

The January 7, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer. Eng/Mgr. Dittmer, Sec. Acker.

Absent: None.

Visitors: None.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the December 21, 1999 meeting.

Motion by Thurow, supported by Archer to approve the minutes as amended. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Board took the following action after reviewing the payroll and bills payable accounts.

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to approve payroll #1 (\$60,619.59) and Voucher #49049 thru #49118 in the amount of \$62,870.53. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

APPOINT SECRETARY AND PENSION TRUSTEE

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to appoint Mary Acker as the new secretary to the Mason County Road Commission Board and to appoint Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Mary Acker as Trustees for the Pension Plans. Ayes all. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. Eng/Mgr Dittmer gave his report as follows:

A. Maintenance

1. County Wide

Hauling 2ns sand from pit to yard. (processsed in the Kirschner Pit)
Snow and Ice Control
200 ton of backup salt has been delivered.

2. State Trunkline

Snow and Ice control
1000 Ton of backup salt has been delivered

B. Construction

1. Primary Construction

Work on Fountain Road and Bryant Road has been completed and the final paperwork is in progress.
Plan preparation is in progress for the following roads:

2. Local System

Victory Corners Bridge in Victory Township is opened for the winter, final work to be completed in Spring. Obtaining surveys and right of ways for various projects: 1st Street-Amber Township, Fountain Road-Sheridan Township and Ried Road in Meade Township.

3. State Trunkline

Scooping meeting held last month-Discussion on requesting a 3 lane thru the City of Scottville. PM Hwy to be let in February letting.

1. Equipment repaired during this period.
Anti-Icing equipment in service and working but still having some problems with the computer.
Plow Extension for Motor Grader.
Repair Sander
Other minor items include blade replacements and clutch repairs.
2. Permit activity during period.
Permit to V. Wrublik for use of First and Meyers Roads for sand haul.
3. DOW Armor anti-icing material has been delivered and used up. Worked OK but not necessarily better than Calcium Chloride. Does not dry as fast.
4. New hiree, Mark Englebrecht was asked to come in and be introduced to the Commissioners.
5. A retirement party was held last week for Shirley Anthony.
6. No problems with Y2K.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various lawsuits: Nothing new on Levenson, DeBoise has filed a complaint stating that the condition of the Drought was misrepresented and it will cost \$7,800.00 for repairs. No amount of damages has yet been specified in the suit.
2. Update on Wallace Road-Dead issue at this time.
3. G. Dittmer prepared bid specs on staff van and sent out to local dealers. Bid opening on 01/19/00
4. Discussed health problems concerning various employees. Commissioners will allow temporary help if needed due to the health problems.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Task force meeting was held last month.
2. Discussion on WSCC Health Club.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to pay for a trial period of 6 months at the WSCC Health Club in the amount of \$300.00 for all employees and their families for the recreational facilities. Ayes all. Motion carried.

3. Reservations have been made for the Annual meeting in Lansing. Bob Thurow will not be able to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM News letters.
2. American Snow Conference in April.

The Commissioners Report was as follows.

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Questioned status of Mavis Road Abandonment Application in Hamlin Township.
2. Questioned bill from Mike Kluck, G. Dittmer stated M. Kluck will be providing guidelines of work rules for the contract and also a clean up of old business.
3. Asked names of latest new employees. (Chase, Larson, Englebrecht)

VICE -CHARIMAN THUROW

1. Noted that a road construction sign had been left up on Stiles Road.
2. A willow patch needs to be cut back on the corner of Fountain and Stiles.
3. Trucks were called out to a house trailer fire by Darr Road Bridge to sand the area.
4. Asked what the rules are for sno-mobilers along the road side. They are allowed to use the shoulder on any road.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Mentioned the pre-wetting truck had to be hauled. The engine quit running due to a bare wire. Has been fixed.
2. Asked why Darr road was being bladed when there was nothing on it to plow between Filburn and Johnson.
3. Asked about Lawndale. G. Dittmer talked to Gene Jorrisen and will get estimate together.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker were dismissed at 11:55 a.m. and the Commissioners went in to executive session to discuss wage raises for the staff.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer came back into the meeting at 12:15p.m. and the following motion was given.

STAFF SALARY

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to increase the staff salaries to the following:

Name	Position	Salary
Robert Larson	Foreman	\$35,800.54
Eric Moody	Superintendent	40,166.86
Diane Swathwood	Asst. Clerk	25,403.66
Theodore Weinert	Proj. Eng. Asst.	37,098.88
Terry Woirol	Shop Foreman	36,346.12
Vincent VanConis	Foreman	31,936.00
Jeffrey Conklin	Engr. Technician	28,852.80

Ayes all. Motion carried.

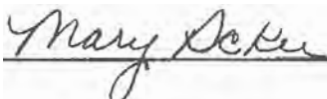
Salary for Eng/Mgr Dittmer was tabled until the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR 2000

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to retain the same officers for 2000 that were appointed in 1999.

Ayes all. Motion carried.

Their being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.



Mary Acker, Secretary

The January 21, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer. Eng/Mgr Dittmer, Sec. Acker.

Absent: None

Visitors: Mark Lipps and Michael Lyons from West Shore Community College to inquire about our power broom for snow removal.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the January 7, 2000 meeting.

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. 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 #2 for \$62,020.73 and Voucher # 49119 thru # 49189 in the amount of \$136,160.86. Ayes all. Motion carried.

At 9:25 am the Board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:40 am Eng/Mgr Dittmer gave his report as follows:

A. MAINTENANCE

1. County Wide
Hauling 2ns sand from pit to yard as time allows,
and doing Snow and Ice Control.
2. State Trunkline
Snow and Ice control

B. Construction

1. Primary System
Cleaning up previous work and preparing for 2000
Getting surveys and information
2. Local System
Obtaining surveys and right of ways for various
projects.
Meeting with various Townships about road work for
2000.
3. State Trunkline
PM Hwy in February letting. Completion date
6/23/00.

1. Equipment repaired during this period.
Anti-Icing equipment in service and working.

Various trucks being repaired.
 Other minor items include clutch repairs and blade changes.
 Repair sanders.

