

January 9, 1998 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 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the Dec. 26th meeting.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the Dec. 26th meeting as corrected.

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

APPOINT NEW CHAIRMAN FOR YEAR

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to appoint Ronald Merrill as Chairman, and Robert Thurow as Vice-Chairman for 1998.

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 #1 (\$53402.32) and warrant 45530 thru 45588 in the amount of \$55870.48.

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

Plowing snow and ice removal. Held men over during snow yesterday and some came in early today.

Blading gravel roads

Patching with cold patch material

Cutting trees and brush at various locations.

2. State Trunkline

Plowing snow and ice removal
Patching with cold patch material

b. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Ted cleaning up records from this last year and preparing for next construction season.

2. LOCAL SYSTEM

Barothy Road, Clearing, Branch Twp. - In progress
Ted picking up easements for next years projects.

3. Equipment repaired during the two week period included:
#84 Drott-major structural problems besides hydraulic problems, repaired and back in service.
Minor repairs on various other items
4. Permit activity for past period included:
Annual permits for 1998 are coming in.

5. Gary discussed anti-icing material demonstration he attended.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Was following MCRC sander yesterday and noticed the side discharger works real well.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Followed MCRC truck through Scottville early in a.m. and thought he could drop the blade and help scrape the city street when he was going through.

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Concerned over ice and snow spraying on cars on five-lane from blades on trucks.
2. Would like to see work done on US10 east of Scottville and US31 south of Ludington.

Under old business the following was discussed:

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to change the next meeting date from Jan. 23rd to Jan. 21st because of Union negotiations.

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

RESCIND STATE POLICE PARKING ORDER

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to rescind state police no parking order #P53-315-67 on Lakeshore Drive in Summit Township.

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

Under new business the following was discussed:

CHANGE YIELD SIGN TO STOP SIGN

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to change the yield sign on Kinney and Walhalla Road to a stop sign.

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

RIVERVIEW ESTATES

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to accept right-of-way for Hillside Dr. and Riverview Dr. in Riverview Estates.

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

CATERPILLAR MOTOR GRADER

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to accept bid of Michigan Cat for one 14H Caterpillar Motor Grader on a lease/purchase program in the amount of \$242,000.00 with a trade in of \$69,000 for MCRC #134.

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

The commission discussed Mark Lothrop request to transfer from a mechanic position to a truck driver position.

At 12:05 p.m. the board went into executive session to discuss staff adjustments.

At 12:30 p.m. the board reconvened the regular meeting.

STAFF SALARIES FOR 1998

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

Name	Position	Salary
Shirley Anthony	Clerk	\$32,968.00
Robert Larson	Foreman	33,404.80
Harold Morse	Foreman	32,302.40
Eric Moody	Superintendent	37,481.60
Diane Swathwood	Asst. Clerk	21,195.20
Theodore Weinert	Proj.Engr. Assit.	34,632.00
Terry Woirol	Shop Foreman	34,257.60
Gary Dittmer	Engr.-Manager	44,803.20

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

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

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Clerk

PROPOSED MINUTES

January 21, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the Jan. 9th meeting as corrected.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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 #2 (\$57,438.91) and warrant 45589 thru 45643 in the amount of \$72,149.51.

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

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

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

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
 - a. MAINTENANCE
 1. County Wide
 - Plowing snow and ice removal
 - Cutting trees
 2. State Trunkline
 - Plowing snow and ice removal
 - b. CONSTRUCTION
 1. Primary System
 - Ted cleaning up records from this last year and preparing for next construction season.
 - Ted contacted people regarding taking down trees in right-of-way
 2. LOCAL SYSTEM
 - Barothy Road, clearing, Branch Twp. in progress.
 - Picking up easements for next years projects.
2. Equipment repaired during the period included:
 - Minor repairs on various items.

Very little activity to date.

4. Building contractor completed working on pole building. Had a meeting with Standard Lumber regarding paint job on steel, adjustor agreed to replace steel in spring.
5. Hauling sand from Nugent Pit for ice control bought from Hallidays.
6. Had a minor accident last week. Car ran into Gayle Wrights truck, with minor damage and no one hurt.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Saw in the paper that our chipper was used in Scottville to recycle Christmas trees.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Wondered if anything was done yet regarding gravel purchase from Bob Peters.
2. Talked to a person regarding a snowmobile trail in Mason County.
3. Talked with fellow from McCormick's regarding the condition of the roads early in the morning in the county and Village of Fountain.
4. Had a complaint that South Stiles road isn't plowed out very early in the morning.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. The shoulders on US10-31 five lane needs blading back further.
2. Discussed the condition of the packed snow on the road to cemetary in Lake county.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. The next union negotiation meeting will be held on Jan. 22nd and 23rd.
2. Answered grievance from Mark Lothrop.
3. Motor grader has been ordered.
4. City of Scottville has installed a new sewer pump.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Disciplinary action taken against one employee for careless use of equipment.
2. Discussed grievance's recently filed.
3. Report from the TPA of CRASIF regarding physical inspection of MCRC premises.
4. Paul Bunyon meeting to be held in Cadillac on Feb. 6th.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. Letter from Bill Schuette regarding MDOT jurisdictional change.
2. Letter to J. Shinn, MDOT, from Bill Schuette supporting the Cat. A Grant for P.M. Hwy. project.
3. Letter from P.M. Township requesting assistance in installing a stop light at P.M. Hwy. and 6th Street, along with Jebavy Dr. and Johnson Road.

PURCHASE DODGE PICKUP

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to purchase a 1998 Dodge pickup from the state purchasing plan in the amount of \$16,997.36.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

February 6, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: Archer

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and Engr.-Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the January 23rd meeting.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the January 23rd meeting as corrected.

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

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve Pay #3 (\$52517.91) and warrant 45644 thru 45711 in the amount of \$43791.32.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow. 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**
 Plowing snow and ice removal
 Cutting trees and brush
 Crew cleaning trucks
 2. **State Trunkline**
 Plowing snow and ice removal
 Ordered backup salt
 - b. **CONSTRUCTION**
 1. **Primary System**
 Cleaning up records from this last year and preparing for next construction season.
 2. **LOCAL SYSTEM**
 Barothy Road, clearing, Branch Twp. In progress
 Picking up easements for next years projects
2. Equipment repaired during the period included:
 - #255 tractor (Ford) sent to Flint Ford for transmission repairs
 - #41 Truck sent to dealer for recall notice.
 - #84 Drott in for winter to replace hydraulic pumps and other items.

Miscellaneous trucks-front brakes and/or springs as needed.

3. Permit activity for the past two week period included:
Application from Martin-Marietta for reinstallation of pipeline in right-of-way.
4. Bob Larson checked frost tube in highway-very little frost.
5. Bob Larson took scales to MDOT/MDA for calibration.
6. Hauling sand from Nugent Pit for ice control material.
7. Had a minor accident last week-a car ran into Phil Gajeski with only minor damage, no one hurt.
8. Gary has contacted Twps. regarding local project work for 1998.
9. Gary met with Victory Twp. regarding possible work for 1998. Will possibly do two grade jobs.
10. Shirley has completed Act 51 report for 1997.
11. MCRC has received \$53,831.88 from MDOT per PA 117.

No commissioners had anything to report.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiations was held on January 22nd and 23rd.
Next meeting to be held on February 26th and 27th.
2. Haven't heard anything from union yet on grievances filed
3. Report from SFA and MDOT regarding privatization for MDOT workers and CRC work.
4. Paul Bunyon meeting was yesterday, three attended from Mason County.
5. Discussion with Bill Bobier regarding support for P.M. Highway grant.
6. Discussion regarding placement of stop light at Sixth and Pere Marquette highway. Sent letter to state.

ABANDONMENT ORDERS

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to sign abandonment orders for Eden Lake Road, Locust Lane and Maple Ave.

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

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Rumble strips that Clark Highway Services are selling.
2. Equipment profit/loss report for MCRC for 1997.
3. Copy of 1997 Annual Financial Report provided to commissioners for review.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. Legislative report from CRAM.
2. Annual report of monies collected from MDOT.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

February 20, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Guest: Connie Rossman, Reporter

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the February 6th meeting.

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

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

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to approve Pay#4 (\$47,734.99) and warrant 45712 thru 45762 in the amount of \$51,134.04.

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

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

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

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
 - a. MAINTENANCE
 1. County Wide
 - Patching pot holes
 - Blading roads
 - Replaced sections of guard rail
 - Cutting trees
 2. State Trunkline
 - Patching pot holes
 - Blading shoulders
 - b. CONSTRUCTION
 1. Primary System
 - Cleaning up records from this last year and preparing for next construction season
 2. LOCAL SYSTEM
 - Barothy Road, clearing, Branch Twp. In progress
 - Picking up easements for next years projects.
 - Proposals to townships for projects.

2. Equipment repaired during the period included:

#255 Tractor (Ford) sent to Flint Ford for trans.repair

#254 Tractor (Ford) replacing hydraulic connections,etc

#84 Drott in for winter to replace hydraulic pumps,etc

Misc. trucks-front brakes and/or springs as needed

3. Permit activity for the past period included:
Application from McCormick and Reynolds Saw Mills.
Application from milk hauler for overweight loading
4. Bob Larson checked frost tube in highway-very little frost.
5. Completed hauling sand from Nugent Pit for ice control material at \$1.00 yard.
6. Had a minor fire last week, no damage but there could have been if employee hadn't detected and taken appropriate action.
7. Gary has contacted townships regarding possible work for 1998. Sent out forms asking them to review projects for year.
8. Gary met with Victory Township regarding possible work for 1998.
9. Frost laws went into effect on Tuesday Feb. 17th.
10. Ordered 1500 tons backup salt for state.
11. Salt usage report for past years was read.
12. Gary is preparing various abandonment petitions of individuals.
13. Talked to county regarding Amber and Nurnberg Road pit property.

John Schimke, from Liquid Dustlayer, Inc., came at 10:30 a.m. to discuss CaCl₂ proposals for 1998.

The Commissioners gave their reports as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. There are some large trees on north Stiles road that have limbs hanging over the road that should be trimmed.
2. Would like to see a long range plan put into effect for restoring the Kirschner pit when the gravel is all depleted.

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Received communications from CRAM regarding increase of dues and ballot proposal.
2. Discussed conference in Lansing next month.
3. Inquired about questionnaire that he received from MCRC.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Discussed loader that was brought in for winter.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. The next meeting for union negotiations will be held on Feb. 26th and 27th.
2. Updated status on grievances that were filed previously.
3. Letter read from Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources regarding property owned by county and state that MCRC uses.
4. Bridge inspection report read from Nordlund.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Proposal from CRAM read for new name badges.
2. Commissioner salary report discussed.
3. News article in Ludington Daily news read regarding Hamlin Township.
4. Discussed going to Lansing to meet with officials regarding the US31 turnback.

The following correspondence was read:

1. Legislative report from CRAM
2. Information regarding Michigan Municipal bonding
3. Information from CRAM regarding legislation for cost sharing with townships
4. Letter from Sherman Township regarding road abandonment.

MOTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to transfer \$359,481.36 from the Primary fund to the Local Fund.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE ACT 51 REPORT

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer that the board approve the Act 51 financial data for the 1997 fiscal year, and further that Chairman Merrill be authorized to sign the various documents.

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

MOTION FOR 1998 LOCAL ROAD POLICY

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to initiate the 1998 Local Road Policy.

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

MOTION FOR CRAM BALLOT PROPOSALS

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to nominate Michael Dillenbeck, Marvin J. Kouba, Brent O'Bair and Charles D. Erickson for board of directors of CRAM.

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

MOTION TO VOTE ON SURCHARGE FOR CRAM

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to vote No to establish a permanent surcharge for CRAM.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

March 6, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the February 20th meeting.

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to approve the February 20th minutes as read.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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 #5 (\$48,307.39) and warrant 45764 thru 45831 in the amount of \$64,254.22.

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

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

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

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

1. a. **MAINTENANCE**

1. **County Wide**

Patching holes
Blading roads
Cutting trees

2. **State Trunkline**

Patching holes
Blading shoulders

b. **CONSTRUCTION**

1. **Primary System**

Ted is preparing Right-of-Way descriptions for Riverside Drive.

2. **LOCAL SYSTEM**

Barothy Road, Clearing, Branch Twp. in progress
Picking up easements for next years projects.
Ted finished plans on Freman Road.

2. Equipment repaired during the two week period included:

#255 tractor (Ford) to be returned repaired soon.
#84 Drott in for winter to replace hydraulic pumps
#38 Emulsion distributor steering repaired.

- #254 Hydraulic control valves revamped
- Repaired all Vee Bottom trailers.
- Misc. trucks-front brakes and/or springs as needed.
- 3. No permit activity for past period.
- 4. Gary has contacted various townships regarding local project work for 1998 and received numerous replies.
- 5. Removed frost laws on Tuesday, Overweight permitted loads are still regulated.
- 6. Lee Redmond has requested extended leave until at least April 15th due to health reasons.
- 7. Gary Dittmer and Eric Moody attended a Paul Bunyon Superintendents meeting in Lake County last Tuesday.
- 8. Discussed how crew picked up over 60 deer along various roads.
- 9. P.M. Hwy. Grant application discussed.
- 10. Discussion regarding resident complaint.

At 10:00 a.m. Phil DeVries, candidate for 101st District representative, came in to the meeting to introduce himself and give the board his background in politics.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

- 1. Would like to go to the public meeting today with representative from Bill Schuttes office.
- 2. Would like to see article in the paper thanking people for their help in getting grant to P.M. highway.
- 3. Met with snowmobile club this week. They would like to see use shoulders of certain roads as a snowmobile trail.
- 4. Would like to see ditching along Chauvez road east of Pere Marquette Hwy.
- 5. Discussed advertisement for short trailer in auction article.

MEMBER ARCHER

- 1. Would like to see the holes patched on five lane by Scottville. Note: During field trip to Ludington determined holes were in City of Scottville jurisdiction.
- 2. Questioned when the road commission would bid for seasonal requirements.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Discussed union negotiations.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. for the board to meet with a representative of Bill Schutt's office.

