers & Conrad Intersection, reconstruct,
replace culverts and sand fill, agg. base for \$21,945,
and Crystal View Estates, Removal of clay, placement of
sand agg. subbase, grading & agg. base for \$29,073.00.

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

HAMLIN TOWNSHIP CONTRACT

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into road
contracts with Hamlin Township for Presidential Estates,
Single Seal, for \$4100, Lincoln Road, agg. surf. for \$7500,
and Beaune Road, Bit. wedge for \$14,300.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:30
p.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

June 13, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan

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

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to suspend reading the minutes of the May 30th meeting and approve them as written.

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

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve Pay #12 (\$47,938.67) and warrant 44481 thru 44562 in the amount of \$87,334.57.

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

At 9:20 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. Work progress during the past two weeks included:

a. MAINTENANCE

1. County Wide

Began mowing along primaries on Monday
Tri-Us has swept and cleaned catch basins
Spot brining has been completed
Cold patching various locations

2. State Trunkline

Youth crew to begin next week

b. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Hawley Road - Grading in progress
Bryant Road - Construction in progress
Freesoil Rd.-pulverizing and preparing to grade
Campbell/River Rd.- grading and brining

2. Local System

Rath Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp. - In progress
Barothy Road, Clearing, Branch Twp. In progress
First Street, Gravel, Custer Twp. - In progress
Conrad Road, pulverize & grade, Amber Twp.In prog.
Tuttle Road, Pulverize and Grade, Custer-In progress
Amber Road, Pulverize and Grade, Amber Twp.-In prog.
Sippy Road, Gravel, Eden Twp. -completed

Stickney Road, Gravel, Eden Twp. - Completed

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
#255 Tractor/boom mower- transmission shot.
Minor repairs and tune ups
3. Permit activity for the past period included:
Driveway applications
WMECoop. - install a underground electric line on
Dewey Road
4. Prisoners cleaning and painting MCRC garage outside.
5. Have used all of the gravel in "USFS pit", Gary has
contacted Halliday regarding processing more.
6. Gary has talked to Mark Todd of Whiskey Creek regarding
purchasing gravel he has processed.
7. Have piled up topsoil at Montrose pit for future use.
8. Purchased CaCL₂ from Wilkinson for use on north end of
county.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Should put grader operators to work on Friday if
it is necessary.
2. Should put in Ludington Daily news list of township
projects and amount Road Commission is contributing
to the cost.
3. Made reservation with CRAM for U.P. meeting and got
agenda from them.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. People he has talked to are happy with the brining that
has been done.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. The highway by Sauble River Motor Court has a lot of
water backed up by the bridge.
2. Kinney Road west of Scottville and East of Schwass rd.
on Kinney has some holes in it.

At 10:30 a.m. Sheriff Larry Stewart came in to the meeting. He discussed safety measures on different roads in the county and how the Sheriff's Dept. and MCRC could work together on better

safety on the roads. He left at 11:30 a.m.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. BC/BS proposed rate increase is an average of 15% to be raised on July 1st. This will reduce union wages by approx. 5 cents per hour on July 1st.
2. Terry checked on "Vee Bottom" trailer-will not be delivered by June, wiring and painting to be done.
3. Reservations at Shanty Creek for 2 with Gary to be paid by MCRCSIP for annual meeting on July 15th and 16th.
4. Thank you letter received from Cohl Stoker and Toskey for lawyer John McClinchey, who was here last meeting to introduce himself and his firm to represent MCRC as a union negotiator.
5. Gary has contacted Ooman Construction regarding bit paving for 1997.
6. Gary has contacted J&M Construction regarding pulverizing bid for 1997.

AUTHORIZATION FOR LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to hire Kluck & Assoc. to represent MCRC for labor negotiations for one union contract.

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

BID FOR SEALCOAT AGGREGATE & ASPHALT EMULSIONS

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept bid of Laman's Asphalt for sealcoat aggregate 25A, and Koch Materials for sealcoat emulsion for the seasons supply.

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

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Compared price of sealcoat done by MCRC Vs having a contractor do the work.
2. To begin township contract brining before next meeting..
3. Audit report from Tom Zick given to Commissioners. He will be here next meeting to discuss report.
4. Gary has met with Tim Hansen, Mason Co. Treas., regarding investment of MCRC funds.
5. Letter read from Coresource regarding site inspections in

Mason County.

MEADE TOWNSHIP ROAD CONTRACT

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept contract from Meade Township for \$5000 for agg. surfacing.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

June 27, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: Thurow

Vice-Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the June 13th meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the June 13th minutes as read.

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

At 9:45 a.m. Thomas Zick, auditor, came in to the meeting to go over the audit for 1996. He left at 10:10 a.m.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve Pay #13, \$50,575.29 and warrant 44563 thru 44630 in the amount of \$79,389.48.

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

At 10:10 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 10:15 a.m. Engr./Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the last two weeks included:
 - a. **MAINTENANCE**
 1. **County Wide**
 - Have four tractors mowing along primaries
 - Cold patching various locations
 - Began blading for brine
 2. **State Trunkline**
 - Youth crew working at cleaning up around guardrail
 - Began mowing grass along roadway
 - b. **CONSTRUCTION**
 1. **Primary System**
 - Hawley Road - Grading on hold
 - Bryant Road Sewers 90% completed
 - Agg. Base and Concrete Curb and Gutter 70% completed
 - ruling from Judge Cooper letter read
 - Bituminous to be week after 4th of July
 - Freesoil Rd.- Pulverizing completed, grading in

progress, ready to surface first
2.5 miles

Jebavy Dr. - work to begin approx. July 14th

2. Local System

- Rath Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp. In progress
- Barothy Rd. Clearing, Branch Twp. In progress
- First Street, Gravel, Custer Twp. In progress
- Conrad Rd. pulverize and grade, Amber. In prog.
- Tuttle Rd. Pulverize and Grade, Custer, In prog
- Amber Rd. Pulverize and Grade, Amber, in prog.

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:

- #255 Tractor/boom mower - transmission shot
- # 38 and #16 minor repairs made

3. Merle Boes is checking to see what tanks we would need to put in our new building.

4. Rented a mower and tractor from West Michigan Power & Eq. until unit #255 is back in service.

5. Permit activity for the past period included:

- Driveway applications
- Various minor telephone applications

6. Prisoners cleaning and painting MCRC garage outside.

7. Purchased CaCL2 from Wilkinson for use on north end of the county.

8. Gary has purchased quantity of gravel from Bob Peters/ Mark Lenz, in the Sheridan Township area.

9. Fencing contractor began work Thursday in yard.

10. Gary contacted Halliday Sand and Gravel, they will be here to process material on or about July 15th.

11. Oomans are paving on local roads this date, additional work to be started after fourth of July.

12. Blading for contract has begun - brining is in process.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Discussed insurance pool meeting in July.
2. Discussed problem regarding an employee.
3. Citizen asked about grading on Kinney Road.
4. Wondered about Meyers/Conrad road intersection.
5. Would like to see limbs cut from around street signs.
6. Discussed State has sealed US31 from Parkdale to Onkema.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Wondered if pickup was fixed that was parked at Roots.

There was no old business.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. There is a new TPA for CRSIP insurance pool, called AUS Services limited.
2. Meeting with Spencer Abraham Saturday at the court house. Letter to be signed and presented.
3. New agreement with Motorola Service Co. - Telrad reduced cost by \$150.00/ month.
4. Have determined there is a leak in the hydraulic oil tank -are setting up alternative sources and will remove tank and contents as soon as possible.
5. Crew will be working 5- 8 hr. work week next week with overtime as necessary.
6. Have installed an air conditioner in grader #133, due to the use of shoulder retriever.
7. MTA to offer a meeting regarding the funding of local roads and relation to Townships.
8. MDOT surplus property. Not anything MCRC is interested in buying.
9. Next Paul Bunyon meeting will be in Traverse City, hosted by Kalkaska CRC in August. Les Kolk will be new Secretary
10. Legislation regarding "Special Funding for 1997".

MULCHER

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to buy a Bowie mulcher from Kabota of Grand Rapids for \$13995.00.

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

ENGINEERING REIMBURSEMENT

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to apply for Engineering Reimbursement from the State for \$10,000.

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

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to enter into contracts with Sherman Township for Townline Rd. gravel surfacing for \$10,000, Millerton Road, gravel surfacing, for \$4700, Manales Rd. , gravel surfacing, for \$5,000 and Tuttle Road, gravel surfacing for \$10,000.

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

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP ROAD CONTRACT

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to enter into a road contract with Sheridan Township for Stolberg Rd. double seal for \$12,000.

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

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

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

July 11, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to suspend reading the minutes of the June 27th meeting and approve them as written.

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

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Payroll #14 (\$50,012.52) and warrant 44631 thru 44708 in the amount of \$111,195.22.