2. Permit activity during period.
 Met with PM Twp, Amber Twp and City of Ludington to discuss zoning regarding an access to US 31 for the 300 home trailer park being developed behind the Meijer Store.
3. Eng/Mgr Dittmer, Chairman Merrill and Vice-Chairman Thurow attended the Hamlin Township meeting.
4. Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Vice-Chairman Thurow attended the Meade Township Meeting.
5. Discussion with Stan Saya regarding the weight limit on the Darr Road bridge for the fire trucks.
6. Mason County Road Commission had an accident with a pedestrian last week.
7. Eng/Mgr Dittmer met with MDOT regarding the pre-wetting storage facility. They will only pay for the part of the building holding the pre-wetting tank.
8. Eng/Mgr Dittmer met with City of Ludington regarding extending Lawndale Street.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various lawsuits: Leverson, nothing new to report. Our Attorney Andy Prine has sent a letter of response to Deboise in regard to the Drott sale.
2. Have been informed that Wallace Road may be brought up to standards and be turned over to the MCRC.
3. Discussed health problems of several employees. James Durfee and Eugene Wolfe are back to work.
4. Reservations have been made for the annual CRAM meeting to be held on March 21, 22 and 23.

Under new business the following was discussed.

1. Paul Bunyon meeting scheduled for February 7, at the Osceola Inn in Reed City.
2. Eng/Mgr Dittmer to attend MCRSIP Mtg. Feb 8-9.
3. Discussed priorities for Primary Road work for 2000.
4. County Officers meeting will be held on January 27, 2000 at the Mason County Jail at 8:00 p.m.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

Items Needing Board ActionSTAFF VAN

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to purchase a new staff Van from Urka Chevrolet. Ayes all. Motion carried.

POLICY FOR 2000 LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Motion by Thurow, supported by Archer to accept the 2000 Local Road Improvement Program with an addition in #3 letter D: Double Sealcoat Surface to read: As part of this work the Township agrees to place a single seal surface course within two years. Ayes all. Motion carried.

MOTOR GRADER

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to take bids for a new motor grader. Ayes all. Motion carried.

SEMI-TRACTOR

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to take bids for a new Semi-Tractor. Ayes all. Motion carried.

TRUCKS

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to take bids for a 5yrd w/material handler and 10yrd w/dump. Ayes all. Motion carried.

SIGN TRUCK

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to take bids for a new sign truck. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Will be putting together specifications for a tractor w/boom mower to get bids at a later date.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTSMEMBER ARCHER

Questioned how overtime for weekends was assigned and also overtime for snow plowing.

Discussed clear vision corner on Decker and US-31.

VICE CHAIRMAN THUROW

Discussed ways to improve the value of the two properties owned by the MCRC when we are done with them.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

Questioned work performance of one of the employees.

Commented on the Hamlin Township board meeting.

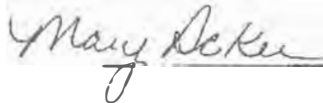
Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker were dismissed at 2:10 p.m. and the Commissioners went in to executive session to discuss a wage increase for Eng/Mgr Dittmer.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker were called back in the meeting at 2:35 p.m. and the following motion was given.

ENG/MGR SALARY

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to raise Eng/Mgr Dittmer's salary by 5%, to \$49,260.95 retroactive to January 1, 2000. Ayes all. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Mary Acker, Secretary

The February 4, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Eng/Mgr Dittmer, Sec. Acker.

Absent: Archer

Visitors: Al Villadsen and James Paris to discuss the Darr Road Abandonment request that was denied.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the January 21, 2000 meeting.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to approve payroll #3 for \$66,063.84 and voucher #49190 thru 49247 in the amount of \$71,925.32. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

A. MAINTENANCE

1. Work Progress during the past two weeks.
 1. County Wide
 - Snow and Ice Control
 - The brush cutter was out a few times
 2. State Trunkline
 - Snow and Ice control
 - Cold patch crew going out when weather permits.

B. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System
 - Work continues on projects for this summer.
 - Waiting for MDOT to make final reviews.
 - Preparing for work on Federal Aid Projects.
2. Local System
 - Obtaining surveys and right of ways for various projects including Amber Road, Fountain Road and Ried Road.
3. State Trunkline
 - PM Hwy to be let today in Lansing.

2. Equipment repaired during this period included Transmission repairs and blades.
3. Permit activity during this period:
Discussions with developer for Walmart Corp. regarding driveway on Meyers Road.
4. Auditors are working on review of 1999 books.
5. MDOT Auditors completed audit of 1997 thru 1998 Contract with them. MCRC to recoup \$25,000 +/-.
6. G Dittmer was on WKLA AM Radio Thursday morning, Feb 3.
7. G Dittmer, M Acker, D Swathwood all attended Clerks meeting last week. Topic of discussion was Performance Audits by State of Michigan.
8. R Merrill, R Thurow and G. Dittmer attended Twp. Officers meeting held at the Mason County Jail.

Under Old Business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various lawsuits: Levenson, nothing new to report. No reply back yet from the letter Attorney Prine sent to DeBoise regarding the sale of the Drott.
2. Nothing new to report on Wallace Road.
3. G Dittmer prepared bid specs for Motor Grader, Tractor and Mower to be opened at the next meeting.
4. Discussed health situations of two employees.
5. Reservations are set for annual meeting in Lansing.
6. Grievance was filed today regarding overtime procedures.

Under new business the following was discussed.

1. Meeting with Township Supervisors is set for February 15, 2000 at 7:00 at the MCRC.
2. Nordlund and Assoc. completed Bridge inspections and data was sent to MDOT.
3. Discussion regarding the placement of a Multi-Stop at Hansen and Stiles Intersection.
4. Discussed proposed primary goals for the year 2000.

The Milk Haulers permit request has been approved.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

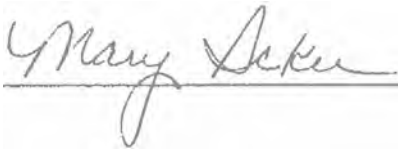
VICE CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Received a complaint from County Resident that they thought S Stiles Road should be plowed out earlier than it has been.
2. Noted the City of Scottville had not plowed the Main Street by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning and suggested the County Plow the street since they are going that way.
3. Reported there has been lots of participation at the WSCC Recreation Center by the MCRC employees.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Commented on the drifting snow on Johnson Road during the strong wind on Wednesday February 2, 2000.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Acker", written over a horizontal line.

Mary Acker, Secretary

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The February 18, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Eng/Mgr Dittmer, Sec Acker.