The meeting resumed at 12:45 p.m. with all members present.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiations update-next meeting to be held on March 25th.
2. Updated grievance filed.
3. Discussion regarding property owner on Weaver Road and right-of-way needed for improvement.
4. MCRC isn't involved anymore on Ehler road abandonment conflict.
5. Discussed Halliday Sand and Gravel to make gravel.
6. Talked to Hamlin Supervisor regarding Presidential Estates.
7. Discussed commissioners salaries.
8. Discussed Amber pit property

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Mavis road relocation status.
2. Have bids out for highway sweeping contract.
3. Schlick road lawsuit discussed.
4. Annual CRAM conference to be March 17th thru 19th.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. Legislative report from CRAM regarding set aside for townships.
2. Information from CRAM regarding legislation for cost sharing with townships and MTA response.
3. Letter from MDOT regarding "Rationalization process".
4. Proposal from Wayne Rinkevitz regarding property purchase.

Discussed cleanup of MCRC property that is being monitored for underground pollution.

Discussed employee improvement proposal from WSCC.

SIGNING OF ACT 51 CERTIFICATION MAPS

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow that the board approve the Act 51 Certification reports for the 1997 fiscal year, and further that Chairman Merrill be authorized to sign the various documents.

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

FREEMAN ROAD FINAL PLANS

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill that the board approve the signing of Freeman road final plans from Michigan Department of Transportation.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

March 20, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: Archer

Visitors: Reporter Connie Rossman

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the March 6th meeting.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the March 6th meeting as read.

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

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve Pay #6 (\$59,952.84) and warrant 45832 thru 45896 in the amount of \$51,670.81.

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

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

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

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

1. a. **MAINTENANCE**
 1. **County Wide**
 - Plowing snow and ice removal
 - Cutting trees that came down from snow storm
 2. **State Trunkline**
 - Plowing snow and ice removal
 - Backup salt is coming in this week
 - Patching with coldpatch
 - b. **CONSTRUCTION**
 1. **Primary System**
 - Various work
 2. **Local System**
 - Barothy Road, Clearing, Branch Twp. in progress
 - Ted is picking up easements for next years projects.
2. Equipment repaired during period included:
 #255 tractor (Ford) returned repaired.

- #84 Drott in to replace hydraulic pumps and other items, should be completed by next week.
- Misc. trucks-front brakes and/or springs as needed
- 3. Permit activity for past two week period included:
None
- 4. Received various responses from Townships regarding 1998 local project work.
- 5. Contractor completed random drug testing last week-no positive results.
- 6. Gary Dittmer prepared editorial regarding P.M. highway grant.
- 7. R. Merrill, B. Thurow, and G. Dittmer attended Ludington Chamber of Commerce Breakfast last week with Senator Bill Schutte.
- 8. Gary Dittmer and all the commissioners attended annual highway conference this past week. Also, went to the capitol building and met with Bill Schutte.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

- 1. Last Sunday the road to college was only bare to Groth road.
- 2. Attended Eden Township board meeting last week. Very little concerns about roads. Was concerned about getting Cabana road bridge repaired as people were driving around the barricades. Also, would like to have the ditch cleaned out on corner of Stella and Eden Lake Road.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

- 1. Would like a letter sent to Senator Schutte thanking him for seeing the board in Lansing.
- 2. Questioned if the mowers were in good shape and if the road commission needed another one.
- 3. Discussed Johnson road plowing and maintenance.

Under old business the following was discussed:

- 1. Next meeting for union negotiation will be held on March 25th.
- 2. Update on grievances filed.
- 3. L. Redman workman's compensation update.

4. T. Swinehart Vs MCRC lawsuit update.
5. Attorney General's opinion regarding performance audits. Letter states it is against the Constitution for the auditor general to audit counties.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Commissioners seminar to be held April 19th & 20th at the Park Place Hotel in Traverse City.
2. Gravel proposal read from C. Peterson.
3. P.M. Township request for variations on Meyers and Sixth Street crossings.

HIGHWAY SWEEPING CONTRACT BIDS

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to accept a contract for highway sweeping from Tri-Us Sweeping Services for \$10,987.60.

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

COUNTY HIGHWAY SWEEPING

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept a quote from Tri-Us Sweeping Services to do county sweeping at the same cost as last year.

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

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. Legislative report from CRAM.
2. Letter from MTA regarding various highway issues.

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

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

April 3, 1998 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

Visitor: Connie Rossman, reporter

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the March 20th meeting.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the March 20th meeting as read.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow. 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 #7 (\$48003.70) and warrant 45897 thru 45949 in the amount of \$36,526.51.

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

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

At 9:30 a.m. the board looked over the March trial balance.

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

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:

a. **MAINTENANCE**

1. **County Wide**

Blading roads

Cutting brush

Cleaning culverts

County backup salt has been delivered

Repairing guard rail sections

Patching holes

2. **State Trunkline**

Patching holes

b. **CONSTRUCTION**

1. **Primary System**

Various work

2. **LOCAL SYSTEM**

Barothy Road, Clearing, Branch Twp. completed

Picking up easements for next years projects

Ted has completed the plans on the Schwass Road

- culvert replacement in Riverton.
- 3. Equipment repaired during the last two weeks included:
#84 Drott- Completed and in service
Misc. trucks-front brakes and/or springs as needed
- 4. Permit activity for the past two week period included:
Various driveway permits and misc. mobile home permits.
- 5. Gary Dittmer and Ted Weinert attended a soil erosion seminar last week.
- 6. Bob Larson has been off due to illness in the family.
- 7. Gary Dittmer has provided local road agreements to:
Amber, Grant and Victory Twps.
- 8. Prisoners have been cutting brush and cleaning bridge areas as maintenance work.
- 9. Crew cleaning up additional area in USFS pit for gravel set.
- 10. Gary Dittmer sent letter to Senator Bill Schuette thanking him for meeting with the board.
- 11. Tom Zick completed road commission audit last week-no problems noted.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

- 1. Spent a lot of time on the road last week. Noticed the long hill in Lake County by Evergreen chapel was graded recently and the rain washed it out this week.
- 2. Visited a friend this week who is a commissioner at Ionia County.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

- 1. The gates should be closed on the fence on the weekends when it is not in use.
- 2. Men should be cutting smaller trees with the brush cutter.

Under old business the following was discussed:

- 1. Discussed union negotiations, next meeting to be held on April 22nd and 23rd.
- 2. Update on grievance filed.
- 3. L. Redman Workman's compensation update.
- 4. Toni Swinehart Vs MCRC update.
- 5. Commissioner's seminar discussed.
- 6. Motor grader is in at Michigan Cat. They will have to get it ready.
- 7. No word when the Dodge pickup will be here.
- 8. STP funding with the City of Scottville updated.
- 9. Property transfer from State and County update.

10. Cabana Bridge and Schwass Bridge update.
11. Landon road improvement update with MDOT. Received approval from state.

FOUNTAIN ROAD "D" ROUTE

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to concur with the Village of Fountain to declare Fountain Road within the village of Fountain a "D" route.

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

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Drivers Daily Inspection Reports information was given.
2. Material was discussed regarding BESTEA - reauthorization of ISTEa.
3. Meeting with Eugene Jabrocki regarding deer pickup proposal.
4. Letter was read from Spencer Abraham regarding the BESTEA program.

US FOREST SERVICE GRAVEL PIT

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to authorize Gary Dittmer to sign a contract with the U.S. Forest Service for the use and operation of the Forest Service Gravel Pit.

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

FREEMAN ROAD CONTRACT WITH STATE

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to authorize the signature of Chairman Merrill and Vice-Chairman Thurow on a contract with the state for Freeman Road, Project EDA53522/44554 Contract 98-5030.

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

LANDON ROAD CONTRACT

RESOLUTION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT PERE MARQUETTE RIVER WATERSHED PINE RIVER WATERSHED

<u>WATERSHED</u>	<u>PERE MARQUETTE RIVER</u>	<u>PINE RIVER</u>
GRANT NO.	ENH 96217	ENH 96220
FED. PROJ. NO.	STP 96ST (022)	STP 96ST (021)
FED. ITEM NO.	LL0080	STE 84900
JOB NO.	39781A	39783A

WHEREAS, the Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA) in collaboration with the Road Commissions of Wexford, Mason, Lake and Newaygo proposed site improvement projects which affect the Pine River and Pere Marquette River and roads under jurisdiction of the respective Road Commission by County Boundary

WHEREAS, the approved site for grant funds include the Landon Road Crossing in this County.

WHEREAS, the approved site in this County total \$31,000 grant funds and \$31,000 local match for a total amount of \$62,000.

WHEREAS, the Mason County Road Commission agrees to the Michigan Department of Transportation proposal to enter into a single project agreement with Lake County Road Commission to be the clearing house for receiving grant monies and dispersing funds to the other road commissions.

WHEREAS, there are two separate grants (one for each watershed) but there will be one agreement between MDOT and Lake County Road Commission.

WHEREAS, each county road commission will submit MDOT form 802P to the Lake County Road Commission by site location for reimbursement of eligible grant costs in accordance with the grant application participation and site location estimate.

WHEREAS, the projects will be completed in measurements using English system.

WHEREAS, the project completion date will be Sept. 30, 1999.

WHEREAS, each county road commission will be responsible for construction in conformance with MDOT 1990 Standard Specifications for Construction.

WHEREAS, each county shall provide insurance for work performed in the respective county. It is understood the road commission does not assume jurisdiction of liability of the CRA as to their participation to this project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mason County Road Commission hereby supports Enhancement Projects financing for the major portion of the project within Mason County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mason County Road Commission agrees to participate with the Lake County Road Commission in completing this project.

Thurow moved the adoption. Seconded by Merrill

YEAS: MERRILL, THUROW
NAYS: NONE

Date: April 3, 1998

I, Shirley Anthony do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Mason County and the keeper of the records and that the attached is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Said County, held in accordance with the by-laws of said County at it's offices at, 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan on the 3rd day of April, 1998.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto affixed my name as Clerk this 3rd day of April 1998.

Clerk

GRANT TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to enter into a Contract with Grant Township for LaSalle Road agg. surfacing in the amount of \$12,500.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to enter into a Contract with Grant Township for Morton Road to County Line road for Double Sealcoat in the amount of \$9000.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to enter into a Contract with Grant Township for Freeman Road from LaSalle Road East for agg. surfacing in the amount of \$8,000.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to enter into a Contract with Grant Township for LaSalle Road to Sauble River for agg. surfacing in the amount of \$10,000.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to enter into a Contract with Grant Township for Various roads for 38% CaCl in the amount of \$9500 per application.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Grant Township for Stiles Road from Countyline road south to end for agg. surfacing in the amount of \$5,000.

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

The board discussed buying a used extended cab pickup to replace #16.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11.45 a.m.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

April 17, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Visitors: Connie Rossman, Reporter.
Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the April 3rd meeting.

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the April 3rd meeting as read.
Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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#8 (\$45,849.32) and warrant 45950 thru 46026 in the amount of \$217,107.59.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, Archer. Nays: None. Motion carried
At 9:40 a. m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 10:00 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 roads
 - Cutting brush and trees
 - Cleaning ditches and culverts
 - Repairing guard rail sections
 2. State Trunkline
 - Patching Holes
 - Repairing shoulders
 - Eric & Gary met with state men for spring drive around
 - Ended night patrol
 - Opened rest area Monday
 - b. CONSTRUCTION
 1. Primary System
 - No Activity
 2. LOCAL SYSTEM
 - Basswood Ct. & Basswood Dr. G&Ds -Summit In progress
 - Lattin Rd. Drainage Summit In progress
 - Schwass Rd. Drainage Riverton In progress

2. Equipment repaired during the period included:
Sanders cleaned and repaired
Miscellaneous repairs
3. Permit activity for the past period included:
Various drive permits and misc. mobile home permits
4. Gary Dittmer has provided local road agreements to Eden and Branch Townships.
5. Prisoners have been cutting brush and cleaning bridge areas for repairs.
6. Crew cleaning up additional area in USFS pit for gravel set.
7. Gary sent letter to MDOT regarding Old US-31 and MCRC involvement.
8. Motor grader is in and in operation.
9. Cabana bridge has been removed and area stabilized.
10. Gary attended Mason County Township Officers meeting on Thursday night held in Victory Township.
11. Ron Merrill and Gary Dittmer attended Hamlin Township board meeting. Two small projects discussed.

OXBOW LAKE DRAIN/SCHWASS ROAD CROSSING REPLACEMENT

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Oxbow Lake Drain/Schwass Road Crossing Replacement.

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

OXBOW LAKE DRAIN/SCHWASS ROAD CROSSING REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Riverton, the Mason County Road Commission, and the Mason County Drain Commission wish to cooperate in the replacement of the Schwass Road crossing of the Oxbow Lake Drain located in the Section line between Sections 34 and 35 of Riverton Township, Mason County, Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED as follows:

1. That the Mason County Drain Commission will act as the lead agency responsible for the administration of this project;
2. That the design for this project shall be substantially in accordance with the attached plans, said plans being herein approved by the parties;
3. That the estimated cost of this project is approximately \$20,000.00 which shall be apportioned in the following manner:

Township of Riverton	25%
Mason County Road Commission	50%
Mason County Drain Commission	25%

4. That payment for said work shall be made by the parties in the agreed upon percentages based upon the actual cost, including any unforeseen overruns, with forty-five (45) days of project completion and invoicing by the lead agency, and;

5. That the lead agency will provide an accounting of costs incurred to the other parties upon completion of the project.

Approved by the Township of Riverton on the _____ day of May 1998.

Brian Lundberg, Supervisor
Rita A. Johnson, Clerk

Approved by the Mason County Road Commission on the _____ day of April

Gary L. Dittmer P.E. Engr. Mgr.

Approved by the Mason County Drain Commission on the _____ day of April 1998.