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

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

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

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:

a. **MAINTENANCE**

1. **County Wide**

Returned to mowing along primaries
Cold patching at various locations
Blading as necessary

2. **State Trunkline**

Youth crew working at cleaning up around guard rails.
Completed mowing grass along roadway

b. **CONSTRUCTION**

1. **Primary System**

Hawley Road -Grading on hold
Bryant Road -Sewers completed
-Agg. Base and Concrete Curb and Gutter 90% completed
Bituminous to be next week
-Clean up in progress
Freesoil Rd.-Pulverizing completed, grading in progress, surfaced first 2.5 miles
Jebavy Dr. -work to begin July 14th

2. **LOCAL SYSTEM**

- Rath Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp. - In progress
- Barothy Rd., Clearing, Branch Twp. - In progress
- Conrad Rd. pulverize and grade, Amber -In progress
- Tuttle Rd. Pulverize and Grade, Custer-In progress
- Amber Rd. Pulverize and Grade, Amber -In progress
- First St. Gravel, Custer Twp. -Completed

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
 - #255 Tractor/boom mower-transmission being repaired at Ginop's Sales
 - #16 Tool van has engine problems
 - Various minor items repaired
3. Permit activity for the past period included:
 - Driveway applications
 - Various minor telephone applications
4. Prisoners cleaning and painting MCRC garage outside.
5. Fencing contractor to work on fencing today, will be completed by Monday.
6. Contract brining was completed by July 4th on all accounts.
7. Vee Bottom Trailer was picked up yesterday and is in yard.
8. Gary is providing weekly information to Ludington Daily News on Road Projects for public
9. Also provided information to LDN regarding project work on Local and Primary Roads, to be in paper.
10. Gary contacted Halliday Sand and Gravel - they will be here to process material approx. July 15th.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Got a call from Logan Twp. Clerk Ruth Ferenz regarding brine not put down by July 4th.
2. On south Scottville road the mowing should start at the bridge and be mowed wider.

MEMBER ARCHER

1. The trees that died on the five-lane should be replaced.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. More grading should be done after a good rain.
2. Shoulders need repairing by the county line at Branch.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. MCRC SIP annual meeting on July 16th-list of candidates for office.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to appoint

Chairman Thurow as a voting delegate to the annual MCRCSIP insurance pool meeting on July 17th.

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

2. Hydraulic and engine tank test results from Oscar W. Larson Co. Also have received a proposal for the monitoring and removal of these and waste oil tank.
3. Fountain village requests we place a single sealcoat surface on various streets.
4. Fax read regarding gas tax information.
5. Gary and Peggy attended an informational meeting with U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham last week. Gary prepared a letter of response to various questions he had.
6. MTA to offer a meeting regarding the funding of local roads and relation to Townships.
7. Have ordered new mulcher - to be delivered in 2-3 weeks.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. The next Paul Bunyon meeting will be at Traverse City hosted by Kalkaska CRC.
2. Letter from MCRCSIP read regarding Coresource being purchased by another company.
3. MDOT Trunk line audit report letter read.
4. Received word from Tom Van Epps that Legislature has approved additional funds for winter expense of 1996-1997 unknown amount at this time.
5. Received word that we have received approval to reconstruct the Weaver Road intersection with US-10. MDOT to pay most of the cost.
6. Can fit new pole building on MCRC property with no variance.
7. Called contractor regarding building bins on salt storage building for storing materials.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

July 25, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: Thurow

Vice-Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. & Mrs. John Fernandez came in to the meeting to discuss the condition of Campbell Road and Riverside Dr. east to Lake County Line. They presented a petition signed by residents along the road stating they would like to see it repaired.

Minutes of the July 11th meeting were read by Engr./Mgr. Dittmer.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept the minutes of the July 11th meeting as read.

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

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve Payroll #15 (\$50299.53) and warrant 44709 thru 44770 in the amount of \$322,127.77.

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

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

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

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

a. **MAINTENANCE**
1. County Wide

Finished mowing along primaries this week, are mowing along gravel roads presently.
Blading as necessary to control complaints.

2. State Trunkline
Youth crew completed working for MDOT this week.
Received word MCRC has approx. \$60,000 left in budget for Special projects.

b. **CONSTRUCTION**
1. Primary System

Hawley Road - Grading on hold
 Bryant Road - Work almost completed-will be done today
 Cleanup in process
 Freesoil Road - Grading in process, Aggregate
 Surfacing in process
 Jebavy Drive - Work completed, clean up in progress
 Chauvez Road - Bit Wedging - in progress

2. LOCAL SYSTEM

Rath Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp.	In progress
Barothy Road, Clearing, Branch Twp.	In progress
Tuttle Rd., Pulverize & Grade, Custer	In progress
Amber Rd., Pulverize & Grade, Amber	In progress
Stolberg Rd. Agg. Base, Sheridan Twp.	In progress
Emerson Lake, Agg. Base, Branch Twp.	In progress
Maple Rd., Agg. Base, Branch Twp.	In progress
Morton Rd. Agg. Base, Grant Twp.	Completed
LaSalle Rd. Agg. Base, Grant Twp.	Completed
Conrad Rd., pulverize & grade, Amber	Completed

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
 - #255 Tractor/boom mower - Transmission being worked on at Ginops
 - #16 Tool Van-Engine problems
 - Various minor items repaired
3. Permit activity for the past period included:
 - Driveway applications
 - Various minor items repaired
4. Prisoners almost completed painting MCRC garage.
5. Fencing contractor working on fencing
6. Gary contacted Halliday Sand & Gravel-they will be here to process material July 25th or 28th.
7. Drug and alcohol testing held on Thursday-no problems.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Was happy to see the list of projects and dollar amount in the Ludington Daily News.
2. A week from today the price for gas will go up 4 cents a gallon because of the gas tax.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Wondered how plans were coming on the new pole building

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. MCRC SIP annual meeting was held on July 16th. Gary was appointed to the Board of Directors.
2. Gas Tax information discussed. Appears MCRC may pick up approx. \$310,000 for 1998.
3. Have ordered a new mulcher. Will be delivered Monday.
4. Checked on new tandem trucks-may be delivered by September 1st.
5. Received word that we have received approval to reconstruct the Weaver Road intersection with US-10 MDOT to pay most of the cost.
6. Gary working with Mason County EDC regarding funding for south P.M. highway.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. The next Paul Bunyon meeting will be held at Traverse City to be hosted by Kalkaska CRC.
2. Nominations for Northern Association officers are being taken if anyone is interested.
3. Request from property owners for an extension of guard rail at Landon Bridge.
4. Seal coating operation to begin 2nd week of August
5. Gary has contacted Lamans regarding slag stone-will have to use 29A in Lieu of 25A at same price.
6. Gary attended grade inspection with MDOT on reconstruction of US-10 from Scottville to County Line held on Thursday July 24th.

RESOLUTION TO MDOT FOR US31 SOUTH

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to support resolution to MDOT to reconstruct US31 south from US31/US10 intersection to Hesslund Road.

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

WHEREAS, the roadway known as Pere Marquette Highway, also referred to as Old US-31, has been and still is under the jurisdiction of the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, and

WHEREAS, the Ludington area has experienced a phenomenal increase in industrial and commercial expansion, as well as capital investment by companies whose primary access is the Pere

Marquette Highway, and

WHEREAS, the traffic use of Pere Marquette Highway has experienced a dramatic increase of both commercial and automotive vehicles, and

WHEREAS, only routine maintenance has been performed on the Pere Marquette Highway for the past many years, and

WHEREAS, Pere Marquette Highway has continued to deteriorate to its present unsafe, and inefficient condition.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION does hereby support and encourage all efforts to secure the funding necessary to reconstruct Pere Marquette Highway and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION approves of the reconstruction of Pere Marquette Highway. This is to correct the deteriorated condition and antiquated design of the roadway and bridges in order to provide a safe and modern entrance to the commercial district of Mason County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION supports the classification of the Pere Marquette Highway, from the hesslund Road interchange to the intersection with US-10/31, as BUSINESS ROUTE US31.

A letter was read from Mike Kluck regarding a contract for labor negotiations.

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

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

August 8, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: Thurow

Vice-Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes of the July 25th meeting were read by Sec. Anthony.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept the minutes of the July 25th meeting as read.

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

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Payroll #16 (\$52641.15) and warrant 44771 thru 44851 in the amount of \$244002.56.

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

At 9:10 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

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

a. MAINTENANCE

1. County Wide

Mowing along primaries

Blading as necessary and in preparation for brining
Youth crew working on cutting grass at guard rails.

2. State Trunkline

Assisting Bill Kratz on application for MDOT Cat A
Grant for P.M. highway.

b. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Hawley Road - Pulverizing and preparing for grading

Bryant Road - Work completed

Freesoil Rd.- Grading in progress, Bituminous
surface completed.