Absent: Archer

Visitors: Barbara Woodworth of 485 N Gordon Road, Scottville, to discuss a four way stop on Hansen and Stiles Roads.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the February 4, 2000 meeting.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to approve payroll #4 for \$59,797.57 and voucher #49248 thru #49335 in the amount of \$110,740.14. Ayes all. Motion carried.

At 9:35 a.m. the Board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

4-WAY STOP

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to install a multiway Stop sign on the corner of Stiles and Hansen Roads. Ayes all. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. Eng/Mgr Dittmer gave his report as follows:

A. MAINTENANCE

1. Work Progress during the past two weeks.
 1. County Wide
 - Snow and Ice control
 - Hauling Ice Control sand
 - Patching holes as weather permits.
 - Frost is down 44 inches at this time.
 2. State Trunkline
 - Snow and Ice control
 - Second order of backup salt has been ordered and is being delivered.

B. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System
Work continues on projects for this summer.
2. Local System
Obtaining surveys and right of ways for various projects.
Held meeting with Township Supervisors on 2-5-00.
3. State Trunkline
P.M. Hwy work to begin on March 6, 2000. Scheduled completion date is set for June 23, 2000 if the beams arrive by April 26.
G Dittmer met with MDOT staff regarding US-10 from Scottville to Custer.
2. Equipment repaired during this period.
#93 Loader taken to Michigan CAT for engine repairs.
Various trucks taken in for clutch replacements by MICK'S TRUCK PARTS.
#60 at Duthler Truck getting new hood.
Blade changes.
3. Permit activity during this period.
No activity at this time.
4. Auditors are to return on March 2 & 3 to finish the 1999 audit and meet with the Board.
5. MDOT Auditors completed audit of 1997 thru 1998 Highway Maintenance Contract with them. MCRC to contest audit results in regard to liability insurance.
6. Truckload of underbody blades have been ordered and now delivered.
7. G. Dittmer attended MCRC SIP board meeting in Marquette last week.
8. G. Dittmer met with River Guides regarding the closure of Landon Road Launching.

Under Old Business the following was discussed:

1. Update on lawsuits: Leverson-Nothing new at this time. Will be responding to a list of questions from DeBoise regarding the Drott Due date is March 6, 2000.
2. Gene Jorissen discussed with G. Dittmer the requirements for making Wallace Road a County Road.
3. Lawndale Street MCRC would be agreeable to negotiations on improving Lawndale Street.
4. Reservations have been made for the Annual Mtg. in Lansing.

PROPOSED PRIMARY GOALS FOR 2000

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to adopt the Primary Goals for the Year 2000 as proposed by Eng/Mgr Dittmer.

Ayes all. Motion carried.

Under new business the following was discussed:

Unit #26 Van Bids

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to accept the bid from Joe Vaclavik for \$6,000.00 for the MCRC Van #26. Included was a 10% bid bond check in the amount of \$600.00. Ayes all. Motion carried.

1. Draft report on Act 51 Committee showed no changes for 2000.
2. There was a decrease in the Capital Equipment advance and the Maintenance Advance for the State Trunkline 1998-1999 adjustment.
3. A letter was received from P.M. Township expressing support of all efforts to create access roads in the US-10 corridor.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTVICE CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Noted V-bottom was out hauling sand.
2. Attended Township mtg's and encouraged them to think about priorities for this year.
3. Discussed how Riverton Township could improve the safety of the corner of Schwass & Meisenheimer Roads.
4. Listened to discussion at Riverton Township with the LMTA to request a millage be put on the ballot for transportation services in the rural areas.
5. Approached by Herb Merton about gravel pit.
6. Checked out Landon Bridge and noticed a lot of water trapped on the bridge.
7. Asked if there are any plans for improvement on Campbell Road.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

Noted there would be a temporary Supervisor stepping in for Eden Twp. Supervisor Charles Stickney due to illness.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTIONMOTOR GRADER

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to approve the purchase of a new Motor Grader from Michigan Cat in the amount of \$174,000. (\$240,000 less trade in of \$66,000). Payment option to be decided at a later date. Ayes all. Motion carried.

FARM TRACTOR AND BOOM MOWER

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to approve the purchase of a Case MX100 Tractor and a RMT Boom Mower at a cost of \$39,357.00. (Tractor cost \$39,957 less trade in of \$25,000 and mower cost of \$24,400). Ayes all. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION MAPS

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to adopt a resolution to allow Chairman Merrill to sign the Certification Maps for Local and Urban Systems dated 12/31/99. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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



Mary Acker Secretary

The March 3, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer, Sec. Acker.

Absent: None

Visitors: Thomas Zick, CPA, P.C. to go over a draft of the MCRC audited financial statement as of 12/31/99. He will submit a final statement next week.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the February 18, 2000 meeting.

Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to approve the minutes as corrected. Ayes all. 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 #5 for \$63,947.54 and Vouchers #49336 thru #49409 in the amount of \$122,452.75. Ayes all. Motion carried.

At 9:35 a.m. the Board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 10:30 Eng/Mgr Dittmer gave his report as follows:

A. MAINTENANCE

1. Work Progress during the past two weeks.

1. County Wide

8-12 men out daily blading gravel roads.

Put in new culvert on Decker Road.

Patching holes.

Frost is almost out.

2. State Trunkline

Patching holes.

Blading shoulders.

B. Construction

1. Primary System

Work continues on projects for this summer.

G. Dittmer attended Regional Rural Task Force Meeting 3/01/00. Topic of discussion was STP Funds and Federal D and State D Funds.

2. **Local System**

Obtaining surveys and right of ways for various projects.

Meeting with Townships regarding local road program.

3. **State Trunkline**

P.M. Hwy work to begin March 13, 2000.

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

#93 Loader taken to Michigan Cat for Engine repairs. Various trucks taken in for clutch replacements at MICKS.

The new V-Bottom has been delivered.

3. **Permit activity during this period.**

Weight restrictions now in effect.