David A. Hasenbank,
Drain Commissioner

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Looked over the past minutes and Expenditures.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

No comments

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Appreciated seeing the gates closed on the weekend.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiations next meeting will be held on April 23rd & 24th.

2. No changes in the grievances filed.

3. The Commissioners seminar will be April 19th & 20th.

4. No news yet when the Dodge pickup will be coming in.

5. Read proposal from Leon Jabrocki to pick up and dispose of dead deer.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Seasonal material bids will be opened at the next meeting

2. Discussion on brush spraying speaker for next meeting.

3. Paul Bunyon meeting to be held on May 7th in Benzie Co.

4. Employee breakfast discussed
5. Victory Corners bridge to be partially funded by MDOT.
6. Bob Thurow discussed Sorensen doing work for Road Commission.

Correspondence was read from the following:

1. CRAM update information read.
2. Letter from Chippewa CRC read regarding MDOT wages.
3. Letter from MCRC SIP regarding claims read.

RIVERTON TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with Riverton Township for Morton Rd., Single Seal in the amount of \$9000.00.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with Riverton Township for Riggle Road for agg. surfacing for \$10000.00.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Riverton Township for Meisenheimer Road for Agg. surfacing for \$20000.00.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with Riverton Township for Washington Road for Agg. Surfacing for \$10000.00.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Riverton Twp. for various locations to apply 38% CaCl brine solutions for \$11,100.00 per application.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Riverton Township for Washington Road for Agg. surfacing for \$10000.00.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with Riverton Township for Schwass Road for agg. Surfacing for \$5000.00.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Riverton Township for Kistler Road. Agg. surfacing for \$5000.00.

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

AMBER TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

BRANCH TOWNSHIP

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with Amber Township for Amber Road grading, drainage structures, and agg. base material for \$9700.00

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with Amber Township for Conrad Road Single Seal for \$31,500.00.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Amber Township for Meyers/Conrad intersection, Bit. Asphalt patches for \$1950.00.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Amber Township for Dennis Road, pulverize existing surface and add. agg. for \$24,750.00.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with Amber Township for Conrad Road for \$10,000.00 for bit. patches.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Amber Township for various locations to apply 38% CaCl for \$4100.00 per application.

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

VICTORY TOWNSHIP

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Victory Township for Dewey Road, clearing and grubbing, grading, drainage structures and agg. surface for \$97,360.00.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with Victory Township for various locations to apply 38% CaCl for \$11,100.00 per application.

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

BRANCH TOWNSHIP

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Branch Township for Jackpine Road culvert replacement for \$35,800.00.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Branch Township for Jackpine Road for Bit. surface over crossing for \$4500.00.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with Branch Township for Landon Road for bit. surface with lip gutter for \$62,000.00.

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

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

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

VICTORY TOWNSHIP

May 1, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Material Bidders

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the April 17th meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the April 17th meeting as read.

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

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to approve Pay #9 (\$44746.67) and warrant 46027 thru 46092 in the amount of \$52,328.59.

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

At 9:17 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:20 a.m. the board looked over the status of township contract 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

Blading Roads

Cutting brush

Cleaning ditches and culverts with Drott

Spot brining on various roads

2. State Trunkline

Patching holes

Repairing shoulders

Requesting quotes on crack sealing

Sweeper was in this week to do state sweeping

b. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Preparing for work on Hawley Road

2. LOCAL SYSTEM

Basswood Court - G. & DS - Summit Completed

Lattin Road - Drainage- Summit Completed

Schwass Road - Drainage-Riverton Completed

2. Equipment repaired during the period included:
 Sanders cleaned and repaired
 Repainting new-used pickup #15
 Repairing brakes on trailer
 Miscellaneous repairs to other equipment
3. Permit activity for the past period included:
 Various driveway permits and misc. mobile home and Telephone Company
4. Gary Dittmer has provided local road agreements to Sherman and Logan Townships.
5. Prisoners continue cutting brush and cleaning bridge areas for repairs.
6. Received notice from MDEQ regarding Jackpine road crossing over Weldon Creek.
7. Employee Appreciation Breakfast was held Wednesday morning.
8. Gary Dittmer met with P.M. Township and MDOT regarding work on Pere Marquette Hwy.
9. Gary Dittmer met with Summit Township.
10. CRASIF held training meeting for fork lift operator training.

At 10:00 a.m. Bids were opened for materials with five contractors in attendance.

CULVERTS

1. Jensen Bridge	Corrugated Steel	12"	3.20
		15"	4.20
		18"	5.10
		21"	6.85
2. H. H. Craig & Son	Corrugated Steel	12"	3.25
		15"	4.14
		18"	5.10
		21"	6.61
3. St. Regis Culvert	Corrugated Steel	12"	3.25
		15"	4.21
		18"	5.16
		21"	6.58

WOOD PRODUCTS

Kren Bridge	Treated Timber SYP	1500 per MBM
	Timber Box	3000 per MBM

CORRUGATED PLASTIC PIPE

1. L.T. Elsey & Son, Inc.	6"	.56
	8"	.99
	10"	2.00
	12"	2.50
	15"	3.90

Corrugated Plastic Pipe (con't)

2. St. Regis Culvert	6"	1.08
	8"	1.81
	10"	2.20
	12"	3.47
	15"	4.55

GUARD RAIL

1. Construction Supply, Inc.	12" St.	2.50 per ft.
	Curved Panel	3.60 per ft.
	Buffed End	47.50
	G.R. Posts-wood	24.50
	G.R. Posts-steel	18.00
2. Anro Supply	12" St.	2.50 per ft.
	Curved	3.60 per ft.
	Buffed End	47.00
	G.R. Posts-wood	21.25
	G.R. Posts-steel	17.65
3. Jensen Bridge	12" St.	2.84 per ft.
	Curved	4.37 per ft.
	Buffed End	65.58
	G.R. Posts-wood	27.88
	G.R. Posts-steel	21.25

HYDRAULIC OIL & MOTOR OIL

	Motor Oil	Hydraulic
1. Merle Boes	2.47	1.79
2. Blarney Castle	2.75	1.99
3. Adams Oil Enterprise	3.05	1.40
4. Spartan Oil Co.	2.99	2.19
5. Kamp Oil Co.	2.99	2.19

GASOLINE and DIESEL FUEL

	Diesel	Gasoline
Westgate Oil	No Bid	
Brenner Oil Co.	Rack .4823	Rack .5303
	markup .0	markup .0
	Valtech .01	delivery .021
	delivery .024	.5513
	Total: .5163	

Blarney Castle	undergrd. .00875	undergrd. .00875
	Rack .4815	Rack .5215
	markup .01	markup .01
	add. .01	delivery .01940
	delivery .0194	
	Total: .52965	.55965

	Diesel	Gasoline
Merle Boes	Rack .4823	Rack .5303
	Markup .01	Markup .01
	Additive .015	Delivery .01
	Delivery .01	
	Total: .5173	.5503

COLDPATCH

Midland Cont.	CP5 At bidders plant	34.00 ton
	CP7 At bidders plant	55.00 ton
	CP5 At Scottville	39.50 ton
	CP7 At Scottville	59.40 ton
Rieth Riley	CP5 At Bidders plant	40.00 ton
	CP7 At Bidders plant	68.00 ton
	CP5 At Scottville	42.00 ton
	CP7 At Scottville	70.00 ton

BRINE

Wilkinson Corp.	Liquid Calcium Chloride furnished and loaded in County vehicles
	26% .05
	32% .08
	38% .115
	Furnished & applied continuously
	26% .11
	32% none
	38% .215
	Furnished & applied intermitently
	26% .125
	32% none
	38% .235
	Furnished & loaded in county storage
	26% .08
	32% .105
	38% .175

Liquid Dustlayer, Inc.

Bid to extend last years Contract for another year.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BIDS

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to accept bids for analysis and award in two weeks.

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

At 10:45 a.m. Kevin Ackley, from West Michigan Specialty Spray and Bill Nichols, from Townsend Chemical Co. came in to the

meeting to demonstrate brush control spraying. A video was shown on brush spraying.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. He and Ron attended the Commissioners seminar in Traverse City this week. 63 counties took part in the seminar. A mock trial was held.
2. Has had comments from citizens about the good service the Road Commission has given Riverton Township.
3. The mailboxes in the county should have been replaced by now from winter damage.
4. Wondered how many county owned parcels are involved in gas leases.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Wondered if the railroad problem by Larson Road has been resolved.
2. Wondered how the brine situation is this spring.
3. Wondered how the rye was coming that was planted along the shoulders.
4. How many miles of sealcoating are to be done this year.
5. Questioned if anything had been done with Peters pit yet.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Wondered if anything had been settled yet on Schoenherr Road dispute.
2. Questioned what the road commission did with the garbage at the rest area now the land fill is closed.
3. Wondered if the mowers were all ready to go this spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. for lunch.
The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiations was updated.
2. Update on Grievances filed.
3. Lee Redman Workmen's Compensation update was give.
4. Nothing new on T. Swinehart Vs MCRC.
5. Dodge pickup may be in soon.
6. Fee proposal is too high from citizen for removing deer.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Employee Health Fair to be held in May.
2. Seal coating report given.
3. Paul Bunyon meeting to be held this week Thursday in Benzie County.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. CRAM update information read.
2. Info from Secretary of State regarding fees collected.
3. Letter from Mrs. Nicholson regarding death of her grand daughter.

SHERMAN TWP. ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Sherman Twp. for Mavis Road, Agg. surfacing in the amount of \$10,000.00

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Sherman Twp. for Dewey Road, Agg. Surfacing in the amount of \$10,000.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Sherman Twp. for Colburn Rd., Agg. Surfacing in the amount of \$7,500.00.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Sherman Twp. for Townline Rd. Agg. Surfacing in the amount of \$20,000.00.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Sherman Twp. for Mavis Rd., Agg. Surfacing in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Sherman Twp. for Stephens Rd. Agg. Surfacing in the amount of \$20,000.00.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Sherman Twp. for Tuttle Rd. Agg. Surfacing in the amount of \$2500.00.

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

EDEN TOWNSHIP ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Eden Twp. for Eden Lake Rd. Agg. Surfacing in the amount of \$7000.00.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Eden Twp. for Darr Rd. from Hawley to Meisenheimer for Agg. Surfacing in the amount of \$10000.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Eden Twp. for Darr Rd. from Sippy to Marrison for Agg. Surfacing in the amount of \$5000.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Eden Twp. for Kinney Rd. Agg Surfacing in the amount of \$5000.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Eden Twp. for Ordway Rd., Agg. Surfacing in the amount of \$10000.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Eden Twp. for 38% CaCl for various roads in the amount of \$7215.00 per application.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Eden Twp. for Ordway Rd. for Agg. Surfacing in the amount of \$7500.00.

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

A proposal was read from Ron Brown Contracting to pave the west driveway.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

May 15, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Bill Meloney, Norman & Barbara Floyd & Connie Rossman,
Manistee News Advocate Reporter

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the May 1st meeting.

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

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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 #10 (\$44,583.03) and warrant 46093 thru 46159 in the amount of \$119,987.89.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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. Norman Floyd came in to discuss the condition of Campbell road. They would like to see some work done on it in the near future.

At 9:40 a.m. Bill Meloney, Meade Twp. Supv. came in to the meeting to discuss Pomeroy Springs road, Campbell road and other roads in the township.

At 10:00 a.m. Eugene Jorissen, P.M. Twp. Supv., came in to the meeting to discuss Progress Drive extension to 6th Street in the P.M. Industrial Park. He, also, discussed other areas in the township.

At 10:45 a.m. Engr./Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

a. MAINTENANCE

1. County Wide

Blading roads
Cutting brush

Cleaning ditches and culverts
 Spot brining various road with MCRC equipment
 Began continual brining on south end of county by contractor

2. State Trunkline

Patching holes

Blading shoulders

b. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Preparing for work on Hawley Road

2. Local System

LaSalle Road, Graveling In Progress

Anderson Road, Graveling In Progress

2. Equipment repaired during the period included:

Equipping new - used pickup #15

Miscellaneous repairs

3. Permit activity for the past period included:

A lot of driveway permits and misc mobile home permits

4. Local road agreements were provided to Pere Marquette and Sheridan Townships.

5. Prisoners continue cutting brush and cleaning bridge areas for repairs.

6. Transportation funds up 21% over May of 1997.

7. Youth crew began work on Wednesday of last week.

8. Crew will begin mowing roadsides next week.

9. Shirley and Diane attended Clerks meeting this week.

10. Gary attended MCRC SIP board meeting last week in St. Joe

11. Gary discussed P.M. Hwy. reconstruction with MDOT designers last week.

12. Ron Brown and Associates surfaced the west parking lot this week.

13. Updated brining program.

Terry Woilrol came in to discuss the fuel tank system that will have to be updated by Dec. 22nd according to new state law.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Attended Paul Bunyon meeting in Benzonia on May 7th.

2. Discussed changing meeting schedules.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Would like to see the work started on Hawley road.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Had a complaint about MCRC using ditch material for fill.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Gary talked with Mike Kluck regarding union negotiations.
2. Nothing changed yet on grievances filed.
3. Hearing set up on Monday for L. Redman Workmen's comp. claim.
4. Nothing changed on T. Swinehart Vs MCRC lawsuit.
5. New Dodge pickup is supposed to be made on June 6th.
6. Halliday Sand and Gr. are going to start processing gravel at the Forest Service pit next week.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. An employee Health Fair is to be held on May 21st.
2. A spring maintenance meeting is going to be held at Cadillac on May 21st.
3. Attorney General's opinion read regarding doing emergency work on private roads.
4. One of MCRC's existing employees is considering leaving.
5. A Statement of Mission and the Primary Project Goals for 1998 was presented and discussed.

The following correspondence was read:

1. CRAM update information
2. Letter regarding UP road builders meeting on June 9th and 10th.
3. Letter from CRASIF regarding use of new TPA.
4. News letter from Macomb CRC discussed.
5. Letter from Bill Schutte received.
6. Primary Road Program for 1998 was discussed.