Jebavy Dr. - work completed

Chauvez Rd. - Bit. Wedging - completed

Scottville - Pulverizing completed, grading in
progress

Walhalla Rd.- Bit. Wedging in progress

2. LOCAL SYSTEM

- Rath Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp.- In progress

- Barothy Rd. Clearing, Branch Twp.-In progress

- Tuttle Rd. Pulverize and grade, Custer-In progress

- Amber Rd. Pulverize and grade, Amber -In progress
- Wilson Rd. Pulverize and grade, Custer-In progress
- Stolberg Rd. Agg. Base, Sheridan Twp. -Completed
- Emerson Lake, Agg. Base, Branch Twp. -Completed
- Maple Rd. Agg. Base, Branch Twp. -Completed
- Morton Rd. Agg. Base, Grant Township -Completed
- LaSalle Rd. Agg. Base, Grant Township -Completed
- Conrad Rd. pulverize and grade,Amber -Completed

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
 - #254 Tractor/boom mower - Repaired
 - # 40 Truck-Transmission to be repaired by Mick;s
 - # 16 Tool Van engine problems
 - Various minor items repaired
3. Permit activity for the past period included:
 - Driveway applications
 - Various minor Michcon applications
4. Prisoners completed painting MCRC garage, now cutting grass along guard rails.
5. Fencing contractor still working on fencing.
6. Halliday Sand and Gravel has been crushing gravel in Forest Service pit, Dittmer to contact them to crush in Kirschner pit as soon as possible.
7. Frank Charnes has all but removed barn from Kirschner pit, clean up to be done soon.

At 10:00 a.m. bids were opened for scraper blades, with Chris Mooney from St. Regis culvert in attendance.

SCRAPER BLADE BIDS

Hyde Equipment Co.	5/8"x8"x6'	\$24.30
	5/8"x8"x7'	28.35
	alter.bid	
	tapered	29.39
	1/2 to 3/4x8x6'	34.28
Paper Calmenson	5/8"x8"x6'	23.88
	5/8"x8"x7'	27.86
	alter.bid	
	1/2"x3/4'x8'	29.70
	12"x3/4"x7'	34.65
St. Regis Culvert	5/8"x8"x6'	23.58
	5/8"x8"x7'	27.51
	alt.bid	
	3/4'x8"x6'	29.22
	3/4'x8"x7'	34.09

Bill Meloney, Meade Township Supervisor, attended the

meeting and expressed concern about the condition of Riverside Drive.

The commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Men are pulling the shoulders too soon before road being paved.

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Attended McGuire's open in Cadillac-no MDOT people there
2. Public is aware more money coming in and will expect a big improvement to the roads.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. The new mulcher was delivered Monday.
2. To begin seal coating next week Tuesday - all is in readiness.
3. Checked on new tandem trucks - may be delivered by Sept. 1st.
4. Received word that there is a 90 day review process for all MDOT Cat. A projects - with that it appears this project will have to wait until next year for construction, funding is not in jeopardy.
5. Gary has contacted Lamans regarding slag stone-will have to use 29A in lieu of 25A at the same price.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Next Thursday Aug. 14th the Paul Bunyon meeting will be at Traverse City, hosted by Kalkaska County Road Comm.
2. Northern Assoc. meeting is scheduled, will have to make reservations.
3. Letter from State regarding bond purchases was read.
4. Plan to purchase gravel from Adams Trucking for south Scottville Road, Hawley and Wilson road projects.

CONTRACT VILLAGE OF FOUNTAIN

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to sign contract with Village of Fountain for sealcoating.

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

ORDER OF ABANDONMENT

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to sign Order of Abandonment for Hoague Rd., Bath Ct. & Taylor Rds.

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

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

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Clerk

August 22, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr.Dittmer read the minutes of the August 8th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept the minutes of the August 8th meeting as read.

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

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve Payroll #17 (\$53056.71) and warrant 44754 thru 44920 in the amount of \$209,241.21.

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

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

At 9:20 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Ken Kamp came in to discuss Schoenherr Road. They would like to have the road extended so they could get to their property they are buying that doesn't have a road to it.

At 9:45 a.m. Mark Otto, MCRC attorney, came in to the meeting to discuss Schoenherr road that Mr. & Mrs. Kamp want extended.

At 10:35 a.m. Engr./Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

A. MAINTENANCE

1. County Wide

Blading as necessary due to rain
Crew is sealcoating today
Youth crew completed on cutting grass at Guard rails
Filling in behind new pavement to fix shoulders

2. State Trunkline

Preparing bids for crack sealing and bit. patches on P.M. Highway for end of fiscal year

B. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Hawley Road - Pulverizing and preparing for grading
Freesoil Road-Grading in process, Bit. Surfacing completed
Scottville Rd-Pulverizing completed, grading in progress
Walhalla Rod - Bit. wedging in progress
Omans will be coming back next week to do paving

2. LOCAL SYSEM

-Rath Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp. In progress
 -Barothy Rd. Clearing, Branch Twp. In progress
 -Tuttle Rd. pulverize and Grade, Custer In progress
 -Amber Rd. pulverize and grade, Amber In progress
 -Wilson Rd. pulverize and grade, Custer In progress
 -Hansen Rd. Agg. Base, Custer Twp. Completed

2. Have been sealcoating as much as rain will allow.
3. Equipment repaired during this period included:
 #16 Tool van-engine problems
 Various minor items repaired
4. Permit activity for the past period included:
 Driveway applications and various minor utility applications
5. Prisoners cutting grass along guard rails
6. Fencing contractor still working on the fencing
7. Halliday Sand and Gravel has completed crushing gravel in Forest Service pit, Dittmer to contact them to crush in Kirschner pit as soon as possible, approx. 25,000 cyds of 22A mod and 8,000 cyds of 23A.
8. Caleb has completed picking up data for ROADSOFT and has imputed all into program.
9. Ken Ross has been picking up surey data on Riverside Drive.
10. Frank Charnes Jr. has removed barn from Kirschner pit. MCRC has clean up completed.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. The bridge on Darr Road by the Finn and Feather Club has a hole in it.
2. The sealcoat on Stiles Road north is a little heavy with slag.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Talked to Mr. Sarto about Mavis and Sherman Road.

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Inquired about local contract sheet.
2. Read letter from CRAM regarding roll call votes on gas increase.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Received word on additional funds from State, but no particulars.
2. Received word on trunkline mowing. Will be limited to length and amount of grass to be mowed next year.
3. Paul Bunyon meeting was last Thursday. Four attended from Mason County.
4. Reviewed data from Mason Co. EDC regarding P.M. Hwy. application.
5. Northern Association of Road Comissions meeting to be held in September, all reservations are in.

No new business to report.

MICHAEL KLUCK AGREEMENT

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to sign letter of agreement with Michael Kluck & Associates to retain their services to represent Mason County Road Commission in the field of labor relations.

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

UNDERBODY SCRAPER INSERT BIDS

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept the bid of St. Regis Culvert for underbody scraper inserts.

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

STOP SIGN

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to authorize a stop sign stopping East Bound traffic on Eighth St. Sec. 21 Hamlin Township at Culver Road.

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

Discussed having an employee appreciation picnic/breakfast.

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

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

September 5, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Thurow, Merrill, Archer. Engr./Mgr. Dittmer, Sec. Anthony
Visitor Connie from Manistee News

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the August 22nd meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept the minutes of the August 22nd meeting as read.

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

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Payroll #18, (\$56,709.79) and warrant 44921 thru 44978 in the amount of \$142,147.47.

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

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

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

1. a. **MAINTENANCE**

1. **County Wide**

Blading as necessary due to rain.
Prisoners repairing guard rail and cutting grass
Filling in behind new pavement to fix shoulders

2. **State Trunkline**

Preparing contracts for various work on trunkline:
Crack sealing on P.M. highway
Skip paving on P.M. Hwy
Boring culvert under US-31 at Townline Road

b. **CONSTRUCTION**

1. **Primary System**

Hawley Road - Pulverizing and preparing for grading
Freesoil Rd. - Grading in process, Bit. surfacing completed
Scottville Rd. Pulverizing completed, grading in progress
Walhalla Rd. - Bit. Wedging in progress

2. **LOCAL SYSTEM**

Rath Rd., Clearing, Hamlin Twp. In progress
Barothy Rd., Clearing, Branch Twp. In progress

Tuttle Rd. Pulverize and Grade, Custer In progress
 Amber Rd. Pulverize and Grade, Amber In progress
 Wilson Rd. Pulverize and Grade, Custer In progress

2. Have been seal coating as much as rain will allow.
 Anticipate to be completed by Wednesday of next week.
3. Equipment repaired during this period included:
 Chip spreader clutch and various minor items
4. New trucks are in Grand Rapids and to be delivered early
 next week.
5. Permit activity for the past two week period included:
 Driveway and various minor utility applications
6. Fencing contractor completed work on fencing.
7. Caleb has completed work for the summer and has returned
 to school.
8. Terry and crew went to a seminar on repairing air
 conditioners on vehicles.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

No comments

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Would like to see more centerline painting done.
2. The cracks on the 5 lane need to be sealed.
3. Has to go to Northern Association meeting on Tuesday.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Inquired if bridges would be opened again that were
 closed.
2. Citizen on Myers road that dead ends would like his road
 plowed better.
3. Would like to see in the union contract that foremen
 could repair road in an emergency situation.
4. Wants to go to the County Board meeting next week.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Letter read from MDOT regarding the use of BSF funds.