Agriculture exemptions:

1. Hog farm-Feed
2. Hog farm-Removal
3. B. Schwass-Corn
4. B. Thurow-Sawdust
5. R. Egger-Feed

Bonded Roads

1. Burgess-Brye
2. Gentz-Kinney
3. Nash-Reek

4. **MDOT Auditors completed audit of 1997 and 1998 contract with them. MCRC to contest audit result in regard to liability insurance.**

5. **New equipment has been ordered. There was discussion on what payment schedule to follow. Decision to be made at a later date.**

6. **G Dittmer reviewing new proposed subdivisions.**

7. **G. Dittmer to meet with attorney Mark Otto regarding the following road abandonments:**

1. Hall-Mavis
2. Collins-11th Street
3. Maclean-Hermitage
4. Hendricks-Campbell

Under Old Business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various lawsuits. Levenson: Are collecting information. DeBoise-Ongoing.
2. Wallace Road-Township asking what the requirements would be for the MCRC to take over.
3. Lawndale Street: Will bid out later in March.
4. Discussed termination of Earl Mark Lothrop effective 2/18/00. R Rolston may be interested in the day shift mechanics position.
5. Reservations set for Annual meeting in Lansing.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Employee appreciation breakfast was discussed. It was suggested that G Dittmer find out the cost and a decision will be made at a later date.
2. The Amber Township Planning Commission approved a resolution in support of an access road between Walmart and K-Mart.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A Thank you letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth regarding the multi way stop signs placed on the corner of Hansen and Stiles Road.

Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to vote for the following candidates to serve on the County Road Association Board of Directors: Mark A Desotell (Upper), Ronald A Young (Northern), Jon F Rice (Southern) and Mary Louise Daner (Urban). Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to deny a request to modify the multiplier used by the County Road Association membership service charge schedule and to add a surcharge to counties that have a maintenance contract with MDOT. Ayes all. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Expressed concerns about Indian Bridge on Reek road and wondered if there are any plans under Critical Bridge to reconstruct the bridge.

2. Mentioned Larry Donovan will be taking over as Supervisor for Amber Township.

VICE CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Attended Amber Township Meeting.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Mentioned that a dump truck was parked all weekend with the box raised all the way up.
2. Hyde Equipment brought a single axle dump truck to demo.
3. Talked about new MCRC sign and wondered when we would be getting the antique truck.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Acker", written over a horizontal line.

Mary Acker Secretary

The March 17, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer, Sec Acker.

Absent: Thurow

Visitors: None

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the March 3, 2000 meeting.

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. 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 #6 for \$57,063.18 and Vouchers #49411 thru #49485 in the amount of \$70,921.16. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks:

A. Maintenance

1. County Wide

5 to 12 trucks have been out daily to blade roads.

Fixing bad culverts.

1 to 2 crews out cold patching.

Drott has been out cleaning ditches.

Harry's Dozer Service replaced culvert on Sippy Road in cooperation with MCRC and Whiskey Creek.

2. State Trunkline

Patching holes

Blading shoulders

Hauling 2ns sand from Kirsherner Pit to yard.

B. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Plans submitted to MDOT on Johnson Road to mill existing surface, grade gravel and pave.

Preliminary plans to be submitted to MDOT for Fountain Road next week.

Plans are almost complete for Nelson Road and Lawndale.

G. Dittmer to meet with MDOT (Jacquelyn Shinn and Ron Krause) regarding Hoague Road Project. Work continues on projects for this summer.

2. Local System

Obtaining surveys and right of ways for various projects.

Have met with various Townships regarding local road program.

Clearing and Grubbing has been completed on Reid Road in Meade Township.

3. State Trunkline

P.M. Hwy work has begun.

US-10 work to begin soon from Campbell Road to Custer.

4. Equipment repaired during this period.

Repairs on #93 loader will be warranty work.

Joe Vaclavik now has possession of #26 Van and the replacement should be delivered any day now.

Other repairs-lowboy gooseneck trailer is no longer repairable. Will discuss this at a later date.

5. Permit activity during this period.

Weight restrictions for county system were lifted 3/13/00.

Bonded Roads:

1. Burgess-Brye North of US-10

2. Gentz-Kinney Logging

3. Nash-Reek US-10 South to Bridge (Done)

6. G. Dittmer now reviewing new proposed subdivisions.

7. G. Dittmer met with attorney Mark Otto regarding the following road abandonment's:

1. Hall-Mavis (letter was sent to property owners)

2. Collins-11th street

3. Maclean-Hermitage

4. Hendricks-Campbell

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on varoius lawsuits: Levenson on discovery phase yet. DeBoise on hold.

2. Update on Wallace Road: Letter was sent to PM Township stating the requirements for Wallace Road to become a County Road.

3. Discussed complaint regarding M. Lothrop.
4. R. Rolston was awarded the day mechanic position and the night mechanic position will be advertised.
5. Reservations set for annual meeting.
Tuesday dinner reservation with John Shimkie and
Wednesday breakfast reservation with Nick Matish.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. There will be a safety meeting, employee appreciation breakfast later in April.
2. Urban Task Force Meeting to be held on Friday March 24 with the MCRC, City of Ludington and LMTA.
3. Seasonal requirement bids to be placed next week for opening on April 14, 2000. Bids will be awarded at the April 28, 2000 Board Meeting.
4. Safety Seminar by CRASIF on April 20, 2000. Board members to attend.
5. Dittmer, Moody, Woirol, VanConis to attend Workplace Harrassment Seminars by MCRCSIP in Grayling.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM Newsletters received.
2. Invitation to Dave Meade Breakfast.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Tuesday night dinner with Liquid Dustlayer.
2. Asked about high water in swamp on Amber Road, water level is down North of Decker.
3. Russ Anderson-Bridge Opening.
4. CRAM Meeting.
5. Ron Sanders had mentioned road abandonment off Stevens Road.
6. Mentioned logging off Chauvez east of Custer and wondered about the condition of the road.
7. Stated that Manistee County has good dirt moving equipment and suggested a possible joint venture with them to do some contract work with us.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Commented on overweight ticket Jabrocki received on 3/6/00.
2. Mentioned Don Oliver driveway.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION**FINANCING MOTOR GRADER**

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to finance the Motor Grader in the amount of \$150,000. with West Shore Bank at an interest rate of 5.05% for 5 years fixed with an annual payment of \$34,709.00. No penalty for early payoff. There will be a three party agreement with Michigan Cat, MCRC and West Shore Bank. Ayes all. Motion carried.

SEMI-TRUCK

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to purchase a new Semi-Truck from Freightliner of Grand Rapids in the amount \$78,100 plus the cost of a paint job. Ayes all. Motion carried.