The Statement of Mission and Goals project sheet was read.

CUSTER TOWNSHIP PROJECTS

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Custer Township for Johnson Road for Agg. surf. for \$20,000.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Custer Township for Powers Road for Agg. surf. for \$5000.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Custer Township for First St. for Agg. surf. in the amount of \$10,000.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Custer Township for various roads for appl. of 38% CaCl for \$1665.00 per application.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Custer Township for Reed Road for Agg. surf. for \$15,000.

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

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Sheridan Twp. for Deer Run-Trail Ridge Int. for Single seal for \$4500.00.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Sheridan Twp. for Deer Road for Agg. surf. for \$13,000.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Sheridan Twp. for Manales Rd. for Agg. surf. for \$40,000.

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

PERE MARQUETTE TWP. CONTRACTS

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with P. M. Twp. for Meyers/Conrad Int. for Bit. asphalt for \$3000.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with Pere Marquette Twp. for Inman Road for Bit. asphalt for \$6000.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with Pere Marquette Twp. for Curtwood Dr. for Bit. Asphalt for \$4800.

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

MATERIALS BIDS AWARDS

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to award the bid for culverts to Jensen Bridge & Supply.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to award the bid for wood products to Kren Bridge.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to award the bid for corrugated plastic pipe to L. T. Elsey & Son, Inc.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to award the bid for guard rail to Construction Supply, Inc.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to award the bid for hydraulic oil & motor oil to Merle Boes.

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

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

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to award the bid for coldpatch to Midland Contracting.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to award the bid for brine to Wilkinson Corp. and extend their 1997 bid by Liquid Dustlayer, Inc.

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

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

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

May 29, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State St., Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Connie Rossman, Reporter Manistee News Advocate

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the May 15th meeting.

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the May 15th meeting as corrected.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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 #11 (\$46,944.83) and warrant 46160 thru 46223 in the amount of \$148,594.19.

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

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

At 9:29 a.m. the board looked over the township contract summary 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
 - Blading roads as necessary
 - Cleaning ditches
 - Spot brining various locations with MCRC equipment
 - Contract brining completed to date
 - Youth crew cutting grass along guard rail
 2. State Trunkline
 - Patching holes
 - Repairing shoulders
 - Youth crew to begin in two weeks on state
 - Crack filling by AMZ with contract labor on US10
 - East and P.M. highway south
 - b. CONSTRUCTION
 1. Primary System
 - Hawley Road grading and reshaping grade

LaSalle Rd. Gravel - Grant Twp. In Progress
 Stiles Rd. Gravel - Grant Twp. In Progress
 Dewey Rd. Clearing - Victory Twp. In Progress
 Freeman Rd. Grading- Grant Twp. In Progress

2. Equipment repaired during the past two weeks included:
 Engine and ring gear on Chip spreader
 New pickup delivered and ready for service
 Miscellaneous repairs
3. Permit activity for the past two week period included:
 Various driveway permits and misc. mobile home
4. G. Dittmer has provided local road agreements to all the townships.
5. Prisoners have not worked for MCRC for the last two weeks due to working for various townships.
6. Gary met with P.M.Twp. and property owners regarding Wallace Dr., a private road they would like to make public.
7. Halliday Sand & Gravel is in the pit and making gravel. MCRC has helped by hauling clay for them. They will make 10,000 Yds. now and come back later to make more.

The Commissioners gave their reports as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. The grass is getting high on the shoulders of the roads.
2. Wondered if Freesoil Road was completed to Lake Co. line.
3. Discussed level of MTF funding.
4. Wondered where material from ditches on Dennis Rd. went.
5. Pat Ferrell, Committee Chairman from CRAM would like him to go to the Upper Pensinsula roads builders meeting.
- 6 . Toured the Lake County garage.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Drove around the roads in the county in the last week and thought they were in good shape, except S. Morton Rd. was rough.
2. Discussed placing a stop sign at Schoenherr Rd. S. of

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Citizen along Campbell Rd. is worried about losing right-of-way behind his house for road.

At 10:35 p.m. Terry Woirol came in to discuss the fuel system update that is a new state law.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to give the bid for the new auto gas fuel system to R. W. Mercer Co. in the amount of \$33,618.00.

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

It was discussed to lease a semi-tractor for a few weeks for the summer.

Mr. McCormick, from McCormicks Sawmill, came in and discussed future construction on Fountain Road.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiations update was given and a copy of the proposed union contract was discussed.
2. There was nothing more done on any of the grievances filed.
3. The hearing for Lee Redman Workman's compensation was postponed until August.
4. There will be a preconference hearing on June 9th for T. Swinehart Vs MCRC.
5. Discussed possible change of meeting schedule.
6. An employee health fair was held on May 21st.
7. Would like to set up areas for brush spraying.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. The following motion was made to sell surplus equipment

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to take bids on surplus equipment.

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

2. Contacted Martin-Marietta regarding getting well brine.
3. Bids to be open on June 10th for bituminous items for action on June 12th.
4. Information discussed from DRAGLINE regarding ISTEAF funding.
5. A road abandonment meeting is scheduled for the next meeting at 1:00 p.m.
6. MCRC SIP annual meeting will be held on July 22-23 at

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. for lunch

The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. Letter from Ron Johnson regarding River Forest Sub-division abandonment.
2. Letter to T. Czarnecki regarding roads in Nagasaki Park Subdivision.
3. There will be a meeting at the P.M. Twp. hall on June 5th regarding P.M. highway.
4. Whiskey Creek Condo letter read regarding brine good job done brining the road this year.
5. CRAM update information read.

Bid was discussed from Lee Kines and Johnson & Johnson for painting the new storage building.

FREESOIL TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept a contract from Freesoil Twp. for Schoenherr road, Single Seal in the amount of \$6300.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept a contract from Freesoil Twp. for Stephens Road, Single Seal in the amount of \$4500.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept a contract from Freesoil Twp. for Various roads for 38% CaCl at \$4163. per application.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept a contract from Freesoil Twp. for Hasenbank Road, Agg. Surf. in the amount of \$18,400.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept a contract from Freesoil Twp. for Townline Road, Agg. Surf. in the amount of \$20,000.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept a contract from Freesoil Twp. for Darr Road, for Agg. Surf. in the

amount of \$10,000.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept a contract from Freesoil Twp. for Tuttle Road, Agg. Surf. in the amount of \$10,000.

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

CONTRACT FOR HAMLIN TWP.

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to accept a contract from Hamlin Twp. for Single Seal in the amount of \$13,500.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to accept a contract from Hamlin Twp. for Agg. Surf. in the amount of \$3000.

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

CONTRACT FOR AMBER TWP.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept a contract from Amber Twp. for Amber Rd., Single Seal in the amount of \$13,500.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

June 12, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State St., Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Connie Rossman, Manistee News Advocate Reporter

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the May 29th meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the May 29th meeting as read.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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 #12 (\$55506.67) and warrant 46224 thru 46298 in the amount of \$121,061.63.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, Archer. 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 looked over the township contract summary sheet.

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

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:

a. **MAINTENANCE**

1. **County Wide**

Blading roads in preparation for brine
Four mowers are out 10 hours a day
Cleaning ditches

2. **State Trunkline**

Patching holes
Repairing shoulders
Youth crew began working on state last week
Crack filling by AMZ with contract labor completed

b. **CONSTRUCTION**

1. **Primary System**

Hawley Road Grading and reshaping grade-should be ready for paving in two weeks.

2. **Local System**

LaSalle Rd	Gravel Grant Twp.	Completed
Dewey Rd.	Clearing Victory Twp.	In progress

Freeman Rd. Grading Grant Twp. In progress
 Stephens Rd. Agg. Surf. Sherman Twp. Completed

2. Equipment repaired during the period included:
 Engine and ring gear on chip spreader
 Rebuilt transmission in Semi truck #60
 Miscellaneous repairs
3. Permit activity for the past period included:
 Various drive and misc. mobile home permits
 Telephone tower in Branch Twp. - Hansen Road
4. Halliday to return to make gravel in the USFS pit.
5. Gary Dittmer met with Pere Marquette Twp. people interested in the US31 turnback and has sent letter to MDOT regarding same.
6. Crews are still cleaning up from the wind emergency last week. Emergency command was set up at the MCRC on Sunday.
7. Gary Dittmer met with FEMA regarding costs for emergency.
8. Road Commission has been working with electric companies to complete clean up. REA sent linemen to go out with road commission employees. All roads were open by Wed.
9. MCRC has leased a semi tractor to augment present equip.
10. Bid opening was held Wednesday for bit. materials.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Wondered if MCRC had done anything yet on Campbell road.
2. Wondered if MCRC should do brining on shoulders of state highways.
3. Member of electric cooperative was killed after storm, would like to see safety stressed at road commission by supervisors.

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Wondered what happened to trees that were planted on five-lane.
2. Discussed sick leave policy on contract and told what county employees get.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Draft was sent to union for contract.
2. Update on grievances was discussed.
3. River Forest Subdivision in Freesoil Twp. was discussed.
4. Terry and Gary met with Martin-Marietta regarding getting well brine from them.
5. Gary talked to Bob Peters regarding the status of his gravel pit.

6. Bob Thurow wondered if anything had been done about roadside spraying.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. MCRC was served notice of a law suit from Marcellus.
2. Petition from residents of Stolberg Road regarding having a speed study.
3. MSP traffic specialist to be here next week to do speed studies.
4. MTF funds are up 35% from June of 1997.
5. Survey by MDOT regarding negotiating maintenance contracts.
6. Vehicles issued by MDOT for use by the Youth crew.
7. Appraisal done for property on Weaver road for right-of-way.
8. The board looked over the audit report for 1997.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to accept the 1997 Audit report as written.

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

TABULATION OF BIDS OPENED 6/10/98 at 10:00 a.m.

1. Bituminous Paving Program

Item	Bidder	Unit Price (Ton)
Bituminous Mix 13A	Rieth-Riley	\$26.14
	Elmers	36.80
		(Lft)
Temporary Pavement Markings	Rieth-Riley	\$0.50
	Elmers	0.50
		(Syd)
Pavement Removal	Rieth-Riley	5.00
	Elmers	12.50

2. Seal Coat Aggregate

Item	Bidder	Unit Price (Ton)
29A FOB Scottville	Meekhoff/Verplank	\$18.40
	Laman	N/A
29A Slag Suppliers Yard	Meekhoff/Verplank	\$14.00
	Laman	N/A
25A Slag FOB Scottville	Meekhoff/Verplank	\$16.55
	Laman	14.85

25A Slag Suppliers Yard	Meekhoff/Verplank	\$12.00
	Laman	13.25

3. Asphalt Emulsions

Item	Bidder	Unit Price (Gal.)
HFRS-2	Koch	0.5340
RS-2A	Koch	0.5340
SSIH	Koch	0.6340
MS2H	Koch	0.7340
MSOP	Koch	0.8340
HFRS-2P	Koch	0.8340

4. Bituminous Pulverizing

Item	Bidder	Unit Price (Syd)
Bit. Pulverizing	J&M Enterprises	0.24
	Bernie Johnson Truck	0.28
	Elmers	0.34

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to award the bid for Bituminous mix to Rieth-Riley, Sealcoat Agg. to Laman Asphalt, Asphalt Emulsions to Koch Chemical Co. and Bit. pulverizing to J & M Enterprises.

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

LOGAN TOWNSHIP CONTRACT

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to enter into a contract with Logan Township for application of 38% CaCl in the amount of \$1665.00 per application.

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

Bob Thurow stated that he would like to see more road name ahead signs on primary roads.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. to be resumed at 1:00 p.m. for road abandonment hearings.

The meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m. with all members present. Joe Smiegowski was also present.

ABANDONMENT OF ROADS

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to abandon a portion of Division Street in North Bayou Plat, Hamlin Township, between Duneview Dr. & Hermitage.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to abandon a portion of Cottonwood Lane, Butternut Lane and Locust Lanes in Hamlin Township.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to abandon a portion of Hagen Court in Pere Marquette Township in Golfwood Estates Subdivision.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

June 26, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Merrill, Archer, Thurow (tardy) Engr./Mgr. Dittmer
Secretary Anthony

Absent: None

Vistors: None

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the June 12th 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 Pay #13 (\$48,292.32) and warrant 46299 thru 46365 in the amount of \$69,524.74.

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

At 9:45 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

The board reviewed the revenue sheet and discussed Public Act 20 and made the following resolution:

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow that the following Policy be adopted:

WHEREAS, the MCRC is required to comply with the Public Act 20 of 1943 which authorizes and regulates the investment of surplus funds by the local units of government and;

WHEREAS, Public Act 20 of 1943 was amended in 1997 to require governing bodies to adapt an investment policy for these funds and;

WHEREAS, all funds are kept and controlled by the Treasurer of Mason County and;

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer and the Mason County Board of Commissioners have adopted an investment policy as required by Public Act 20 of 1943 as amended in 1997 and;

WHEREAS, a copy of the investment policy is attached to this resolution for reference.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners does hereby support this investment policy and agrees to abide by it.

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

The status of Township Road Projects was reviewed at 10:00 a.m.

At 10:15 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 Roads in preparation for brining
Mowing grass along shoulders
Began contract brining-second pass completed in
Logan, Amber, Custer, Riverton and Eden.
Cleaning ditches.

2. State Trunkline

Patching holes
Blading shoulders
Youth crew working on rest area repairs

b. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Hawley Road gravel placed in preparation for bit.