2. Municipal League letter read regarding BSF funds.
3. No. Michigan Assoc. of Road Commissions meeting to be held on Sept. 17th thru 19th.
4. Gary contacted Jackie Shinn MDOT -EDC office and Cat. A funds are good for at least two years.
5. Report from MDOT audit division regarding 1995 audit. To get a refund of \$2164.00

Under New business the following was discussed:

1. Send out advertisement for bids for paving. Bids to be opened on Sept. 10th at 10:00 a.m.
2. Special board meeting to be held on September 12th.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to change the next meeting date from September 19th to Sept. 12th.

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

Member Archer left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

3. Considered proposal from MCC school regarding trading sand for topsoil
4. G.I. planned for Freeman Road on Monday with MDOT.

RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT TO GRANDVIEW SUB.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to amend resolution of abandonment of a portion of an alley in Grandview Subdivision to read:

An alley, abutting the southerly boundary of Lots 65-68, both inclusive, Grandview Subdivision at upper Hamlin Lake, extending 12.5 rods (206.25 ft) in a westerly direction measured from the SE corner of Lot 68 of said Plat.

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

Discussed pole barn for housing equipment. Would like to see it put up this fall.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

September 12, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Thurow, Merrill, Archer. Engr./Mgr.Dittmer, Sec.Anthony
Reporter Connie Rossman,
Manistee News Advocate

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the September 5th meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept the minutes of the September 5th meeting as read.

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

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve Pay #19 (\$50959.28) and warrant 44979 thru 45007 in the amount of \$102,299.42.

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

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

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

1. Work progress during the past week included:

a. **MAINTENANCE**

1. **County Wide**

Blading as necessary

Prisoners repairing guard rail and cutting grass. The prisoners are detailed out of Oakes prison now instead of Camp Sauble.

2. **State Trunkline**

Boring culvert under US-31 at Townline Road-casing is in pipe to be installed later.

State crack sealer to be here on September 22nd.

b. **CONSTRUCTION**

1. **Primary System**

Hawley Road- Pulverizing and preparing for grading

Freesoil Rd.-Grading in progress, Bit. surf. completed
Scottville Rd.-Pulverizing completed, grading completed
paving in progress

Walhalla Rd.- Bit. wedging in progress

2. **LOCAL SYSTEM**

Rath Road, Clearing, Hamlin Township- In progress

Barothy Rd. Clearing, Branch Twp. - In progress
 Tuttle Rd. Pulverize and Grade, Custer - In progress
 Amber Road Pulverize and Grade, Amber - In progress
 Wilson Rd. Pulverize and Grade, Custer - Completed
 Fisher Rd. Gravel Surf. Victory - Completed
 Hawley Rd. Double Seal, Summit - Completed
 Theille Rd. Single Seal, Summit - Completed
 Morton Rd. Double Seal, Grant - Completed
 LaSalle Rd. Double Seal, Grant - Completed
 LaSalle Road Bridge Materials are ordered, should
 be in by next week.

2. Equipment repaired during the last week included:
 Various minor items repaired
 Bearing went out on Flaherty yesterday
3. New trucks came in Tuesday
4. Permit activity for the past week included:
 Driveway applications and permit for radio tower
 driveway.
5. Nordlund Engineering did bridge inspection on Scottville
 road bridge. Maintenance work to be done under bridge.
6. Riverside Dr. alignment made out. Will need to get
 right-of-ways.
7. Will be meeting with Tim Fisher Monday to see what needs
 to be done at Pomeroy Springs.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Rode on the new blacktops. They did a good job.
2. Freesoil road needs more work done.

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Wondered if the sweeper was repaired yet.
2. The grass needs mowing on business route 31 North.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Sides of the road looks good on new blacktops. Should be
 seeded right away.

Bids were opened on Sept. 10th for paving for BSF contract with
 the state.

Rieth-Riley Const. Inc.	\$158,095.00
Oman Construction, Inc.	152,952.00

The following motion was made for paving contract:

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to award the bid for paving various federal aid eligible roads in Mason County to Omans Contracting, Inc. if they can complete this year and to Rieth-Riley if Omans cannot complete this year.

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

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Sheet for nominations for Northern Michigan Association was read.
2. Gary to contact property owner on Larson Road regarding access.
3. Gary to meet with property owners and contractor on Pomeroy Spring road.
4. G.I. held for Freeman Road on Monday with MDOT.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Picnic was discussed for employees at Scottville Riverside park.

Plans were laid out for new storage building. Gary will talk to contractors.

Mason County Road Commission vehicles to be in the Harvest Festival parade next week.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

October 3, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: Sec. Anthony

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the September 12th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept the minutes of the September 12th meeting as read.

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

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve Pay #20 (\$47349.29) and warrant No. 45008 thru 45091 in the amount of \$287,232.60.

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

At 9:26 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 as necessary

Prisoners continuing to repair guard rail

Year end sweeping completed

Primary mowing in progress

2. **State Trunkline**

Special Projects done:

AMZ crack sealing, Bituminous patches

Boring and jacking culvert

Balance of Maintenance budget at end of year approx. \$200.00.

Squeegee machine in and working on cracks

End of year sweeping is completed

Trunkline audit in progress-looks like about a \$20000.00 surplus.

b. **CONSTRUCTION**

1. **Primary System**

Hawley Road - Pulverizing and preparing for grading

Freesoil Road-Grading and bituminous surfacing completed, clean up./seeding in

Scottville Road-Pulverizing, grading, paving
completed, cleanup/seeding in
progress

Walhalla Rd. - Bit Wedging completed, cleanup/
seeding in progress

2. LOCAL SYSTEM

- Rath Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp. In progress
- Barothy Road, Clearing, Branch Twp. In progress
- Fisher Road. Gravel, Victory Twp. In progress
- Taylor Rd. Gravel, Sheridan Twp. In progress
- Poplar Rd. Gravel, Sheridan Twp. In progress
- Lattin Rd. Bituminous, Summit Twp. In progress
- Bass Wood Court Gravel & Bit. Summit In progress
- Tuttle Rd. Pulverize & Grade, Custer Done
- Amber Rd. Pulverize and Grade, Amber Done
- Taylor Rd. Gravel, Logan Twp. Done
- Anthony Rd. Gravel, Logan Twp. Done
- Porter Rd. Gravel, Logan Twp. Done
- Marrison Rd. Bituminous, Summit Twp. Done
- LaSalle Road Bridge Materials are ordered

3. Equipment repaired during period

- #254 Tractor Transmission - again
- #50 & 51 new trucks
- Do-Al box at sand blaster

4. Permit activity for past period included:

- Driveway applications
- P.M. Twp. permit for sanitary sewer unde US10
- Drive permit at express Mart

The Commissioners gave their reports as follows:

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Discussed Northern Michigan Association meeting.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Discussed work on Scottville and Amber roads.

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Discussed Northern Michigan Association meeting.
2. Discussed labor negotiations and Mike Kluck.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. No. Michigan Association meeting held in September, 4
attended.
2. Gary to meet with property owners and contractor on

3. Fund balance lower than previous year- MTF funds to be in next week, along with various twps. meeting with various bills to be paid.
4. BSF contract signed by Omans Contracting, Inc. work to be begin next week.
5. Dittmer contacted W. Lebel, MDOT District Engineer, for BSF project approval for locations-he concurred and submitted request for funds to Lansing-monies received Wednesday.
6. Picnic for employees Saturday afternoon.
7. Letter from CRAM regarding Legislative update.
8. Dittmer met with Fabian Knizacky regarding MCRC property.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Insurance pool coverage update.
2. Meeting of Southern Michigan CRC's in December.
3. Dittmer to attend MCRC SIP board meeting on Oct. 23rd and 24th in Alpena.
4. Dittmer has responded to Mike Kluck letter regarding contract language changes, more to follow later.
5. Dittmer to organize information sheet for Board on various contract items for consideration.

COUNTY RESOLUTION FOR MDOT CONTRACT

Commissioner Thurow offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County Trunkline Maintenance Amendment Contract between the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and the County of Mason for the period 10/1/97 to 9/30/98 is hereby accepted and Gary L. Dittmer is designated as Maintenance Superintendent on sections of State Trunkline Highways as shown on the County Route Section Map and Budget Sheets.