TRI-US SWEEPING

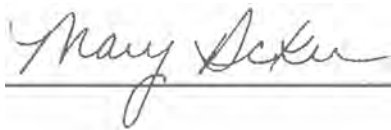
Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to accept the sweeping bid from Tri-Us Sweeping in the amount of \$15,000 for sweeping the State Highways for the 2000 season. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ACT 51 REPORT

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill that the board approve the Act 51 Financial data for the 1999 fiscal year, and further that Chairman Merrill be authorized to sign the various documents.

Yeas: Merrill, Archer. Nays: None

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



Mary Acker Secretary

The March 31, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer. Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Sec Acker.

Absent: None

Visitors: Pat Broderick and Norman Floyd. Discussion on the abandonment of a portion of Campbell Road within the Big M Subdivision undeveloped, and request a four way stop at the corner of Campbell and River Road instead of three way. Suggested that reflector signs be placed on the curves on Campbell Road.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the March 17, 2000 meeting.

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to approve payroll #7 for \$58,115.80 and Vouchers #49486 thru #49546 in the amount of \$54,818.39. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks:
 - A. Maintenance
 1. County Wide
 - 2-5 trucks out each day blading gravel roads and doing shoulders.
 - Fixing bad culverts.
 - Cold patch crews out.
 - Cleaning ditches.
 - Cutting trees and brush.
 - Cleaning up balance of 22A mod. gravel from Kirshner pit to yard. Hauling with V-Bottom.
 2. State Trunkline
 - Patching holes.
 - Blading Shoulders.
 - Cleaning up balance of 2NS sand from Kirshner pit to yard.

B. CONSTRUCTION

1. Primary System

Work continues on projects for the summer.

Update on the following Projects:

Johnson/Tinkham -PM Twp turned in to MDOT

Fountain Road-Sherman Twp. turned in preliminary plans.

Hoague Road-Grant Twp June letting

Nelson/Lawndale-PM Twp. Met with Township, final plans are complete. Bids will be opened on April 19, 2000.

MOTION TO APPROVE PLANS FOR NELSON/LAWNDALE PROJECT

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to approve the plans for the Nelson/Lawndale Project. Ayes All.
Motion carried.

2. Local System

Obtaining surveys and right of ways for various projects.

Reid Road-Mead Twp. Clearing and grubbing completed.

Logan Twp to do grading and gravel of 1 1/2 miles on Hawley Road. They will pay what they can now and the rest next spring. MCRC will fix the bridge.

3. State Trunkline

PM Hwy work has begun

US-10 work to begin soon.

3. Equipment status during this period:

New Staff Van has been purchased and #26 sold.

One new pickup has been delivered.

V-Bottom trailers are all ready.

New Semi Tractor is on order.

4. Permit activity during this period:

Weight restrictions for county system have been lifted.

Bonded Roads have been lifted to date.

Various drive permits requested.

Oil exploration activity near West Shore College.

Pipelining activity again.

5. G Dittmer now reviewing new proposed subdivisions. Two in Ludington Area.

6. Update activity regarding the following road abandonments:

1. Hall-Mavis, letter sent out.

2. Collins-11th street

3. Maclean-Hermitage

4. Hendricks-Campbell

7. Urban Task force met with MDOT last Friday. Discussed projects for 2002 and 2003.

Under old Business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various lawsuits: Levenson, nothing new at this time. DeBoise, has been some correspondence, the drott has been repaired by new owner.
2. Mark Lothrop has filed suit against the MCRC.
3. The night mechanic position will be bid out.
4. Update on annual meeting: There will be some changes in the PA 51 and in the Transportation Bill.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. There will be an employee appreciation breakfast and safety meeting, time and date will be given later.
2. Seasonal requirement bids to be placed next week for opening on April 14th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM News Letters
2. Request for Board candidates for MCRC SIP. G Dittmer will not be completing another term.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Norm Summerfeldt asked about grading.
2. Manistee County has a New Holland Tractor with disk on the back working on roads. Commented on what a nice unit it was.
3. Manistee County allows \$180.00 of extra pay to their Commissioners to offset hospitalization.
4. Mentioned letter Dave Hall received from Attorney Mark Otto.
5. Wondered how many Local & Primary projects there may be.
6. Asked about Commissioner meeting to be held in Traverse City on April 16-18.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Said Curt Tiles had asked him about tubes being bored under Scottville Road.
2. Bad spot on Darr Road N of Chauvez.
3. Mentioned upcoming meeting for Riverton Township.
4. Wondered if Merton had been contacted about gravel.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Wondered about status of new sign for front of MCRC Building.
2. When will the Antique Truck be picked up.
3. Asked about condition of lowboy.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTIONTRANSFER FUNDS FOR ACT 51 REPORT

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to transfer \$553,354 from the Primary fund to the Local fund and transfer \$73,349 from the County fund to the Local fund.

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

BRANCH TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to enter into several contracts with Branch Township to include:

Single seal for Barothy Road from Walhalla Road East to Porter Road 1.0 mile for \$13,500.

Shape road bed to accept aggregate base and place 1300 cyds of aggregate compacting in place and place calcium chloride to aid in compaction on Shoshone Trail-In Walhalla Shores Subdivision from Navajo Trail to Navajo Trail 0.60 mile for \$7,250.00.

Single seal over entire roadway on Shoshone Trail in Walhalla Shores Subdivision from Navajo Trail to Navajo Trail 0.6 mile at a cost of \$8,100.

Place bituminous surface twenty feet wide at a rate of 165 psy along the entire length, est. tonage 2100 ton on Hansen Road from Schoenherr Road to Benson at a cost of \$64,000.00.

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

CRASIF SAFETY MANUAL

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to accept the newly revised Safety Manual for the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund (CRASIF) and to use as the formal Safety Manual replacing the outdated version. Ayes all. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to approve an installment purchase contract between the Mason County Road Commission (Buyer), Michigan Tractor and Machinery Company, d/b/a Michigan Cat (Seller) and West Shore Bank (Assignee) in the amount of \$150,000 Dollars.

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

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

May 2, 1968

May 2, 1968 Secretary

The April 14, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order by Vice-Chairman Robert Thurow.

Members present: Thurow, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: Merrill

Visitors: None.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the March 31, 2000 meeting.
Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. 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 #8 for \$60,849.80 and Vouchers #49547 thru #49610 in the amount of \$131,862.12. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

Bid opening for seasonal materials began at 10:00 a.m.
Bidders present: James Carey-Advanced Drainage Systems, Joel Pierce-St Regis Culvert, Ed Giroux-Jensen Bridge & Supply, John Schimke-LDI and Chet Krawczyk-Merle Boes.