2. Local System

Conrad/Meyers Int.	- Amber/P.M. Twp.	Bit.	Done
Conrad		Amber-Bit. patches	Done
Dewey - Clearing	Victory Twp.		In progress
Freeman - Clean up	Grant Twp.		In progress
Hesslund	P.M. Twp.		In progress

2. Equipment repaired during the period included:

-Miscellaneous repairs

3. Permit activity for the past period included:

-Various driveway and misc. mobile home

4. Halliday to return to make gravel in the USFS pit in about two weeks. Pit is running low on gravel.

5. Crews are still cleaning up from wind emergency May 31st.

6. Gary met with citizens and Sheridan Twp. Board regarding Stolberg Road and Speed.

7. Gary met with Mich. State Police regarding doing speed studies on several roads.

8. Gary met with Bob Peters regarding Larson Road and Gravel Pit.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Questioned when Clark Highway would be painting lines on microseal.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

No comments

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. The shoulders on Custer Rd. need to be widened.
2. When would sealcoat be done on Custer Road.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiations update-union will vote on contract on Monday.
2. Update on grievances filed.
3. Terry making hook-ups for Martin-Marietta brine.
4. FEMA meeting set up for June 30th in Muskegon.
5. Discussed signs for in front of building and road name ahead signs.
6. Discussed when surplus equipment sale would be held.
7. Discussed looking at proposed gravel pit sites in Oceana County.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Bob Thurow stated the beaver are bad on Kinney Road.
2. Correspondence read Mason County Sheriff's Dept. regarding possible grant for highway safety and planning.
3. Discussed possible purchase of a brine tanker.
4. Investment information discussed regarding surplus funds.
5. Discussed sand taken from James Wood property.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. CRAM update information.
2. Letter to James Wood.
3. Letter from Mark Otto regarding Levenson Vs. MCRC relating to drainage.
4. Candidates for MCRCSP board positions.

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to authorize Ron Merrill to be a voting delegate to Annual Membership meeting for MCRCSP and Robert Thurow an alternate.

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

ENGINEERING REIMBURSEMENT MOTION

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to have Commissioners sign authorization for engineering reimbursement from State of Michigan.

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

HAMLIN TOWNSHIP ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Hamlin Township for Beaune Road Bit. wedging for \$21,000.

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to enter into a contract with Hamlin Township for Ehler Road, Cleaning, Grading, subbase and 3" gravel for \$41,000.

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

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to enter into a contract with Sheridan Township for Ford Lake Road for single seal for \$12,870.00

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

July 10, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: Thurow

Visitors: None

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the June 26th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the ~~July~~ ^{June} 26th 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 Pay #14 (\$46,736.91) and warrant 46366 thru 46440 in the amount of \$127,875.92.

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

At 9.55 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 10:00 a.m. the board looked over the status of township contracts sheet.

At 10:05 Engr./Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:
 - a. MAINTENANCE
 1. County Wide
 - Mowing grass on shoulders
 - Contract brining-second pass completed last week.
 - Cleaning ditches
 2. State Trunkline
 - Patching holes
 - Blading shoulders
 - Preparing bidding for bit. patches on M-116
 - Youth crew continues working
 - b. CONSTRUCTION
 1. Primary System
 - Preparing for seal coating soon.
 - Hawley road bituminous placement should be finished today.

2. Local System

Freeman Road - Grant Township - Completed
 Dewey Road - Victory Twp. - In progress
 Two companies on Hoague road would like to see about funding to upgrading road.

2. Equipment repaired during the period included:
 Miscellaneous repairs
3. Permit activity for the past two week period included:
 Martin-Marietta to submit permit for work along Quarterline road.
 Various driveway and misc. mobile home permits.
4. Opened bids on surplus equipment Thursday.
5. Gary and Shirley attended a FEMA meeting in Muskegon last week.
6. Workers Comp. TPA inspection report read.
7. Gary attended a meeting with MDOT regarding the P.M. Highway turnback.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Would like to see the sealcoat program get started.
2. Will be attending the McGuire Classic.
3. The township association will be meeting on July 16th at the Amber Township hall.
4. Stiles road is bleeding in the hot weather.
5. Discussed our policy on dead animal removal.
6. Discussed people putting brush on road right-of-way from private property.
7. The County Road Association elected to support Bill Schuette for senate.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Discussed labor relations.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiations update.
2. Update on grievances filed.
3. Terry is making hook-ups for Martin-Marietta brine.
4. James Wood property damage cleaned up and repaired.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Information from MCRC SIP regarding claims.
2. Information regarding MCRC sign for front yard.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. CRAM update information.
2. Invitation to McGuire open.

3. Letter from Western Michigan Electric regarding appreciation for MCRC help during the storm of May 31st.
4. Department of Agriculture will start charging for certifying scales.

FRANKLIN/TEMPLETON INVESTMENT SERVICES

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to enter into a Certification for Trust or Retirement Plan with Franklin Templeton Investment Services.

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

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BIDS

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept the highest bid for surplus equipment for bids taken on July 9, 1998.

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

FREESOIL TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept a contract from Freesoil Township for Budzynski road for Single Seal for \$4500.

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

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to accept a contract from Freesoil Township for Schoenherr Road for Single Seal for \$6300.

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

LOGAN TOWNSHIP CONTRACT

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to accept a contract from Logan Township for Taylor Road for bit. surface for \$5800.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

July 24, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Roger, Barbara & Ren Belic, John Fernandez, Norman & Barbara Floyd, Bob Haupt and Bill Meloney.

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the July 10th meeting.

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the July 10th meeting as read.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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 #15 (\$46,172.87) and warrant 46441 thru 46510 in the amount of \$58,283.11.

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

At 9:30 a.m. the board listened to a group from Riverside Dr. and Campbell Road regarding future improvements to both primary roads.

The board also listened to Bill Meloney, Supv. in Meade Twp. discuss improvements on both roads.

Mr. Bob Haupt, from the Hackert Lake Association, discussed the improvements of Crystal View Drive.

At 10:30 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 10:42 a.m. Engr./Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

a. **MAINTENANCE**

1. **County Wide**

Mowing grass-finished primaries and starting on locals
Blading as needed
Completed solid brine and started on spot brining

Cold patching various locations for sealcoat

2. State Trunkline
 - Patching holes
 - Blading shoulders
 - Youth crew continues working
- b. CONSTRUCTION
 1. Primary System
 - Preparing for seal coating soon.
 - Hawley Road done.
 2. Local System
 - Kinney Rd. Agg. Surfacing Eden Township completed
 - Freeman Rd. Agg. Surfacing Grant Township completed
 - Hesslund Road Bit. Surface P.M. Township completed
 - Taylor Road Bit. Surface Logan Township completed
 - P.O. to Bob Peters to work on Larson road-Sheridan Twp.
 - Crystal View Drive G&DS Amber Township in progress.
2. Equipment repaired during the two week period included:
 - Seal coat equipment is ready to go.
 - Miscellaneous repairs
3. Permit activity for the past two week period included:
 - Martin-Marietta to submit permit for work along Quarterline Road.
 - Various driveway and misc. mobile home permits.
4. Halliday Sand & Gravel to return to make gravel in the USFS pit.
5. Halliday attended diggings at Bob Peters pit.
6. Gary attended MCRC SIP annual meeting-refund on liability insurance is higher this year.
7. Gary met with various residents of Riverside Dr. who were not in favor of improving roadway.
8. Gary sent request for funding to USFS for various roadways.
9. Gary met with John Helminiak, Supervisor of Grant Twp. and two commercial property owners regarding TEDF Cat A funding on Hoague road.
10. Terry had run thru with Martin-Marietta regarding brine from well at Nurnberg pit.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Talked to Bob Gheen regarding Martin-Marietta well site.
2. Discussed County Road Association and Rushpac supported Bill Schuette for senate.
3. Will be going to McGuire classic on Aug. 6th.
4. Discussed road alignment on Riverside Drive.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. The roads are in better shape this year with the 38%

2. The stone is in for seal coating.
3. The shoulders need mowing again.
4. Discussed the dirt piled up in Montrose pit.
5. Discussed union negotiations.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Discussed South Gordon Road between First and Conrad.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Mr. Valenti sent letter to Mike Kluck telling him what was in dispute in the union contract.
2. Update on union grievances that were filed.
3. Information was given regarding MCRC sign.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Northern Association of Road Commissions meeting will be held on Sept. 9-11.
2. Paul Bunyon meeting will be held on August 13th at Antrim County.
3. Northern Rush-Pac meeting will be held on Sept. 16th.
4. The McGuire open is to be held on August 6th.
5. Proposal was read from Bob Peters for furnishing gravel.

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

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

August 7, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Visitors: None

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the July 24th meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the July 24th meeting as read.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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#16 (\$50884.94) and warrant 46511 thru 46577 in the amount of \$80,235.60.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, Archer. 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 looked over the July Trial balance and township project sheet.

At 9:32 a.m. Engr./Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:

a. MAINTENANCE

1. County Wide

Mowing grass when people are available.

Blading when have moisture enough.

Will have youth crew begin work next week for county.

2. State Trunkline

Prepared agreement for spot paving on M-116 with Rieth-Riley.

Youth crew completed work on state.

b. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Seal coating

Campbell Road, Millerton and Custer roads.

2. Local System

progress.

Townline road gravel surface Grant Twp. In progress

2. Equipment repaired during the period included:
Miscellaneous minor repairs.
3. Permit activity for the past period included:
Various driveway and misc. mobile home permits.
4. Halliday Sand & Gravel to return to make gravel in the USFS pit.
5. Gary met with Victory Township regarding brining work.
6. Youth crew redid flower gardens at the rest area.
7. Gary met with FEMA regarding payments.
8. Gary met with residents regarding Powers road.
9. Fuel system work to begin next Monday.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Discussed LaSalle and Beyer Road intersections.
2. Ben Moore wants to change location of his driveway on Bryant Road.
3. Adopt-A-Highway was discussed for local roads as well as on the state highways.
4. Some of the highways need to be repainted on the center lines.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Limbs are falling in the roadway on North Stiles from trees along the road.
2. Had a complaint from a citizen on Ford Lake about a spring in the road.
3. Had a complaint about Fisher road being rough.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Duane Cooper said the brush needed to be cut on the corner of Brye and Meisenheimer.
2. Had a complaint about a pot hole on Brye south of Hawley.
3. Wondered how long the road commission will be renting the semi tractor.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Gary and Ron met with Union reps. last week to discuss the union contract. Special meeting to be set up for discussing contract on August 11th.
2. Update on grievances filed.
3. No new information regarding a new sign.
4. Contacted Kevin Ackley about setting up areas for brush spraying.

5. A safety grant has been applied for by the sheriffs department.
6. An employee told commissioner that the city police was upset about the dirt on the road from brining the park.
7. Lee Redman case will be reviewed next week.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Dean wondered about 1st Street bridge in Custer.
2. Bids will be open in two weeks for the engineering on Victory Corners bridge.
3. Discussed secondary road connecting K-Mart and Walmart shopping areas.
4. Bob was in the upper peninsula this week and noticed the poor condition of some the the road commission garages.
5. Bob went to Barothy lodge last week and talked to the caretaker regarding the lodge.

Correspondence was read from Merle Boes regarding a gulf outing.

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

There will be a special meeting on August 11th at 7:30 a.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

PROPOSED MINUTES

August 11, 1998 special meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: Thurow, Anthony

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

The board went into closed session to discuss the current labor contract negotiations.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Gary L. Dittmer
Acting Secretary

August 21, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Robert Mikula, William Meloney

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the August 7th meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the August 7th meeting as read.

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

Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the August 11th special meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the August 11th meeting as read.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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 #17 (\$52076.45) and warrant 46578 thru 46645 in the amount of \$310757.15.

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

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

At 9:30 a.m. a visitor, Robert Mikula, discussed the heavy truck traffic on North Darr Road and the damage it was causing to the road.

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

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

A. MAINTENANCE

1. County Wide

Mowing grass-when people are available.

Blading when there is enough moisture.

Youth crew will end work next week for the county.

2. State Trunkline

Spot paving on M-116

Review letter and meeting minutes of P.M. Hwy.

b. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Seal coating

Work will be completed next week about Wednesday.

2. LOCAL SYSTEM

Crystal View Drive - Amber Township- In progress

Townline road gravel surface-Grant Twp. In progress

Seal coating various local roads.

Morton Road- Grant Township In progress

2. Equipment repaired during the period included:

Miscellaneous repairs:

3. Permit activity for the past two week period included:

Bryant Road-Water main for Pere Marquette Twp.

Subdivision for Paul Coleman on Bryant Road.

Progress Drive extension in Pere Marquette Twp.

4. Halliday returned to make gravel in the USFS pit, completed about 30,000 cyds.

5. Fuel system work to be completed next week.

6. Brush spraying work by contractor to begin next week.

7. Gary attended Paul Bunyon meeting last week, it will not as well attended as it usually is.

8. Gary met with Frank Morse regarding Weaver Road approach to US-10 and property owner.

At 10:00 a.m. bids were opened for a bridge consultant for Victory Corners bridge.

1. Gosling and Czubak	\$15,850.00
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2. Abonmarche	7,330.00
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3. Gordie Frazier	no bid submitted
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4. Wilcox Associates	16,000.00
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5. Nordlund & Associates	14,500.00
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William Meloney, Meade Twp. Supervisor, came in to the meeting to discuss the following:

1. A few Meade Twp. residents would like a copy of the board minutes when they attend the meeting to see what was put in the minutes.

2. Mr. Meloney praised the county for the condition of Riverside Drive at the present time.

3. A petition was brought to the board with many names on of people that are not in favor of doing any improvement to Section 3 of Riverside Drive.

4. Residents of the township are concerned about when work would be started on Campbell road.

5. Would like to see more mowing at the intersections in the township.

6. Brining was discussed.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. There is a bad blowout at the top of the hill on Wilson road east of Custer.
2. MCRC should consider purchasing the grader outright that is being leased.
3. East Conrad Road beyond Eikenberrys needs to be repaired.

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Looked over the road systems in Grant Township area last week.
2. Got a mailing from Northern Association regarding meeting.
3. Wondered when MCRC would be hauling brine from Martin-Marietta.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Met with union reps last week regarding union negotiations.
- Vice-Chairman Thurow left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiations was discussed.
2. Three of the grievances were dismissed.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Northern Association of Road Commissions meeting will be Sept. 9-11th.
2. Northern Rush-Pac meeting on Sept. 16th.
3. Permission to request quotes on a used loader.
4. Permission to request quotes for underbody scraper inserts.
5. Discussed requesting bids on replacing 5 yd. trucks.
6. Would like to set up a new agreement with MCC schools regarding higher price per gallon for fuel.
7. Gary will be off next week for 2-3 days.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. CRAM update information.
2. Letter from Old Engine Club thanking the road commission for brining the road.
3. Correspondence was read regarding MDOT and CRAM highway contract.
4. CRASIF trustee position request and annual meeting information given.