The following County Official Gary L. Dittmer is authorized to sign the said maintenance contract.

Supported by Commissioner Archer.


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

TIMBER HILLS SUBDIVISION

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to sign the title sheet of Timber Hill Subdivision.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary L. Dittmer", is written over a horizontal line.

Gary L. Dittmer, Acting Secretary

October 16, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan

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

Absent: Chairman Thurow

Vice-Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the October 3rd meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept the minutes of the October 3rd meeting as corrected.

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

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve Pay#21 (\$46033.22) and warrant 45092 thru 45169 in the amount of \$298,445.30.

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

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

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

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
 - a. **MAINTENANCE**
 1. **County Wide**
 - Blading as necessary
 - Prisoners placing fertilizer and raking shoulders on seeding projects
 - Primary mowing still in progress
 2. **State Trunkline**
 - Very little work during period
 - b. **CONSTRUCTION**
 1. **Primary System**
 - Hawley Road - no work
 - Freesoil Rd.-Clean up/seeding in progress
 - Scottville -Clean up/seeding in progress
 - Walhalla -Clean up/seeding in progress
 - Quarterline Rd. Paving completed
 - Custer Rd. -Paving completed today
 - Marrison -Work to be done Friday
 2. **LOCAL SYSEM**
 - Rath Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp. In progress
 - Barothy Road, Clearing, Branch Twp. In progress

Lattin Rd. Bituminous, Summit Twp. In progress
 BassWood Ct., Summit Gravel & Bit. In progress
 Dawson Sub. Gravel, P.M. Twp. In progress
 Tuttle Rd. Gravel, Sherman Twp. In progress
 Bradshaw Rd. Gravel, P.M. Twp. In progress
 Fisher Rd. Gravel, Victory Twp. Done
 Taylor Rd. Gravel, Sheridan Twp. Done
 Poplar Rd. Gravel, Sheridan Twp. Done
 Trail Ridge, Gravel, Sheridan Twp. Done
 LaSalle Rd. Gravel, Amber Twp. Done
 LaSalle Road Bridge materials are ordered

3. Equipment repaired during period included:
 #254 Tractor (Ford) picked up by Ginop to repair
 #50 & 51-put dump box on #50 and electronics on #51
 Do-A1 box at sand blaster for #51
4. Permit activity for the past period included:
 Driveway applications
 P.M. Twp. permit for sanitary sewer under US-10
 at Nelson Road
 Drive permit at Express Mart-being reconstructed
5. Gary attended preliminary meeting of Mason County Task Force last week, with Dick Collins and Lollie Griswold.
6. Gary attended Mason County Board of Commissions meeting regarding loss of primary roads to MDOT.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Would like to see more grading done on the local roads.
 Had complaints about N. Custer, S. Darr, Wilson, east of Darr and South Gordon.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Wondered who would be doing clear vision area at Townline Road.

Mike Kluck, Labor Attorney, came in at 10:00 a.m. to discuss changes in Labor Contract. A comparison was made of wages and benefits in surrounding counties.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Work on Pomeroy Springs Road was completed by contractor for less than the quoted price.
2. Picnic for employees held on Saturday Oct. 4th was well attended, with 49 present.

3. Pole barn material and contractor has been ordered, work to begin late this month and completed by winter.
4. Reviewed data on sick and vacation leave usage by employees for 1995 thru 1997 during summer months.
5. Gary has obtained numerous resolutions of nonsupport for the changing of jurisdiction of primary roads to state routes.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Gary will be attending Southern Michigan CRC meeting for one day in December.
2. Gary to attend MCRC SIP board meeting on October 23rd and 24th in Alpena.
3. Paul Bunyon meeting to be held on Nov. 6th in Reed City.
4. Letter read from CRAM regarding MTA.
5. Township officers will be meeting tonight at Summit Township.
6. Labor negotiations to begin Nov. 5th and Nov. 24th.

BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to amend the budget for 1997.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-97 to 12-31-97

	Revenue		
	1996	1997	Amend#1
Licenses & Permits	8,000	8,000	3,000
Federal Sources			
Secondary	-0-	-0-	-0-
Urban	-0-	-0-	-0-
Surface Transp.program	-0-	-0-	-0-
State Sources			
Engineering	10,000	10,000	10,000
Snow Removal	79,000	79,000	79,000
Urban Road	63,000	63,000	70,000
Allocation	2,350,000	2,350,000	2,375,000
State critical bridge	-0-		
Economic Development Fund			
Rural Primary (D)	225,000	225,000	216,000
Forest Road (E)	250,000	50,000	140,000
Urban Area (F)	-0-	375,000	375,000
Rural target (A)	-0-	50,000	-0-
Contributions from Local Units			
Township Contributions	203,000	203,000	475,000
Cities & Villages	-0-	-0-	17,943
Other-Hamlin/P.M.	19,000	500,000	52,000
Michitree	30,000	-0-	51,000
Mason Co.Drain Comm.	4,000	-0-	-0-
Other		-0-	2,500
Charges for Servics			
Trunkline Maintenance	575,000	575,000	600,000
Trunkline Non-Maint.	15,000	3,000	22,491
Salvage Sales	1,500	1,500	1,805
Interest & Rents			
Interest Earned	46,000	40,000	38,000
Other Revenue			
Gain/Loss on Eq. Disp.	34,000	30,000	25,000
Other-Installment	28,600	-0-	-0-
Total:	3,941,100	4,562,500	4,553,739
Fund Balance 12/31/95	997,461	1,164,061	1,035,183
Total:	\$4,938,561	5,726,561	5,588,922

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-97 to 12-31-97

EXPENDITURES

	1996	1997	Amend#1
Heavy Maint.-Roads			
Primary	600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000
Local	400,000	450,000	800,000
Maintenance-Roads			
Primary	900,000	900,000	900,000
Local	890,000	900,000	900,000
Heavy Maint. Structures			
Primary	-0-	10,000	10,000
Local	10,000	10,000	10,000
State Trunkline Maint.	575,000	575,000	600,000
State Highway-Other	12,000	3,000	22,000
Equipment Expense-Net	20,000	20,000	50,000
Administrative Exp.-Net	132,000	135,000	140,000
Capital Outlay-Net	50,000	50,000	-0-
Debt Service			
Principal Payments	181,000	51,000	52,000
Interest Expense	24,500	25,000	19,000
Distributive Expense	-0-	500,000	-0-
Total Expenditures	3,794,500	5,229,000	5,103,000
Fund Balance	1,144,061	497,561	485,922
Total Budget:	\$4,938,561	\$5,726,561	5,588,922

October 31, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the October 16th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept the minutes of the October 16th meeting as read.

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

BIDS FOR STORAGE BUILDING

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the low bid in the amount of \$22905.32 to Standard Supply and Lumber Co. for materials and \$24,000.00 to McDowell's, Inc. for erection for storage building.

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

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Pay #22 (\$46978.51) and warrant 45170 thru 45239 in the amount of \$252,047.80.

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

At 9:35 a.m. the Commissioners looked at 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**
 1. County Wide
 - Blading gravel roads
 - Prisoners placing fertilizer and raking shoulders on seeding projects.
 - Primary mowing completed.
 2. State Trunkline
 - Placing gravel on shoulders on US-10 east
 - b. **CONSTRUCTION**
 1. Primary System
 - Hawley Road- Pulverized balance of roadway
 - Freesoil Rd.-Completed

Scottville Rd.-Completed
 Walhalla Road -Completed
 Quarterline Rd.-Paving completed, shoulder work in progress
 Custer Road -Paving completed, shoulder work in progress
 Marrison road -Paving completed, shoulder work in progress

2.LOCAL SYSTEM

Barothy Road, Clearing, Branch Twp. In Progress
 Lattin Road, Bituminous, Summit Twp. In Progress
 Bass Wood Court, Gravel & Bit. Summit In Progress
 Dawson Sub. Gravel, P.M.Twp. Completed
 Tuttle Rd. Gravel, Sherman Twp. Completed
 Bradshaw Rd. Gravel, P.M.Twp. Completed
 Rath Road, Clearing, Hamlin Twp. Completed
 LaSalle Road Bridge, Grant Twp. Completed

3. Equipment repaired during period included:
 #254 Tractor (Ford) Transmission still at Ginops.
 #51 New truck
 Getting sanders and underbody scrapers ready for winter.
4. Permit activity for past period included:
 Driveway applications
 P.M.Twp. permit for sanitary sewer under US-10 at Nelson Road completed.
 Drive permit at Express Mart.
5. Gary attended Regional Task Force meeting with the following results: EDF Cat. D- Village of Fountain, Fountain Road, LMTA service truck and STP funds for City of Scottville.
6. Gary attended Amber and Logan Twp. meeting this last period.
7. Hankwitz, Heating and Cooling, installed new furnaces for the other offices and parts room.
8. Night patrol was advertised and awarded-Afternoon shift Vince VanConis and night shift Larry Tyndall and Ricky Bowman.
9. Salt to have been delivered on Monday-still waiting.
10. Clark Highway systems are painting remaining center lines at this time.