MOTOR OIL AND HYDRAULIC OIL

National Oil Sales	Chevron RPM	3.23 Gal.
	Chevron AW	2.20 Gal.
Blarney Castle Oil Co	Texaco URSA	2.95 Gal.
	Texaco Rando	2.10 Gal.
Diamond Oil Dist.	American Choice	2.49 Gal.
	Performance Plus	1.69 Gal.
Merle Boes Inc	Texaco URSA	2.70 Gal.
	Chevron AW32	2.09 Gal.
	Texaco Rando	2.23 Gal.

GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL

Blarney Castle

Unleaded Gasoline	Rack	0.754
	Markup	0.04
	Delivery	0.0194
	Total:	0.8134
#1 Diesel	No Bid	
#2 Diesel	Rack	0.901
	Markup	0.005
	Additive	0.01
	Delivery	0.0194
	Total:	0.9354

Merle Boes

Unleaded Gasoline	Rack	0.762
	Markup	0.01
	Delivery	0.01
	Total:	0.782
#1 Diesel	Rack	0.903
	Markup	0.01
	Delivery	<u>0.01</u>
	Total:	0.923
#2 Diesel	Rack	0.818
	Markup	0.01
	Additive	0.02
	Delivery	<u>0.01</u>
	Total:	0.858

WESCO (Late)

Unleaded Gasoline	Rack	0.773
	Markup	0.015
	Delivery	0.0196
	Total:	0.8076
#1 Diesel	Rack	0.940
	Markup	0.015
	Delivery	0.0196
	Total:	0.9746
#2 Diesel	Rack	0.87
	Markup	0.015
	Additive	0.0125
	Delivery	0.0196
	Total:	0.9171

CORRUGATED METAL CULVERTS

Jensen Bridge & Supply	16 Guage	12"	3.00
		15"	3.98
		18"	5.00
		21"	6.85
		24"	6.90
St Regis Culvert	16 Guage	12"	3.00
		15"	4.00
		18"	5.00
		21"	6.58
		24"	7.00

CORRUGATED PLASTIC CULVERTS

ADS	Smooth/Dual Wall	6"	0.97
		12"	2.98
		15"	4.31
		18"	6.40
		24"	9.45

GUARD RAIL & POSTS

Jensen Bridge	Straight Rail	2.84
	Curved Rail	4.37
	Wood Post	27.88
	Steel Post	21.25
J Slagter & Son	Straight Rail	2.36
	Curved Rail	3.50
	Wood Post	25.50
	Steel Post	17.95
Anro Timber Products	Straight Rail	2.556
	Curved Rail	3.668
	Wood Post	21.42
	Steel Post	19.00

BRIDGE MATERIALS

Krenn Bridge Compaines Inc	Treated Deck Plank	1,500.00/MBM
	Timber Box Culvert	3,000.00/MBM

COLD PATCH MATERIAL

Rieth Riley	CP-6 Bidders Yard	N/A
	CP-6 MCRC Yard	68.00
	CP-7 Bidders Yard	N/A
	CP-7 MCRC Yard	70.00
Midland Contracting	CP-6 Bidders Yard	34.00
	CP-6 MCRC Yard	54.00
	CP-7 Bidders Yard	40.28
	CP-7 MCRC Yard	54.11
Cadillac Asphalt Prod.	CP-6 Bidders Yard	N/A
	CP-6 MCRC Yard	N/A
	CP-7 Bidders Yard	N/A
	CP-7 MCRC Yard	66.50

BRINE CALCIUM CHLORIDE

Liquid Dustlayer, Inc	Bidders Yard	26%	0.08
		32%	0.18
		38%	0.20
	Furnished and applied Continuously		
		26%	0.14
		32%	0.25
		38%	0.27
	Furnished and applied intermittently		
		26%	0.16
		32%	0.27
		38%	0.29
	Furnished and loaded in storage facility		
		26%	0.12
		32%	0.23
		38%	0.25

Motion by Thurow, supported by Archer to tabulate bids and award at the April 28, 2000 board meeting. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer gave his report as follows:

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks.
 - A. Maintenance
 1. County Wide
 - Blading gravel roads
 - Fixing bad culverts
 - Patching holes

Cutting trees and brush
 Snow and ice control last weekend
 Pulling shoulders on gravel roads

2. State Trunkline
 - Patching holes
 - Blading shoulders
 - Snow and ice control last weekend
 - Night patrol will end this weekend

B. Construction

1. Primary System
 - Work continues on projects for the summer
 - Update on the following projects:
 - Johnson/Tinkham - PM Twp: GI held on 4-13-00, bid in July letting.
 - Fountain Road - Sherman Twp: Preliminary plans in for review. July letting.
 - Nelson/Lawndale - PM Twp: Bid opening to be held on April 19th. Lots of local interest in this job.
 - Hoague Road-Grant Twp: Program data has been sent to MDOT.
 - Iris Road-PM Twp: Plans completed for work at intersection with PM Hwy.
2. Local System
 - Obtaining surveys and right of ways for various projects.
 - Meeting with various Townships regarding local road programs. Fair amount of paving for this year.
 - Reid Road-Mead Twp Clearing and grubbing completed, grade work to begin.
3. State Trunkline
 - PM Hwy work has begun.
 - US-10 work to begin soon. Some grading work has been started.

2. Equipment status during this period:
 - New Semi Tractor in service.
 - Replacement DO-ALL boxes delivered.
 - New Motor Grader delivered to Grand Rapids.
 - Discussion on repairs to the mower. Will get estimate from Flint Ford Tractor and Hyde Equipment.
 - Trailer #121 stolen from the east yard. Sheriff has been notified.
 - Other minor repairs.

3. Permit activity during this period.
Various drive permits requested.
Seismic activity again.
Pipeline activity again.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various lawsuits: Leverson still in discovery.
Nothing yet on DeBoise.
2. May 5th pre-trial hearing with Judge Cooper regarding M
Lothrup suit.
3. Bidding out the night mechanic position. 10 applicants
to date

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Discuss summer schedule-4/10 hour work week.
2. Forest agreement with USFS.
3. Next Paul Bunyon meeting is May 1st.
4. U.P. Road builders summer meeting will be held in June.
5. Mason County Township Officers meeting will be held on
April 27 at Hamlin Township Hall.
6. Commissioners Seminar is being held in Traverse City on
April 16-18.
7. Talked with Bill Cortes regarding BC/BS Insurance.
8. Will call Halliday Sand and Gravel to check out Herb
Merton pit for gravel.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM news letters.
2. Summary of fees collected in various counties by the
Secretary of State.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Commented on the amount of work started on US-10.
2. Expressed importance of pulling shoulders.
3. Asked if we have a grader schedule to fill pot holes.
4. Commented on the increase in price of brine and
suggested getting started on the brining as soon as
possible.