STOP SIGN & NO PARKING REMOVAL OF SIGNS

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to erect a stop sign on Wagonwheel Road Eastbound at Hamilton Road, Sec. 13 Branch Township.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to erect a stop sign on Kistler Road westbound at Appleton Road, Sec. 12, Riverton Township.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to erect a stop sign on Tuttle Road southbound at First Street, Sec. 17, Custer Township.

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to remove a no parking at anytime sign within the right of way on Hansen Road from Dennis Road (north) easterly to Victory Corners Road, Traffic Control Order No. P-R 53-60-98

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to remove a no parking at any time sign within the right-of-way on either side of Bayou Street between points which are respectively two hundred (200) feet southeasterly and seven hundred (700) feet southeasterly of Lake Shore Drive, P-R 53-260-72

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to remove a no parking at any time sign within the right-of-way on Jebavy Road from RiverView Drive northerly to Decker Road, P-53-306-89

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

DEFERRED COMPENSATION AMENDMENT

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to approve Chairman Merrill signing the First Amendment to the deferred compensation plan for Mason County Road Commission.

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

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

Shirley Anthony

September 13, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission was held in their office at 510 E. State St., Scottville, Michigan.

Present: Merrill, Archer, Thurow at 9:45 a.m. Engr./Mgr. Dittmer
Anthony, Sec.

Absent: None

Visitors: None

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the August 21st meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the August 21st 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 Pay #18 (50864.72) and warrant 46646 thru 46702 in the amount of \$160,911.81.

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

At 9:35 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet and the Trial Balance for August.

At 9:50 a.m. Engr./Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. Work progress during the past two weeks included:

A. Maintenance

1. County Wide

Mowing grass as people are available.
Blading gravel roads when moisture is available.
Youth crew has completed work for summer
A storm came thru Tuesday and knocked trees down.

2. State Trunkline

1998 remaining budget is about \$40,000.
Prepared contract for MDOT to place \$20,000 paving on P.M. Highway south.
Prepared contract for MDOT to replace guardrail on P.M. Highway south.

B. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Sealcoating completed last week.
Crush and shape Benson road for gravel and paving
Began layout of Campbell Road.

2. Local System

Sixth Street P.M. Twp. -crush and shape then
gravel & bit. surface
Townline Road -Sherman & Grant Twp. Agg. Surface
Deer Road, Sheridan Township-Agg. Surface
Crystal View Dr. and Amber Rd. grade and cleanup
then Agg. base and Bit. surface.

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
Minor items.
3. Permit activity during this period included:
Drive permit along Lakeshore Drive near P.M.
Memorial.
Bryant Road waterline completed and accepted.
Progress Drive extension project in progress
Paul Coleman subdivision in progress.
4. Gary to attend court hearing regarding property dispute
along Schoenherr Road from Fountain to Millerton Rd.
5. Fuel system completed and operational.
6. Gravel processing completed.
7. Repairs being made to Conrad Road east of Tuttle Road.
8. Sealcoated roads are being swept in preparation for
centerline painting.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Attended the Republican convention in Lansing. Several
politicians discussed road business.

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to
appoint Dean Archer to be a voting representative
to CRASIF at their annual meeting in September.

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

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Mrs. Wing called about a turn-around on Powers road.
2. Mr. McCormick asked about Schoenherr road.
3. Victor Larson discussed road closure he is involved with.
4. Rumble strips need to be put in again.
5. Conrad road south of town needs holes filled along the
shoulder of the road.
6. Talked with Mr. Nash regarding torn power wires off
Koenig road.
7. Discussed gravel in Oceana County with Herbie Merten.
8. The road commission needs to look for used loader.
9. Looked at an old used dump truck.
10. Has had calls at home from men looking for a job.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Darr road by the Finn and Feather Club needs to be graded.
2. Wondered when the road commission will be brining again.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiations update.
2. Update on grievance.
3. Traffic control orders need to be signed.
4. Information on subdivision on Trem1 road north of Freesoil.
5. Information on defective steel on pole building, Standard Lumber reimbursing for cost of new steel.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Northern Association meeting on Sept. 9-11th.
2. Motor Grader Training school to be held here on October 6th.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. Invitation to put vehicle in the Harvest Festival.
2. CRAM newsletter.
3. Letter on right-of-way from Legal of CRAM.
4. Letter from Tom Zick regarding selling his firm.

BID FOR ENGINEERING CONSULTATNT

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to award the bid for a bridge consultant for Victory Corners bridge to Abonmarche.

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

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

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

September 18, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission was held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: Thurow

Visitors: David & Sue Mead

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to approve the minutes of the September 3rd 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 #19 (\$45941.14) and warrant 46703 thru 46770 in the amount of \$216812.48.

Yeas: 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:

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

A. Maintenance

1. County Wide

Blading gravel roads when moisture was available
Cold Patching

Sweeping new sealcoat surfaces

Clark to do centerline painting soon

Brining on a regular basis with Martin-Marietta brine

2. State Trunkline

Prepare contract for MDOT to place \$20,000 paving on P.M. highway.

Mowing along highways to be completed by Wednesday.

The state won't allow cutting on the median anymore.

Sweeping to begin within the next two weeks.

Repairing shoulders, etc.

B. Construction

1. Primary System

Benson Road being graveled and prepared for paving and repaired frost heave and culverts.

2. Local System

Sixth Street P.M. Twp. is completed
Townline Road, Sherman and Grant Twps. Agg. Surface
Deer Road, Sheridan Township, Agg. Surface
Crystal View Drive and Amber Road, Bit. surface
Begin Jackpine soon

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:

Hough loader down-may need too much to repair
May need to buy new sanders

3. Permit activity during this period included:

Oil drilling along Hansen Rd. at Dennis & Meyers.
Logging operation at Hasenbank and Stark Rd.
Paul Coleman subdivision in progress.

4. Gary did not attend court hearing regarding property dispute along Schoenherer Road from Fountain to Millerton

5. Fuel system is completed and operational.

6. Gary, Ron and Dean attended the Northern Assoc. of Road Commission meeting last week.

7. Gary met with residents of Jackpine Road Thursday to discuss project.

8. Gary met with Abonmarche Group regarding Victory Corners bridge project Thursday.

At 10:00 a.m. bids were opened for grader blade inserts.

Bidder	Amount	
Paper, Calmenson	3/4" x 6' blade	41.06
	3/4" x 7' blade	46.95
	Alternate-extra edge	
	6' blade	37.60
	7' blade	46.59
Hyde Equipment Co.	3/4" x 6'	29.19
	3/4" x 7'	34.01
St. Regis Culvert	3/4" x 6'	29.22
	3/4" x 7'	34.09

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to award the low bid for grader blade inserts to Hyde Equipment Company.

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

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Attended the CRASIF meeting at Boyne Highlands on Sept. 9th.
2. Set up program for next April for the Commissioners Seminar.
3. Brought back placques from CRASIF that were awarded to MCRC for 1998 Outstanding Safety record and award for being a 20 year Charter member.
4. Had several comments from people regarding the good job done on the sealcoating this year.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. There is a bad dropoff on Scottville Road by Frank Milverts. (Note: Repairs made Monday 9-21-98 GLD)

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiation update
2. Discussion regarding Lee Redman situation.
3. Discussion regarding MCRC property owned by the county board.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Motor grader training school to be held here October 6th
2. Discussions with Mason County and Oceana County regarding GIS program.
3. Discussion regarding STP and TED Cat. D funding for county.
4. Discussion regarding projects for 1999, Fountain Road or Jebavy Drive.
5. Discussion regarding Bryant Road proposed project with Cat "F" funding.
6. Discussion regarding Harvest Festival parade.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. Invite to David Mead Fund raiser.
2. Invite to Bill Schutte Fund raiser.

AMEND BUDGET FOR 1998

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to Amend the 1998 budget.

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

TED FUNDS

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to apply for Cat A TED funds for Hoague Road in Grant Township.

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

David Mead, candidate for 101st state representative, and his wife Sue came in to the meeting to introduce himself and discuss road commission business.

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

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-98 to 12-31-98

	Revenue 1997	1998	Amend#1
Licenses & Permits	3,800	4,000	4,000
Federal Sources			
Secondary	-0-	-0-	-0-
Urban	-0-	-0-	-0-
Surface Transp. program	-0-	-0-	-0-
"D" Funds	164,000	-0-	-0-
State Sources			
Engineering	10,000	10,000	10,000
Snow Removal	85,000	85,000	85,000
Urban Road	70,000	70,000	80,000
Allocation	2,600,000	2,680,000	3,000,000
State Critical Bridge	-0-	-0-	-0-
PA110 State Grant	149,474	-0-	-0-
Economic Development Fund			
Rural Primary (D)	-0-	-0-	-0-
Forest Road (E)	140,000	50,000	50,000
Urban Area (F)	345,000	-0-	-0-
Rural Target (A)	-0-	36,000	57,000
Contributions from Local Units			
Township Contributions	500,000	400,000	500,000
Cities & Villages	17,943	-0-	-0-
Other-Hamlin/P.M.	143,000	-0-	-0-
Michitree	51,000	-0-	
Other	2,500	2,500	1,200
Charges for Services			
Trunkline Maintenance	600,000	600,000	600,000
Trunkline Non-Maint.	22,491	20,000	-0-
Salvage Sales	1,805	2,000	2,500
Interest & Rents			
Interest Earned	38,500	25,000	30,000
Other Revenue			
Gain/Loss on Eq. Disp.	22,000	30,000	70,000
Other-installment	-0-	-0-	173,500
Total:	4,966,513	4,014,500	4,663,200
Fund Balance 12/31/98	1,035,183	871,696	689,429
Total:	6,001,696	4,886,196	5,352,629

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-98 to 12-31-98

EXPENDITURES

	1997	1998	amend#1
Heavy Maint.-Roads			
Primary	1,700,000	875,000	600,000
Local	875,000	600,000	850,000
Maintenance-Roads			
Primary	700,000	700,000	700,000
Local	890,000	900,000	1,000,000
Heavy Maint. Structures			
Primary	-0-	-0-	-0-
Local	10,000	10,000	10,000
State Trunkline Maintenance	600,000	600,000	600,000
State Highway-Other	23,000	-0-	-0-
Equipment Expense-Net	85,000	50,000	50,000
Administrative Exp.-Net	140,000	140,000	160,000
Capital Outlay-Net	25,000	50,000	50,000
Debt Service			
Principal Payments	51,000	50,000	67,000
Interest Expense	18,000	18,000	15,000
Distributive Expense	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total Expenditures	5,117,000	3,993,000	4,102,000
Fund Balance	884,696	893,196	1,250,629
Total Budget:	\$6,001,696	\$4,886,196	5,352,629

Exp1998

October 2, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission was held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: Archer

Visitors: Bill Meloney, Pat Broderick, & Norman Floyd

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the September 18th meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the September 18th meeting as read.

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

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

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve Payroll #20 (\$45,148.52) and warrant 46771 thru 46826 in the amount of \$94,800.90.

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

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

At 9:40 a.m. Bill Meloney, Pat Broderick, Norman Floyd and Jerome Rybicki came in the meeting to discuss the poor condition of Campbell Road. They will like to see something done immediately with the road and a plan to straighten out the road in the near future.

At 11:05 a.m. Terry Woirol came in to the meeting to discuss the condition of some of the equipment and what would be needed for the winter. At 11:30 a.m. Eric Moody discussed the winter plowing schedule and the new employees that would be needed to get all of the territories covered for the winter.

MOTION FOR NEW EQUIPMENT

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to purchase 2-10cyd. slip in sanders, 1 brine tank and 1 flat bed trailer.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. to reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

At 1:15 p.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 everyday.
Cold patching roads as needed.
Painted new center lines on surfaced roadways.

2. State Trunkline

Completed contract for MDOT to place bituminous paving on P.M. Hwy. between Deren and Meisenheimer Roads.
Sweeping completed along all highways for 1998
Ended 1997 budget year with positive balance of less than \$200.
Sold 350 cyds. of gravel to MDOT for use on the state trunkline shoulders.
Received 1998 proposed contract-awaiting information from CRAM on when to sign.

B. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Benson Road being graveled and prep for paving to be scheduled next week.
Survey work being completed on Fountain Road.

2. Local System

Sixth Street P.M.Twp. completed.
Began Jackpine this week, culvert in and residents have access to property.
Begin Amber Road next week.
Other gravel projects to be completed in near future.

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:

Hough loader broken hydraulic valve unit.
Vee bottom trailer broken axle-repaired and back in service today.
Brine tanker sprang a serious leak in the mid section of tank-integrity of tank now in question.
Various minor items.

3. Permit activity during this period included:

Oil drilling along Hansen Road at Dennis & Meyers Rd.
Logging operation at Hasenbank and Stark Roads.
Driveway permit along Harbor Dr. in Birch Harbor Sub.

4. Harold was on vacation and now Bob on vacation. Ted is filling in as foreman.

5. Gary attended meeting with MDOT Office of Economic Development to discuss Bryant Road and Washington Ave.

6. Rural Task Force meeting held on Friday of last week to set priorities for the next three years.

7. Winter salt to begin delivery next week.

8. Discussions with Halliday Sand & Gravel regarding processing material in MCRC pit.

9. Ron and Gary met with Herb Merten regarding possible gravel sources in Oceana County.

10. MCRC had a motor grader in Scottville Harvest Festival parade-driver was voluntary.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Merle Pleiness said thank you for good job on Schwass road.
2. Intersection of Jebavy & Decker needs sweeping.
3. Stephens Road north of Johnson needs grading.
4. Resident discussed condition of Scottville Road south of Marrison.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Brush needs cutting on Meisenheimer & Brye intersection.
2. Hawley Road is cracking by Ordway Road.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiations update-meeting to be Oct. 5th.
2. Update on grievances-arbitration to be announded regarding Bowman case.
3. Discussion regarding Lee Redman disability.
4. Discussion regarding buyout option on Caterpillar motor grader.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to buyout Caterpillar grader #136 from Caterpillar Financial Services Corp.