At 10:00 a.m. Superintendent Eric Moody came in to the meeting to discuss plow routes for the winter season and discussed other road commission business.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Discussed state spending millions of dollars repairing concrete highways that he noticed on a trip.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

No comments

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Would like to see the bronze sign on the front of the building cleaned.
2. The shoulders look bad on US-10 at Branch.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Pole barn material and contractor has been ordered - work to begin late this month and completed by winter.
2. Gary has obtained numerous resolutions of nonsupport for the changing of jurisdiction of primary roads to state routes.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Gary discussed CRASIF meeting he attended.
2. Meeting of Southern Michigan CRC's to be held in Dec. No one to attend from MCRC.
3. Paul Bunyon meeting to be held on Nov. 6th in Reed City.
4. Gary to set up meeting with township supervisors and road commission to discuss previous year.
5. Safety inspections to be held by Presidium.
6. Christmas party scheduled for Dec. 6th at Gibbs.

CORRESPONDENCE

a letter was read from Thunder Lake Association thanking the road commission for the work done on Trail Ridge road.

Newsletter was read from Pere Marquette Twp. regarding an opinion poll.

A thank you was read from Stanley Raspotnik, Jim Durfee, and Mark Brigham for letting them drive in the Snow Plow rodeo.

A letter was read from the DPW regarding the closure of the Scottville Landfill.

A letter was read from Jim McIntosh regarding retirement benefits.

ROADWAY JURISDICTION RESOLUTION
FROM THE MASON COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Motion by Merrill, that the following resolution be presented and adopted by the Mason County Board of Road Commissioners:

WHEREAS, Governor John Engler, thru the Michigan Department of Transportation, has proposed a transfer of over 9,000 miles of county primary roads and city major streets, of which there are 92 miles in Mason County, from local jurisdiction to the Michigan Department of Transportation, and;

WHEREAS, MDOT also has proposed to transfer 10 miles of the previous US-31 Highway, now referred to as South Pere Marquette Highway, to Local control when it is used by the public as a business route, and;

WHEREAS, this proposal would mean a shift of all federal aid funds from local road agencies to MDOT, and;

WHEREAS, this proposal would mean a control of roads and streets by locally elected officials, and;

WHEREAS, this proposal would mean the loss of federal road funding to construct additional All Season Haul Routes in our Community, and;

WHEREAS, local road commissions and cities have lower administrative operating costs than state operated MDOT, and;

WHEREAS, MDOT has difficulty maintaining its present road system, even before this doubling of its size.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason County Board of Road Commissioners opposes this proposed jurisdictional transfer of county primary and city major streets to the Michigan Department of Transportation, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a true copy be sent to Governor Engler, Senator William Schutte and Representative William Bobier.

Motion was supported by Archer.

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

RIGHT-OF-WAY WOODLANDS SUBDIVISION

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept the right-of-way for Woodlands subdivision from James T. Nordlund.

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


THOMAS R. ZICK CONTRACT

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept the proposal of Thomas R. Zick, P.C. to audit the MCRC records for 3 years as per agreement.

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

The commissioners looked over the proposed changes for the union contract for period of 1998-2000.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.



Shirley Anthony, Secretary

November 14, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Thurow, Merrill, Archer. Engr./Mgr. Dittmer, Sec. Anthony, Reporter Connie Rossman

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the October 31st meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept the minutes of the October 31st meeting as read.

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

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve Pay#23 (\$48359.16) and warrant 45240 thru 45317 in the amount of \$80340.69.

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

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

At 9:25 a.m. the board looked over the township contribution sheet.

At 9:30 Engr./Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
 - a. **MAINTENANCE**
 1. **County Wide**
 - Plowing snow and ice removal
 - Blading gravel roads
 - Prisoners cutting brush and cleaning around bridge abutments.
 2. **State Trunkline**
 - Plowing snow and ice control
 - Placing gravel on shoulders on US-10 east
 - b. **CONSTRUCTION**
 1. **Primary System**
 - Ted is obtaining survey data on Freesoil road and cleaning up on project paperwork.
 - All work on BSF projects has been completed
 2. **Local System**
 - Barothy Road, Clearing, Branch Twp. In proress

Lattin Road, Bit. Summit Township	In progress
Bass Wood Court, Gravel & Bit. Summit	In progress
LaSalle Road Bridge, Grant Twp.	In progress
Conrad/Meyers Int. P.M. and Amber	In progress
Inman Road, P.M. Grading & gravel	In progress

3. Equipment repaired during two week period included:
 - #254 tractor (Ford) transmission
 - #51 New truck getting ready for winter
 - Getting sanders and underbody scrapers ready for winter
4. Permit activity for past two week period included:
 - Driveway applications
5. Winter ice control salt being delivered slowly.
6. Building contractor began on pole building. Trusses are in, should be completed by next board meeting.
7. Mark Lothrop still on light duty work.
8. Tom Zick's associate was here this week for 2 days to start 1997 audit.
9. Gary and Bob attended County Board of Commissioners meeting Wednesday- very well received.
10. Gary, Ron and Dean attended Paul Bunyon meeting last week.

At 10:00 a.m. Meade Township Supervisor Bill Meloney, Pat Broderick and Norm Floyd, Meade Twp. residents, came in to the meeting to see about getting Riverside Dr., County Line Road and Campbell road repaired.

At 10:30 a.m. Terry Woilol came in to the meeting to discuss new furnaces for the storage area. He, also, talked about the new trucks and how the equipment was ready for winter.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to give the bid for 2 furnaces to the lowest bidder, provided they can supply units within the next two weeks.

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

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Discussed letter from Dennis Babcock and regarding the U.S. 31 task force.
2. Wondered if the road commission maintained Forest Trail.

3. ADM along with Dow Chemical has a new anti-icing product on the market.
4. Call from citizen that lives near Stiles Rd. regarding centerlines not being painted on the road yet.
5. Feels existence of the road commission is being challenged more every year.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Wondered when night patrol starts.
2. Shoulders are narrow on N. Custer Road section that Oomen Contracting just put in.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Went to board of commissioners meeting Wednesday.
Hal Madden thanked road commission for doing a good job.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Gary still receiving numerous resolutions on nonsupport for state taking over primary roads.
2. Will be purchasing ice control sand from Meyrs Equipment to help offset winter needs.
3. Union negotiations was discussed.
4. Night patrol to begin this Sunday night.
5. Had problems with pump for sewer in front of building, discussed with City of Scottville.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. A meeting with township supervisors and road commission is scheduled for November 25th at 7:00 p.m.
2. Christmas party scheduled for Dec. 6th at Gibb's. Signup sheet has been posted.
3. Gary, Les Kolk, Mike Smith, and Bob Weaver to meet with Bill Bobier Monday to discuss various items.
4. Next meeting to be held after the November 25th meeting with the supervisors.
5. MTF funds for Nov. are up by \$30,000 from last year.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. Letter of proposal for gravel from L.A. Sand & Gravel.
2. Article from MAC regarding MAC and CRAM.
3. Report of tank removal results from Nordlund and Assoc.
No detectable contaminates were found.

Vice-Chairman Merrill left the meeting at 12:00 o'clock.

Discussed hiring a temporary custodian for 89 days.

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to hire a temporary custodian for 89 days.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

November 25, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Vice-Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to suspend reading the minutes of the November 14th meeting and approve them as written.

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

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Payroll #24 (\$49917.60) and warrant 45319 thru 45384 in the amount of \$93734.24.

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

At 8:45 p.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 8:47 p.m. Chairman Thurow came in to the meeting.

At 8:50 p.m. Engr./Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
 - a. **MAINTENANCE**
 1. **County Wide**
 - Plowing snow and ice removal
 - Blading gravel roads
 - Prisoners cutting brush
 2. **State Trunkline**
 - Plowing snow and ice removal
 - Patching holes
 - Night crew started patrol on Nov. 15th
 - b. **CONSTRUCTION**
 1. **Primary System**
 - Ted is obtaining survey data on Freesoil road and cleaning up on project paperwork
 - All work on BSF projects has been completed
 2. **Local System**
 - Barothy Road, Clearing, Branch Twp. in Progress
 - Lattin Road, Bituminous, Summit Twp. in Progress
 - Bass Wood Court, Gravel & Bit. Summit in Progress
 - LaSalle Road Bridge, Grant Twp. Completed
 - Conrad/Meyers Int. P.M. & Amber Twp. Completed

Inman Road, P.M. Twp. Grading & Gravel Completed

3. Equipment repaired during the period included:

#254 Tractor is still in repair shop
#51 New truck is now complete

4. Permit activity for the past two weeks included:
Driveway applications and annual permits

5. Winter ice control salt has been delivered.

6. Mark Lothrop still on light duty work. Has been rewiring trucks.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Discussed janitors position

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. The asphalt is starting to crack in some of the gullys on the back roads.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

No comments

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Gary still receiving numerous resolutions of nonsupport for the changing of jurisdiction of primary roads to state routes.