VICE-CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Warren Larson had requested to have a ditch cleaned out
on Tuttle Road last year and is not done yet.
2. Noted that a well is going in on Fisher Road and has
received complaints on all the dust.
3. Complaint about dust on Kinney Road.
4. Commented that the Riverton Township meeting went very
well.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTIONGRANT TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

Motion by Thurow, supported by Archer to enter into two contracts with Grant Township to include:

Place single seal over the entire roadway on County Line Road from Quarterline Road to Red Apple Road for 2.0 miles at a cost to the Township of \$13,500.00.

Apply an application of 38% cacl., solution at a rate of 1500 gallon/mile for a 12 foot width on Grant Township Roads, (2 applications) 34 miles, at a cost to the Township of \$5,000.00.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Acker", is written over a horizontal line.

Mary Acker Secretary

The April 28, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer, Secretary Acker.

Absent: None

Visitors: Mary Hendrick, Betty Anderson, Norman "Zeke" Littlefield and Gene Jorisen.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the April 14, 2000 meeting. Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. 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 #9 for \$54,698.92 and Vouchers #49611 thru #49687 in the amount of \$325,984.06. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks.

A. Routine Maintenance

1. County Wide

Blading gravel roads
Fixing bad culverts
Patching holes
Cleaning ditches
Completed pulling Shoulders on gravel roads.
Cutting trees and brush
Brining-began with 2 MCRC units and added 2 units from Liquid Dust.
Summer youth crew leader Dick Abbey is back in service.

2. State Trunkline

Patching holes
Spring drive around was held last week.

B. HEAVY MAINTENANCE

1. Primary System

Work continues on projects for this summer.

Update on the following projects:

Johnson-Tinkham-PM Twp: Final plans to be in by May 5th for July 14th letting.

Fountain Road-Sherman Twp: Completing final plans for July 14th letting.

Nelson/Lawndale-PM Twp: Bids reviewed for award today.

Hoague Road-Grant Twp: Program data has been submitted to MDOT. (Nothing back yet)

Iris Road-PM Twp: Work to begin next week.

2. Local System

Obtaining surveys and right of ways for various projects.

Meeting with various Townships regarding local road projects.

Reid Road-Meade Twp: Grade work to begin next week

3. STATE TRUNKLINE

PM Hwy work has begun, beams are being delivered, work is progressing.

US-10 work to begin soon.

3. EQUIPMENT STATUS

New motor grader delivered

Trailer stolen from east yard, possible lead on new-used trailer.

New Sterling truck is at Duthler with possible transmission problems.

Last Dodge Ram pickup has been delivered.

4. PERMIT ACTIVITY

Various Drive permits.

Letter to be sent to Meijer Corp on completion and clean up of Brye Road.

Discussions with Developer for Modular Home Park on Brye Road. Should be ready for partial occupancy by August.

5. Supervision attended harassment prevention seminar in Grayling this last week.

6. G Dittmer and M Acker met with FEMA representative regarding final review of 5/31/98 wind storm. Will provide newly requested information to FEMA for final reimbursement.

7. Employees met with AFLAC representative regarding self-purchased insurance.

AWARD SEASONAL BIDS

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to award the seasonal bids to the low bidder as recommended by Eng/Mgr Dittmer to include Motor Oil; Diamond Oil Co, Gas & Diesel; All Bidders, Metal Culverts; Jensen Bridge, Corrugated Plastic; ADS, Guard Rail & Posts; J Slagter & Son, Bridge Material; Krenn Bridge, Cold Patch; Midland Contractors, Brine; Liquid Dust. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Mary Hendrik was in to discuss the abandonment of a portion of Campbell Road. G Dittmer said we were waiting for 7 free holder signatures before finalizing the abandonment. Mary will check in to this. Also made mention of a brush pile on Campbell Road that needs to be removed.

Betty Anderson expressed concern as to why the MCRC staked her property showing the right of way. She had placed some T-posts to try to ward off the snowmobile traffic that was damaging her trees. G Dittmer stated he had this done to show her where the right of way was and to let her know she has placed these posts in the right of way.

Norman Littlefield was present for the Lawndale/Nelson Road project bid award and Gene Jorisen-PM Township Supervisor discussed their part in the project, stating they would accept the Lawndale/Nelson Road project being awarded to the low bidder.

AWARD BID FOR LAWNDALE/NELSON ROAD PROJECT

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to award the contract to the low bidder, Schultz Excavating, Project #A458-970 in the amount of \$160,334.10 subject to the procurement of the Bond. Work to begin 10 days after bond is received. Project completion time is 60 days.

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

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on lawsuits: Nothing new to report on Levenson. Pre-trial for DeBoise has been post poned.
2. Pre-Trial scheduled for May 5th with Judge Cooper for M Lothrop suit filed regarding arbitration. He has also filed a Work Comp Claim.
3. Will be interviewing for the night mechanic position next week. Applicants have been narrowed down to three.
4. G. Dittmer to call Abrahamsons to have antique truck hauled to MCRC site.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Discussed a 4/10 hour work week. No decision at this time.
2. Paul Bunyon meeting on Monday May 2, 2000. Merrill and Archer to attend.
3. U.P. Road builders summer meeting.
4. G dittmer to attend MCRC SIP Board meeting on Monday & Tuesday.
5. Clark Hwy to begin placing centerline markings next week. 1/4 in June, 1/4 in Aug., 1/2 in September.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM News letters.
2. Letter for Friends of Trans. RUSH-PAC Golf outing at the Coffman Golf Course on June 7, 2000.
3. Bear Track Inn Fish Fry cancelled.
4. Letter form Gordie/Frasier Eng. Company regarding Annual meeting Dinner.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Had a little trouble with reservations at the Park Place for the Commissioners Meeting in Traverse City.
2. Wondered if there was any gravel left in the pit on S Custer Road owned by Jerry Larr.
3. Mentioned S Brye Road is in need of repair.