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

5. Motor grader training school to be held here on Oct. 6th.
6. Discussions with Mason and Oceana County regarding GIS program.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Equipment needs for the future were discussed.
2. Employment needs for the future were discussed.
3. Anti-icing information from Dow chemical.
4. Bidding of work along US-10 and M-116 by MDOT was discussed.
5. Southern Assoc. of Road Commissions meeting will be held Nov. 30th thru Dec. 2nd at Amway Grand.
6. Employee recognition items discussed.
7. MCRC SIF meeting will be held in Traverse City Oct. 8th and 9th.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. CRAM news letter
2. Thank you letter from resident regarding M-116 work.
3. Thank you letter from resident regarding Crystal View Drive.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

October 16, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 East State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Visitors: None

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the October 2nd meeting.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the October 2nd meeting as read.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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 #21 (\$44,336.23) and warrant 46827 thru 46911 in the amount of \$252,398.83.

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

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

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

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

1. A. MAINTENANCE

1. County Wide

Blading gravel roads

Cold patching

Painted new center lines on surfaced roadways

Motor grader working on Campbell road this week.

2. State Trunkline

No contract for highway maintenance to date

MDOT experimental centerline painting on US-10-31

B. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Benson Road paved and now working on shoulders and approaches.

Survey work being completed on Campbell road-by MCRC

Survey work being completed on Fountain Road-by others

2. Local System

Jackpine road-Branch Twp. completed
 First Street-Custer-gravel from village limits to Darr
 Barothy Road-Branch - G & DS
 Inman Road-P.M. Twp. -Bituminous surface
 Johnson Road-Custer Twp. Gravel from Schoenherr road
 to Stephens
 Filburn road-Amber Twp.-grade and gravel at cul du sac
 Millerton road-excavated knob by Mrs. Dailys.

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:

Hough loader valve repaired
 #60 truck repaired by Michigan Cat

3. Permit activity during this period included:

Driveway at Harbor Drive subdivision

4. All gravel from Whiskey Creek delivered to yard.

5. Halliday Sand and Gravel now producing in Kirschner Pit.

6. New used tanker has been delivered this week.

7. Vince VanConis and Bob Dodson attended motor grader
 school this week.

8. All winter salt has been delivered.

9. Dittmer, Merrill and Thurow attended Mason County Twp.
 Officers meeting last night in Branch Town hall.

10. Rumble strips have been installed at Chauvez/P.M. Hwy.
 Chauvez/Lakeshore Dr., and Iris/Lakeshore Drive.

11. Dittmer attended MCRCSIP meeting last week.

12. Winter nightpatrol has been established. One man on
 second shift and two men on third shift. Walt Dessauer,
 second shift and Larry Tyndall & Mark Brigham first shift

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Discussed trip to Europe

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW AND CHAIRMAN MERRILL

No comments

Terry Woirol came in at 11:15 a.m. to discuss loaders that he had
 been pricing and checking over.

Motion by Merrill and supported by Thurow to purchase a
 used loader from Michigan Cat in the amount of \$81,000,
 pending talking to former owner and getting a brush rake
 to fit the loader.

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

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiations meeting held on October 5th discussed.

2. Nothing has changed on union grievances.
3. Hearing in next two months on Lee Redman.
4. Plans are being put together for Victory Corners Bridge Project.
5. Applications are being taken for new positions for MCRC.
6. Gary to look into lease for tractor with West Mich. Tractor.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Discussed truck equipment needs for the future.
2. Dittmer to attend court Monday regarding Pomeroy Springs suit.
3. Anti-icing information from Dow chemical discussed.
4. Bids for work along US-31 freeway to be opened Nov. 6th.
5. Southern Assoc. of Road Commissions meeting to be held Nov. 30th thru Dec. 2nd.
6. Put ideas together for employee recognition items.
7. Paul Bunyon meeting to be held in Lake City on Nov. 5th.
8. Abandonment hearing to be held the next meeting for Kinney Road, Fifth St., Lake St. and Darr Rd.

DUMP TRUCK MOTION

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to take bids for four new dump trucks.

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

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. CRAM news letter.
2. Letter from P.M. Township to Senator Postemus regarding P.M. Highway.

STOP SIGN LARSON RD.,

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to put up a stop sign at Larson Rd. SB on Sugar Grove Road in Sec. 30 Sheridan Township.

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

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

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

October 30, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Visitors:

Chairman Merrill 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 approve the minutes of the October 16th meeting as read.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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 #22 (\$44,580.97) and warrant 46912 thru 46974 in the amount of \$135,896.19.

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

At 9:30 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

Blading gravel roads

Cold patching

Painted center lines on surfaced roads

Motor grader still working on Campbell Road

2. State Trunkline

No contract for highway maintenance to date.

Heard on the radio rest area to be open all winter.

B. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Benson Road paved and work completed

Survey work being done on Campbell Road by MCRC

Survey work being done by Ross on Fountain Road.

2. Local System

Amber Road - Amber Twp. G & DS completed, paving in progress.

First Street-Custer, Gravel from village limits to Darr.

Barothy Road-Branch- G & DS.

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
Hough loader tires changed.
Other minor items.
3. Permit activity during this period included:
Driveway along Hawley Road at Scottville Road.
Driveway permit along Harbor Drive in Birch Harbor Sub.
Carter Lumber drainage.
4. Halliday Sand and Gravel now producing gravel in Kirschner pit, 40,000 cyds. gravel and 20,000 cyds. ice control sand.
5. Dittmer reviewing applications for positions.
6. Dittmer met with Logan Twp. regarding billing for job.
7. Dittmer met with P.M. Twp. regarding future funding and projects.
8. Ceiling painted in shop to improve lighting.
9. Dittmer attended Task Force meeting for entire region.
10. Discussion regarding political signs along roadway.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Concerned about where water will be going on Amber Road.
2. Wondered about Eiler Road abandonment.
3. Looked over Kinney Road on certification map.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Victory Township resident reported a hole developing on bridge on Fisher Road.
2. Reported that Lake CRC has done shoulder work from Branch east on US-10.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Rode around the county this week. Barothy, Benson, and Campbell Road are looking good. Concerned about Dewey Road in Victory Twp.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Talked to Mike Kluck regarding union negotiations.
2. Nothing more has happened on union grievances.
3. Hearing is to be held Nov. 4th for Lee Redman.
4. Victory corners bridge project updated.
5. MCRC hasn't received an invoice yet for loader.

6. Talked to dealer regarding length of time it takes to get new dump trucks.
7. Talked to Herb Merten regarding gravel in Oceana County.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Read Cogitate proposal for new accounting software.
2. New lawn ornament discussed.
3. Dittmer to meet with MDOT to review P.M. Hwy. south of Chauvez Road.
4. Southern Association of Road Commissioners to meet on Nov. 30th thru Dec. 2nd.
5. Paul Bunyon meeting in Lake City on Nov. 5th.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. Letter from Fabian Knizacky regarding county property.

STOP SIGN PROGRESS DRIVE

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to place a stop sign at Progress Drive NB at Sixth Street, Sec. 24 Pere Marquette Township.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. to resume for abandonment hearing at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

Visitors included Edward Iteen, Supv. Summit Twp., Al Nicholas, lawyer for Lake road abandonment, and Ron Johnson, lawyer for Fifth Street abandonment.

Following a lengthy discussion regarding this section of roadway and a request from Summit Twp. board to deny the abandonment the board took the following action:

LAKE AVE

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to deny a petition for abandonment of a portion of Lake Ave. in Summit Twp.

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

Following a discussion and review of the pictures of the site and a report of no interest from Hamlin Twp. board the board took the following action:

FIFTH AVE.

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to abandon a portion of Fifth Street in Hamlin Lake Resort, Hamlin Township.

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

Following a discussion of the site, review of pictures and correspondence the board took the following action:

DARR ROAD

Motion for petition of abandonment of a portion of Darr Road is tabled for the present time.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

November 13, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Pat Broderick, and Norman Floyd

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the October 30th meeting.

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve the minutes of the October 30th meeting as read.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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 #23 (\$45,494.52) and warrant 46975 thru 47052 in the amount of \$239,102.88.

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

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

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

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

A. Maintenance

1. County Wide

Blading gravel roads

Cold Patching

Painted center lines on surfaced roadways

Hauling 2NS sand from Kirschner to stockpile in yard

Have begun placing gravel at various locations

2. State Trunkline

No contract for Highway Maintenance to date

B. Construction

1. Primary System

Survey work being completed on Campbell Road by MCRC

Ted met with USFS yesterday regarding permits to cross property.

Survey work being completed on Fountain Road by others

2. Local System

Amber Road Amber Twp. G& DS completed paving.
First Street in Custer Twp. Gravel from Village limits to Darr completed.
Barothy Road Branch Twp. G& DS completed.

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
Working on preparing various sanders for winter work.
Other minor items
3. Permit activity during this period included:
Dittmer met with property owner who will revise driveway on Hawley Road.
4. Halliday Sand and Gravel are producing 40,000 cyds. gravel and 20,000 cyds ice control sand in Kirschner Pit.
5. Dittmer reviewing applications for positions.
6. Dittmer attended an urban Task Force meeting.
7. Abandonment hearing was held at Eden Twp. Hall regarding Kinney Road Tuesday night.
8. Dittmer, Merrill and Archer attended the Paul Bunyon meeting in Lake City on November 5th.
9. Dittmer and Merrill attended the County Board of Commissioners meeting Thursday.
10. Hough loader was taken to auction sale Thursday and sold.

At 10:15 a.m. a petition for abandonment discussion was held for a portion of Kinney Road east of Custer Road, Eden Township, with the following citizens in attendance:

Bonnie Rathbun, Loren and Arlene Pitsch, Sandy Wendt, Fred Brunner, and Martha Bromley.

A discussion was held for and against abandonment.

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to table the decision on the petition for abandonment of a portion of Kinney Road at the present time.

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

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Was very satisfied with what he saw on Campbell Road as he drove through there.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Herb Merten came over to his house and discussed gravel pits in Oceana County. He will come to meeting here in December.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

No comments

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiations update.
2. Update on grievances.
3. Update on Lee Redman situation.
4. Information regarding loader sale at Jim Jacobs auction.
5. Cogitate proposal for new accounting software.
6. Lawn ornament discussion.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Dittmer met with MDOT to review P.M. Hwy. south of Chauvez Road.
2. Southern Assoc. of Road Commissions meeting will be held November 30th thru Dec. 2nd.
3. USFS has indicated they may have more property with gravel under it.
4. Dittmer to attend MCRC SIP meeting on Dec. 2nd & 3rd.
5. Night patrol to begin Sunday night.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. Letter from Tri-Us Sweeping regarding catch basin cleanout.

Motion for petition of abandonment of a portion of Darr Road is tabled for the present time.

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

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

November 25, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Norman Floyd, Loren Pitsch, Wallace Pitsch, Pat Broderick

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

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the November 13th meeting as amended.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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 #24 (\$47,110.43) and warrant 47053 thru 47111 in the amount of \$55000.38 (less credit for check voided for 59,100.00) leaving a balance of 0.

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

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

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

STATE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill that Gary Dittmer be designated as Maintenance Superintendent on sections of State Trunkline Highways and Ronald Merrill, Chairman and Robert Thurow, Vice-Chairman be authorized to sign the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County Trunkline Maintenance Contract between the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Mason, Michigan for the period _____ to _____ is hereby accepted and Gary 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 Officials Ronald Merrill, Chairman and Robert Thurow, Vice-Chairman are authorized to sign the said maintenance contract.

Supported by Commissioner Merrill

ADOPTED: Merrill, Thurow, Archer

NAYS: None

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

A. MAINTENANCE

1. County Wide

Blading gravel roads
Cold patching
Placing gravel at various locations for patching
Hauling ice control sand into yard

B. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Campbell Road-No new easements have arrived for construction limits
Fountain Road-Survey work continues by others
Ted preparing plans and specifications for project
Grade inspection scheduled for Dec. 14th with MDOT
May have to shorten project limits due to estimated cost and available funds.

2. Local System

Have various local road projects that were not completed in 1998 that will be carryovers for 1999:
Dittmer to contact effected townships to advise.
Dewey Road-G&DS Victory Twp. Clearing to continue in accordance with weather
Victory Corners Bridge-showed type, span & length plans

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:
Working on preparing various sanders for winter work.
Other minor items.

3. Permit activity during the two week period included:
Misc. utility activity at this time. Only work allowed in accordance with weather conditions.

4. Halliday Sand and Gravel produced 41,000 cyds. gravel and 11,000 cyds ice control sand in Kirschner Pit.
5. Dittmer and Moody are interviewing applications for positions.
6. Crew working on south end of west yard to clean up area and shape for seeding.
7. Rest area to close on December 4th of this year.
8. Night patrol crew is in operation-use of crew leader is also in effect.
9. Dittmer met with Amber Twp. to discuss local road projects-Crystal View Drive and Amber Roads.

At 10:00 a.m. Loren and Wallace Pitsch came in to discuss the abandonment of Kinney Road. An article that was written by Mr. Pitsch was shown that is to be in the Ludington Daily News today regarding the abandonment of the road.

Mr. Floyd and Mr. Broderick made a few comments regarding the closing of Kinney Road. Mr. Floyd and Mr. Broderick request a road name sign at the corner of Campbell and Riverside Drive be installed.