2. Discussed union negotiations update.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Christmas party scheduled for Dec. 6th at Gibb's, sign-up sheet has been posted.

2. Gary, Les Kolk, Mike Smith, and Bob Weaver met with Bill Bobier Monday and discussed many items.

Letter was read from Gene Jorissen stating he wasn't able to attend Supervisors meeting this evening.

A letter was read from CRAM regarding Legislative action.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to contribute \$200.00 towards the employees seasonal appreciation dinner and give a \$20.00 gift certificate to each employee for Christmas.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

December 12, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Thurow, Merrill, Archer. Engr./Mgr. Dittmer, Sec. Anthony
Connie Rossman, Reporter

Absent: None

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the November 25th meeting as corrected.

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

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve Payroll #25 (\$68,467.36) and warrant 45385 thru 45458 in the amount of \$87,134.09.

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

At 9:20 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. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
 - a. Maintenance
 1. County Wide
 - Plowing snow and ice removal-had 3 to 8" of snow in different parts of the county last Friday.
 - Blading gravel roads
 - Prisoners cutting brush
 - Employees cutting trees
 2. State Trunkline
 - Plowing snow and ice removal
 - Patching with cold patch material
 - b. CONSTRUCTION
 1. Primary System
 - Ted is obtaining survey data on Freesoil road and cleaning up on project paperwork
 - Picking up soils data for Freesoil road
 2. Local System
 - Barothy Road, Clearing, Branch Twp. In Progress
 - Lattin Rd., Bit. Surfacing, Summit Twp. Placed on hold until next spring.

2. Equipment repaired during the period included:
 - #254 tractor- transmission work completed-should be delivered today
 - #50 New truck clutch repaired by dealer
 - Getting sanders and underbody scrapers ready for winter
3. Permit activity for the past two weeks included:
 - Driveway applications
 - Annual permits for 1998 coming in-Consumers Power, and REA
4. Winter ice control salt is all here
5. Hauling in yard gravel for use this winter and spring.
6. Building contractor working on pole building, should be completed by next week.
7. Gary attended MCRC SIP board meeting on Dec. 3-4th.
8. Employee Christmas party held at Gibbs last Saturday, was well attended.
9. Shirley attended a Cogitate year end meeting in Houghton Lake on Dec. 11th.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to hold the next regular board meeting on Dec. 26th at 1:00 p.m.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve the Payroll and Bills payable vouchers for Dec. 23rd 1997, as the courthouse will be closed on Dec. 24th, 25th & 26th.

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

At 10:30 a.m. Member Archer left the meeting.

The commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Questioned the condition of the local roads.
2. Wondered when we are getting more 2NS sand.
3. Asked about the condition of Mark Lothrop.
4. Questioned if fence was moved on Johnson road.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Wondered if Montrose pit was seeded when black dirt was removed.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Gary still receiving resolutions of nonsupport for the changing of jurisdiction of primary roads to state routes
2. It appears that the governor may be losing support for changes in Act 51 legislation.
3. Have not purchased ice control sand from Meyers Equip. due to favorable weather conditions.
4. Union negotiations will be updated on Dec. 23rd.
5. Have not advertised for temporary custodian help due to favorable weather and union negotiations.
6. Unit heaters have been installed and are working good.
7. Talked to Bill Kratz, from EDC and Andy Irwin, from MDOT regarding funding for P.M. highway.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. MTF funds are up \$30,000 from last year at this same time
2. The snow money was up \$6000 from last year.
3. Gary had discussion with Jeff Patulski regarding his possibly buying Peters gravel pit and selling gravel to county.
4. 1997 amended budget and 1998 proposed budget was given to commissioners to look over for a budget hearing at the next meeting on December 26th. at 2:00 p.m.
5. P.M.Twp will be submitting a request for installation of traffic lights at Sixth Street and P.M. highway and at Johnson Road and Jebavy Drive.

Correspondence was read from the following:

1. Information from CRAM regarding legislative action.
2. Information regarding R/W encroachment from CRAM attorneys.
3. Article regarding Ottawa CRC and the union.
4. Discussed Mason County Snowmobile association are trying to establish a snowmobile trail in Mason County.
5. Letter was read from Allen NicholSEN thanking road commission for paying half on his blue cross until he turned 65.

STOP SIGN AT JOHN STREET

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to put a stop sign on John Street eastbound at Jebavy Dr. Sec. 11, Pere Marquette Township.

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

EASEMENTS FOR ROADS

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to accept highway easements for the following:

1. Millerton Road	Timothy M. O'Hagen	Sec. 21, T.19N., R16W
2. Bryant Road	Mary Jane Peterson	Sec. 11, T.18N., R18W
3. Sherman Road	Dennis W. Oleniczak	Sec.14, T.19N., R18W
4. Dewey Road	David Michael Pearson	Sec.27, T.19N., R.17W
5. Dewey Road	Philip Nass	Sec.26, T.19N., R.17W
6. Dewey Road	Michael L. Karlis	Sec.23, T.19N., R.17W
7. Freeman Road	Viola Padgent	Sec.31, T.10N., R.16W
8. Freeman Road	Jeffry Patulski	Sec.25, T.20N., R.17W
9. Ehler Road	Don Petersen	Sec.12, T.19N., R.18W
10. Ehler Road	Ludington Properties, Inc.	Sec.12, T.19N., R.18W
11. Ehler Road	James Bekstrom	Sec.12, T.19N., R.18W
12. Ehler Road	James Bekstrom	Sec.12, T.19N., R.18W
13. Ehler Road	Everett Yancy	Sec.12, T.19N., R.18W
14. Ehler Road	Everett Yancy	Sec.12, T.19N., R.18W
15. Ehler Road	Keith Feemster	Sec.12, T.19N., R.18W

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

PLAT ST. MARY'S LAKE

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to sign a preliminary plat for St. Mary's Lake Estates.

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

MOTOR GRADER

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to take bids for a motor grader.

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

STAFF DEFERRED COMPENSATION

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow that effective 12/12/97 Mason County Road Commission shall match staff employee contributions to the existing deferred comp. plan up to a maximum of \$250.00 per year.

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

A letter was read from Mark Lothrop regarding changing his position from mechanic to truck driver. Will contact Mike Kluck regarding the situation and get an opinion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. to be continued at 1:00 p.m.

At 1:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chairman Thurow, with Vice-Chairman Merrill, Engr./Mgr. Dittmer and Secretary Anthony in attendance.

Visitors in attendance was Rudolph and Winona Anderson, Joanne Barnhart and Ron Johnson, attorney.

ABANDONMENT OF LOCUST LANE HAMLIN TOWNSHIP

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to abandon that portion of Locust Lane located between Block 18 and 19 of North Bayou Resort (between First Street and Spruce Street) Section 15. in Hamlin Twp.

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

ABANDONMENT OF EDEN LAKE ROAD IN EDEN TOWNSHIP

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to abandon that portion of Eden Lake Road located in Lot 1 of Del Ray Subdivision (an extension of Eden Lake Road) Section 17, in Eden Township.

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

ABANDONMENT OF MAPLE STREET IN HAMLIN TOWNSHIP

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to abandon that portion of Maple Street located between Block 6 and 7 of North Bayou Resort (between Ariel Drive and Lakeshore Drive) Section 15, in Hamlin Township.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

December 26, 1997 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Thurow, Merrill, Archer. Engr./Mgr. Dittmer, Sec. Anthony
Reporter Connie Rossman

Absent: None

Chairman Thurow called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the December 12th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the December 12th meeting as corrected.

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

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Payroll #26 (\$47676.59) and Voucher 45459 thru 45529 in the amount of \$76210.05.

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

At 1:30 p.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 1:35 p.m. Engr./Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
 - a. Maintenance
 1. County Wide
 - Plowing snow and ice removal as necessary.
 - Blading gravel roads
 - Patching with cold patch material
 - Cutting trees
 - Working in yard in Amber pit
 2. State Trunkline
 - Plowing snow and ice removal as necessary
 - Patching with cold patch material
 - b. CONSTRUCTION
 1. Primary System
 - Cleaning up records from this last year and preparing for next construction season
 - Soil borings on Freesoil road in Bear Swamp
 2. Local System
 - Barothy Road, Clearing, Branch, Twp. In Progress
 - Picking up easements for next years projects
3. Equipment repaired during period included:
 - #254 Tractor (Ford) Transmission-In service

#255 Tractor (Ford) Transmission-acting as was unit 254-will monitor and have repaired for spring
#84 Drott-major structural problems besides hydraulic problems

Minor repairs on various other items

4. Permit activity for the past period included:
Driveway applications-closing down for year
Annual permits for 1998 coming in yet
5. Building contractor working on pole building, should be completed by next week, have meeting set with Standard Lumber regarding paint job on steel.
6. Shirley and Diane working on year end reporting items etc.