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

No comments

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Talked to a man at the carwash regarding soil testing
2. Saw a contractor picking up dead deer in another county.
3. Discussed crew leader for winter maintenance.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Discussed the First St. Bridge project in the Village of Custer.
2. Would like to see more work done on Dewey Road.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiation status was discussed.
2. Update on grievances
3. Update on Lee Redman status
4. Received the check for loader sold at auction.
5. Cogitate proposal for new accounting software discussed.

6. MDOT Bond program will not allow early payoff of building bond program.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Southern Assoc. of Road Commissions meeting will be held Nov. 30th thru Dec. 2nd.
2. USFS has indicated they may have more property with gravel under it.
3. Gary Dittmer to attend MCRC SIP meeting on Dec. 2nd and 3rd.
4. Bob Thurow stated seeing surveyors on bridge south of Ludington on old US-31.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. Letter from Thompson & Thompson regarding Pomeroy Springs Road suit.

The Kinney Road and Darr Road petition for abandonment will be tabled for the present time.

FINAL PLAT OF TIMBER HILLS SUBDIVISION

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve the signing of the Final Plat of Timber Hills Subdivision.

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

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

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Secretary

Grade inspection scheduled for Dec. 14th with MDT
May have to shorten project limits due to estimated
December 11, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road
Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street,
Scottville, Michigan. Clearing and grading work.

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

Absent: None

Visitors:

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

Motion by Acher supported by Thurow to approve the
minutes of the November 25th meeting as read.

Yeas: Merrill, Thurow, 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 #25
(\$62,493.95) and warrant 47113 in the amount of \$148,799.43.

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

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

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

Work progress during the past two weeks included:

A. Maintenance

1. County Wide

Blading gravel roads.
Five to six thousand cubic yards of sand hauled in to
yard.
Still cold patching
Patching with gravel at various locations.

2. State Trunkline

Rest area has been ordered open for the winter.
construct guardrail and pay to keep open all winter.

B. Construction

1. Primary System

Campbell Road-Waiting for balance of R/W Easements
Fountain Road-Survey work completed by others
Ted is preparing plans and specifications for project

Grade inspection scheduled for Dec. 14th with MDOT
May have to shorten project limits due to estimated
cost and available funds.

Local System

Dewey Road-G&DS Victory Twp. Clearing to continue in
accordance with weather.

Victory Corners Bridge-Discussions beginning with MDOT
regarding plans, etc. Scheduled for letting in March.

2. Equipment repaired during this period included:

Working on preparing various sanders for winter work.

Shop working on anti-icing equipment.

Shop working on new tanker for winter usage.

Advertisements are in for new trucks-various bidders
have contacted office.

3. Permit activity during this period included:

Some driveway applications have been coming in.

4. Dittmer and Moody interviewed applications for union positions.

5. Dittmer, Coolman and Larson met and gave depositions regarding Swinehart lawsuit Thursday.

6. Shirley and Diane attended Cogitate annual meeting Thursday.

7. Received information that Marcellus suit has been dismissed.

8. Dittmer attended MCRC SIP board meeting last week.

9. Removal and sale of old unused VEE" plows to Paul Coleman this week.

10. Dittmer has offered position to Mark Wahr and

Gary VanderWall this week.

11. Dittmer attended Rural Task force meeting Wednesday.

12. Ted met with USFS regarding funding for minor projects.

At 10:00 the meeting adjourned to the employees lunchroom to meet
with a group to discuss the closing of a portion of Kinney Road
one mile east of MCRC certified portion.

Attending the meeting was the following interested citizens:

Allen Young

Beulah Hathaway

M. Ann Powers

Carl Hathaway

Marianne Tenney

Dale Sutton

Cheryl Higginson-LDN Reporter

Martha Bromley

Susan Powers Malburg

Sanford Wendt

Bruce Baker

Charles R. Stickney-Eden Twp. Supv.

Bonnie Rathbun-Eden Twp. Clerk

Loren Pitsch-Owner

Roger Hayman

Patrick Broderick

Fran Nash

Norman Floyd

Marie Ulrich

Attorney Andy Vredenburg

Attorney Mark Otto

Warren Pitsch

The following motion was made:

Motion by Archer supported by Merrill to abandon that portion of Kinney Road beginning one mile east of Custer Road thence east to the present turn around, located in Sections 2/11 of Eden Township T17NR16W. Also, the property owner to provide an easement which would allow the MCRC to construct a culda sac at MCRC cost.

Following a lengthy discussion a vote was taken.

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

The Commissioners gave their report as follows:

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Had a call at home regarding the Swinehart suit.
2. Nice to hear coldpatching being done this time of the year.
3. Saw Patty Johnson and asked her about when work would be done on US10 east.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Talked to a citizen regarding conditions of the road in Victory Township.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Had a complaint about truck turning around in driveway leaving holes where it turned around.
2. When shoulders were bladed on highway dirt was left on the highway.
3. Inquired about the accident this week where a car hit MCRC motor grader.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Union negotiations update, discussion with Mike Kluck discussed and letter from union read.
2. Nothing has changed on union grievances.
3. Possible settlement made in Lee Redman situation.
4. Discussed proposal from Cogitate regarding new accounting software. It was decided to postpone at this time.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Letter of request read from Hamlin Township to change Jagger Road into a primary road.
2. Excesss sick leave payments breakdown discussed.

3. Letter from USFS regarding possible funding for various roads read.
4. Questionnaire to be sent all all townships.
5. Employee Christmas party discussed.

Under correspondence the following was read:

1. CRAM news letter
2. Letter from Attorneys regarding the paving of gravel roads.

The abandonment petition for Darr Road was tabled until the next meeting.

STOP SIGNS

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to erect a stop sign at Anderson Road NB, onto County Line road in Sec. 4 Grant Township, Styles Road NB onto County Line Road, Sec. 3 Grant Township.

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Shirley Anthony Shirley Anthony, Clerk

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

December 23, 1998 regular meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E. State Street, Scottville, Michigan.

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Alan Young, Vic Baker, Joshua Baker, Jennifer Hansen
Al Baker, Sanford Wendt, Stanley Saya, Al Villadsen

Chairman Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Engr./Mgr. Dittmer read the minutes of the December 11th meeting.

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to approve the minutes of the Dec. 11th meeting as amended.

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

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

Motion by Thurow supported by Archer to approve Payroll #6 (\$47,492.29) and warrant 47167 thru 47245 in the amount of \$53,959.43.

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

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

The meeting was open to the public at 9:25 a.m.

A group of concerned citizens came in to the meeting to discuss the abandonment of Kinney Road. They left at 9:55 a.m.

Member Archer left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Bids were open at 10:00 a.m. for the following with Steve Bush and Matt Graves in attendance.

TANDEM AND SINGLE AXLE TRUCKS

Woodland International -

2-1999 Tandem Trucks	\$132,526.18
2-1999 Single Axle Trucks	101,840.04
Alternate bid allowing for trade-ins	
#45	5,500.00
#49	7,000.00
#36	13,000.00
#37	13,000.00

Duthler Truck Center

2-1999 Sterling Tandem Trucks \$133,120.00

2-1999 Sterling Single Axle Trucks 105,400.00

Alternate bid allowing for trade-ins

#45 5,500.00

#49 7,000.00

#36 13,000.00

#37 13,000.00

SPREADERS**Miller Equipment Co.**

1-Highway Model Do-Al hydraulic spreader 9,300.00

Optional ladder 150.00

Hyde Equipment Company

1-Swenson Uni V Spreader 10,518.00

Alternate Swensen 11,284.00

Viking CIVES 13,750.00

Truck & Trailer Specialties

1-Monroe Dump spreader 15,722.00

1-Monroe Model Duzmore 9,061.00

DUMP BOX**Hyde Equipment Company**

1-Gallon 10 Yd. Capacity 5,837.00

1-Perfection Dump 6,464.00

Truck & Trailer Specialties

1-Perfection Model 5,996.00

UNDERBODY SCRAPERS**Hyde Equipment Company**

4,736.00

Root Model F89**Truck & Trailer Specialties**

4,714.00

Monroe Model MS44**Hyde Equipment Company**

4,504.00

Root Model F44**Truck & Trailer Specialties**

4,677.00

Monroe Model 3500

All bids were tabled until computations are to be made.

DARR ROAD

Stanley Saya and Al Villadsen discussed a petition of abandonment for a portion of Darr Road. Motion was tabled for now.

STOP SIGN ON MAVIS

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to put a stop sign EB on Mavis Road at Tuttle Rd. Sec. 20 of Sherman Twp.

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

Superintendent Eric Moody came in to the meeting at 10:45 a.m. to discuss employee overtime.

At 11:20 a.m. a budget hearing was held to amend the 1998 budget and the 1999 budget.

1998 BUDGET AMEND #2

Motion by Thurow supported by Merrill to approve budget Amend #2 for 1998.

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

1999 BUDGET

Motion by Merrill supported by Thurow to approve the 1999 Budget.

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

At 11:30 a.m. Engr./Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

1. P.M. Township is completing work on water main in Meyers Road area.

2. Phil Gajeski may be off due to a hernia.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Date set for March 24th for union grievance arbitration meeting.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Letter from City of Scottville regarding sewer increase in cost.

2. Proposal from Harry's Dozer Service regarding gravel at Whiskey Creek he has to sell.

3. Meeting schedule for 1999 was given to Commissioners.

4. Request from Village of Fountain regarding purchase of trade-in trucks.

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

Shirley Anthony

Shirley Anthony, Secretary

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-98 to 12-31-98

Revenue

	1997	1998	Amend#1	Amend#2
Licenses & Permits	3,800	4,000	4,000	4,100
Federal Sources				
Secondary	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Urban	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Surface Transp. prog	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
"D" Funds	164,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
State Sources				
Engineering	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Snow Removal	85,000	85,000	85,000	85,000
Urban Road	70,000	70,000	80,000	90,000
Allocation	2,600,000	2,680,000	3,000,000	3025,000
State Critical Bridge	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PA110 State Grant	149,474	-0-	-0-	-0-
Economic Development Fund				
Rural Primary (D)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Forest Road (E)	140,000	50,000	50,000	48,300
Urban Area (F)	340,000	-0-	-0-	38,000
Rural Target (A)	-0-	36,000	57,000	57,000
Contributions from Local Units				
Township Contribution	500,000	400,000	500,000	475,000
Cities & Villages	17,943	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other-Hamlin/P.M.	143,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
Michitree	51,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	2,500	2,500	1,200	4,300
Charges for Services				
Trunkline Maintenance	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Trunkline Non-Maint.	22,491	20,000	-0-	-0-
Salvage Sales	1,805	2,000	2,500	2,300
Interest & Rents				
Interest Earned	38,500	25,000	30,000	40,000
Other Revenue				
Gain/Loss on Eq. Disp.	22,000	30,000	70,000	70,000
Other-installment	-0-	-0-	173,500	-0-
Total:	4,966,513	4,014,500	4,663,200	4549,000
Fund Balance 12/31/97	1,035,183	871,696	689,429	689,429
Total:	6,001,696	4,886,196	5,352,629	5238,429

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-98 to 12-31-98

EXPENDITURES

	1997	1998	Amend#1	Amend#2
Heavy Maint.-Roads				
Primary	1,700,000	875,000	600,000	475,000
Local	875,000	600,000	850,000	950,000
Maintenance-Roads				
Primary	700,000	700,000	700,000	750,000
Local	890,000	900,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Heavy Maint. Structures				
Primary	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Local	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,000
State Trunkline Maint.	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
State Highway-Other	23,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
Equipment Expense-Net	85,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Administrative Exp.-Net	140,000	140,000	160,000	165,000
Capital Outlay-Net	25,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Debt Service				
Principal Payments	51,000	50,000	67,000	56,000
Interest Expense	18,000	18,000	15,000	17,000
Distributive Expense	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total Expenditure	\$5,117,000	3,993,000	4,102,000	4,118,000
Fund Balance	884,696	893,196	1,250,629	1,120,429
Total Budget:	\$6,001,696	\$4,886,196	5,352,629	5,238,429

Exp1998

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-99 to 12-31-99

Revenue

	1998	1999
License & Permits	4,100	4,000
Federal Sources		
Secondary	-0-	-0-
Urban	-0-	-0-
Surface Transp. program	-0-	-0-
"D" Funds	-0-	-0-
State Sources		
Engineering	10,000	10,000
Snow Removal	85,000	90,000
Urban Road	90,000	90,000
Allocation	3,025,000	3,025,000
State Critical Bridge	-0-	300,000
PA110 State Grant	-0-	-0-
Economic Development Fund		
Rural Primary (D)	-0-	500,000
Forest Road (E)	48,300	50,000
Urban Area (F)	38,000	-0-
Rural Target (A)	57,000	150,000
EDF		
Small Urban	-0-	300,000
Contributions from Local Units		
Township Contributions	475,000	475,000
Other	4,300	-0-
Charges for Services		
Trunkline Maintenance	600,000	600,000
Trunkline Non-Maint.	-0-	-0-
Salvage Sales	2,300	2,500
Interests & Rents		
Interest Earned	40,000	40,000
Other Revenues		
Gain/Loss on Equip. Disp.	70,000	50,000
Other-Installment	-0-	-0-

Total:	\$4,549,000	\$5,386,500
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Fund Balance 12/31/98	689,429	700,000
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MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-99 to 12-31-99

EXPENDITURES

	1998	1999
Heavy Maint.-Roads		
Primary	475,000	1,200,000
Local	950,000	950,000
Maintenance-Roads		
Primary	750,000	750,000
Local	1,000,000	1,000,000
Heavy Maint. Structures		
Primary	-0-	50,000
Local	5,000	300,000
State Trunkline Maint.	600,000	600,000
State Highway-Other	-0-	-0-
Equipment Expense-Net	50,000	50,000
Administrative Exp.-Net	165,000	175,000
Capital Outlay-Net	50,000	75,000
Debt Service		
Principal Payments	56,000	60,000
Interest Expense	17,000	5,000
Distributive Expense	-0-	-0-
Total Expenditure	4,118,000	5,215,000
Fund Balance	1,120,429	1,171,500
Total Budget:	\$5,238,429	\$6,386,500