At 2:00 p.m. the board looked over the budget for 1997 and proposed 1998.

BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Budget Amendment No. 2 for 1997.

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

BUDGET FOR 1998

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve the proposed budget for 1998.

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

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Concerned about keeping employees busy when there is no snow to plow.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. If there is an open winter men should be kept busy on Campbell and Barothy Roads.
2. Darr Road by the Finn and Feather Club needs to be graded
3. Would like to see Adopt-A-Road program in county to clean up along roadsides.

CHAIRMAN THUROW

No comments

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Gary talked to Larry Irwin and Bill Kratz regarding funding for Pere Marquette Highway.
2. MCRC SIP is going to appraise all of our buildings out of their own funds.

3. Union negotiations update
4. Discussion regarding Mark Lothrop request and verbal option from Mike Kluck.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Wage proposals for staff employees.
2. Wage proposal for Engineer/Manager.
3. Performance evaluation for Engr./Mgr. give to each commissioner.
4. Discussion on Performance evaluation for staff employees.
5. Plan from NRCS regarding Wetlands Development on the Montrose Pit.
6. Discussion regarding motor grader bids and possible excavator bids.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. Info from CRAM regarding Legislative action
2. Letter of request from Nominating committee for CRAM director position open.
3. Letter from Presidium Coresource regarding Lee Redman

STOP SIGN AUTHORIZATION

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to put a stop sign at Quarterline Rd. NB and Hansen Road in Amber Twp.

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

Stop sign at Koenig and Tyndall road tabled until next meeting.

ROAD NAME CHANGE IN HAMLIN TOWNSHIP

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to change the road names in Hamlin Township from George Street to North George Lane and Robert Street to West Robert Road.

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

STATE POLICE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to recind traffic order No. P-53-245-84 and instate traffic order No. P-R53-93-96 Summit Twp.-North Ave. between Mack Road and a point two hundred (200) feet easterly.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to rescind traffic Control Order No. P-53-162-81 and instate Traffic Control Order No. P-R-53-94-96 Sheridan Twp. Sugar Grove Road from Benson Road to fifteen hundred (1500) feet easterly.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to remove to rescind Traffic Control Order No. P53-247-73 and instate Traffic Control Order No. P-R53-109-96 Pere Marquette and Summit Twps. Lakeshore Drive from Kistler Road to 1.0 mile northerly.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to rescind Traffic Control Order No. P53-163-81 and instate Traffic Control Order No. P-R53-110-96 Pere Marquette Twp. Iris Road from US31 to five hundred (500) feet westerly.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to rescind Traffic Control Order No. P53-230-77 and instate Traffic Control Order No. P-R53-111-96 Riverton and Custer Twps. Scottville Road from the Pere Marquette River Sixteen hundred (1600) feet South.

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

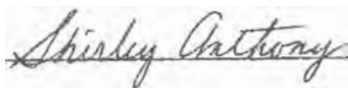
Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to rescind traffic Control Order No P53-36-84 and instate Traffic Control Order No. P-R53-112-96 Pere Marquette Township: Johnson Road from Nelson Road to Jebavy Drive.

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

The board went into executive session at 3:30 and talked about wages for staff and union negotiations on Dec. 23rd.

The board reconvened for their regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. and discussed reviewing bids for a motor grader and to be opened at the next meeting.

Their being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



Shirley Anthony, Secretary

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-97 to 12-31-97

	Revenue		
	1997	Amend#1	Amend#2
Licenses & Permits	8,000	3,000	3,800
Federal Sources			
Secondary	-0-	-0-	-0-
Urban	-0-	-0-	-0-
Surface Transp.program	-0-	-0-	-0-
"D" Funds	-0-	-0-	164,000
State Sources			
Engineering	10,000	10,000	10,000
Snow Removal	79,000	79,000	85,000
Urban Road	63,000	70,000	70,000
Allocation	2,375,000	2,375,000	2,600,000
State critical bridge	-0-	-0-	-0-
PA110 State Grant			149,474
Economic Development Fund			
Rural Primary (D)	225,000	216,000	-0-
Forest Road (E)	50,000	140,000	140,000
Urban Area (F)	375,000	375,000	345,000
Rural target (A)	50,000	-0-	-0-
Contributions from Local Units			
Township Contributions	203,000	475,000	500,000
Cities & Villages	-0-	17,943	17,943
Other-Hamlin/P.M.	500,000	52,000	143,000
Michitree	-0-	51,000	51,000
Mason Co.Drain Comm.	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other(Abr.tow.energy)	-0-	2,500	2,500
Charges for Services			
Trunkline Maintenance	575,000	600,000	600,000
Trunkline Non-Maint.	3,000	22,491	22,491
Salvage Sales	1,500	1,805	1,805
Interest & Rents			
Interest Earned	40,000	38,000	38,500
Other Revenue			
Gain/Loss on Eq. Disp.	30,000	25,000	22,000
Other-Installment	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total:	4,562,500	4,553,739	4,966,513
Fund Balance 12/31/96	1,164,061	1,035,183	1,035,183
Total:	5,726,561	5,588,922	6,001,696

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-97 to 12-31-97

EXPENDITURES

	1997	Amend#1	Amend#2
Heavy Maint.-Roads			
Primary	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,700,000
Local	450,000	800,000	875,000
Maintenance-Roads			
Primary	900,000	900,000	700,000
Local	900,000	900,000	890,000
Heavy Maint. Structures			
Primary	10,000	10,000	-0-
Local	10,000	10,000	10,000
State Trunkline Maint.	575,000	600,000	600,000
State Highway-Other	3,000	22,000	23,000
Equipment Expense-Net	20,000	50,000	85,000
Administrative Exp.-Net	135,000	140,000	140,000
Capital Outlay-Net	50,000	-0-	25,000
Debt Service			
Principal Payments	51,000	52,000	51,000
Interest Expense	25,000	19,000	18,000
Distributive Expense	500,000	-0-	-0-
Total Expenditures	5,229,000	5,103,000	5,117,000
Fund Balance	497,561	485,922	884,696
Total Budget:	\$5,726,561	5,588,922	6,001,696

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-98 to 12-31-98

Revenue

	1997	1998
Licenses & Permits	3,800	4,000
Federal Sources		
Secondary	-0-	-0-
Urban	-0-	-0-
Surface Transp. program	-0-	-0-
"D" Funds	164,000	-0-
State Sources		
Engineering	10,000	10,000
Snow Removal	85,000	85,000
Urban Road	70,000	70,000
Allocation	2,600,000	2,680,000
State Critical Bridge	-0-	-0-
PA110 State Grant	149,474	-0-
Economic Development Fund		
Rural Primary (D)	-0-	-0-
Forest Road (E)	140,000	50,000
Urban Area (F)	345,000	-0-
Rural Target (A)	-0-	36,000
Contributions from Local Units		
Township Contributions	500,000	400,000
Cities & Villages	17,943	-0-
Other-Hamlin/P.M.	143,000	-0-
Michitree	51,000	-0-
Other	2,500	2,500
Charges for Services		
Trunkline Maintenance	600,000	600,000
Trunkline Non-Maint.	22,491	20,000
Salvage Sales	1,805	2,000
Interest & Rents		
Interest Earned	38,500	25,000
Other Revenue		
Gain/Loss on Eq. Disp.	22,000	30,000
Other-installment	-0-	-0-
Total:	4,966,513	4,014,500
Fund Balance 12/31/97	1,035,183	871,696
Total:	6,001,696	4,886,196

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-98 to 12-31-98

EXPENDITURES

	1997	1998
Heavy Maint.-Roads		
Primary	1,700,000	875,000
Local	875,000	600,000
Maintenance-Roads		
Primary	700,000	700,000
Local	890,000	900,000
Heavy Maint. Structures		
Primary	-0-	-0-
Local	10,000	10,000
State Trunkline Maintenance	600,000	600,000
State Highway-Other	23,000	-0-
Equipment Expense-Net	85,000	50,000
Administrative Exp.-Net	140,000	140,000
Capital Outlay-Net	25,000	50,000
Debt Service		
Principal Payments	51,000	50,000
Interest Expense	18,000	18,000
Distributive Expense	-0-	-0-
Total Expenditures	5,117,000	3,993,000
Fund Balance	884,696	893,196
Total Budget:	\$6,001,696	\$4,886,196

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