VICE CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Complaints on Kinney Road because of blow holes.
2. Enjoyed Commissioners Seminar in Traverse City.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Expressed concerns about a possible 4/10 work week.
2. When will the claying of the gravel roads get started.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION

SIGN TITLE SHEETS

Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to authorize to sign Title sheet in co-operation with the Michigan Department of Transportation for Johnson Road, from west of Nelson Road to West of Jebavy Drive. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to authorize to sign Title sheet for Fountain Road, and US-31 to Ordway Road. Ayes all. Motion carried.

AFLAC

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to adopt a cafeteria plan within the context of Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code for the benefit of the employer's eligible employees.

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

LOGAN TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to enter into two contracts with Logan Township to include:

Place 1360 cyds of Agg. surface material 3 inches deep by 20ft wide on Hawley Road from Walhalla Road East to the first Bridge over the PM River.

Apply an application of 38% Cacl. solution at a rate of 1500 gal/mile for a 12 foot width on various roads in Logan Twp.

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

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to enter into nine contracts with Sherman Township to include:

Place 2000 cyds of agg. surface material 3 inches deep by 20 ft. wide on Schoenherr Road from 0.1 mile North of Sugar Grove Road to Millerton Road.

Pulverize existing asphalt roadway, add agg. base and compact on Fountain Road from McCormick Sawmill to Schoenherr Road.

Place Bit overlay surface course at a rate of 165 psy over the entire width of 20 ft. on Fountain Road from McCormick Sawmill to Schoenherr Road.

Grade, place 12 inch deep sand subbase and 6" agg. base on Schoenherr Road from Sugar Grove Road to top of hill.

Place Bit. surface course at a rate of 165 psy over the entire width of 20 feet with integral bit. curb and gutter on Schoenherr Road from Sugar Grove Road to top of hill.

Place 500 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3" deep by 20' wide on Schoenherr Road from Fountain Road south to woods.

Place 500 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3" deep by 20' wide on Darr Road from Fountain South.

Place 1000 cyds of aggregate surfacing material 3" deep by 20' wide on Dewey Road from Custer to Stephens.

Apply application of 38% cacl solution at a rate of 1500 gallon/mile for a 12 foot width on various locations.

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

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

Motion by Thurow, supported by Archer to enter into eight contracts with Sheridan Township to include:

Place Bit. Surface course at at rate of 165 psy over width of 20' with integral bit. curb and gutter on Schoenherr Road from Sugar Grove to top of hill.

Grade, place 12" deep sand sub base and 6" agg. base on Schoenherr Road from sugar Grove Road to top of hill.

Place 2000 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3" deep by 20' wide on Schoenherr Road 0.1 mile North of Sugar Grove Road to Millerton Road.

Place 1000 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3" deep by 20' wide on Larson Road from Sugar Grove Road to Decker Road.

Place Bit. overlay surface course at a rate of 165 psy over the entire width of 20' on Fountain Road from Schoenherr to Larson Road.

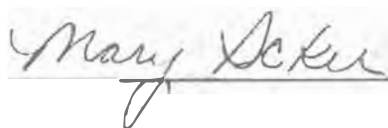
Pulverize existing asphalt surface shape, place agg. base material and compact on Fountain Road from Schoenherr Road to Larson Road.

Place 100 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3" deep by 20' wide along with minor grading at intersection on Echo Lane.

Place 300 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3 inches deep by 20' wide along with minor grading at intersection on Stolberg Road from North Campbell to South Campbell.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.



Mary Acker Secretary

The May 12, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: None

Visitors: None

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the April 28, 2000 meeting.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. 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 #10 for \$56,050.34 and Vouchers #49688 thru #49757 in the amount of \$117,781.87. Ayes all. Motion carried.

At 9:50 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks.
 - A. ROUTINE MAINTENANCE
 1. County Wide
 - Blading gravel roads
 - Spot brining various locations
 - Patching holes, gravel and cold patch
 - Cutting trees and brush
 2. State Trunkline
 - Patching holes
 - B. HEAVY MAINTENANCE
 1. PRIMARY SYSTEM
 - Work continues on projects for this summer.
 - Johnson/Tinkham-PM Twp-Final Plans into MDOT for July 14th letting.
 - Fountain Road-Sherman Twp-Final plans into MDOT for July 14th letting.
 - Nelson/Lawndale-PM Twp-Awaiting bond for contractor. Pre-con meeting was held on May 11. Work to begin soon.
 - Hoague Road-Grant Twp-Program data has been submitted to MDOT.
 - Iris Road-PM Twp-Work to begin soon.

2. LOCAL SYSTEM

Obtaining surveys and right of ways for various projects.
G Dittmer has met with all the Townships regarding local road program.
Reid Road-Meade Twp.-Grade work in progress.

3. STATE TRUNKLINE

PM Hwy work in progress.
US-10 work in progress
Discussions with property owner regarding Weaver Road and US-10 intersection State Hwy Project.

2. EQUIPMENT STATUS

Dittmer discussing with AIS about purchase of new tag behind trailer.
#54 truck with transmission problems has been fixed.
Bumper from new Freightliner Truck Semi was stolen.
Est. cost is \$1,500.00
New Motor grader is in service.
The FWD Truck has been delivered to the yard.

3. PERMIT ACTIVITY

Various drive permits.
Letter to be sent to Meijer Corp. on completion and clean up of Brye Road.
Discussions with developer for Modular Home Park on Brye Road to be partially open by the first of August.

4. Dittmer to attend PM Twp Planning Meeting on work by Dow on Sixth Street.

5. Dittmer to attend meeting at Custer regarding Landon Bridge access.

6. Tree Stolen from Rest Area last week.

7. MCRC cleaned up brush on the Hendrik property and received petition back so may proceed with abandonment.

8. MCRC set property irons on same property.

9. MCRC setting property lines on Weaver Road at Long Lake.

10. Dow donated 9000 gallons of 29% Brine to MCRC.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on lawsuits: Nothing new to report on Leverson or DeBoise.
2. M Lothrop Pre Trial was held on May 5th and a Workers Comp Hearing is scheduled for May 15th.
3. Night Mechanics position interviews were held on May 11, 2000.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. A trial period 4/10 hour work week will begin on June 5 for one month.
2. Clark Hwy Systems to begin placing centerline markings next week.
3. Safety meeting on May 17, all day. MCRC SIP and CRASIF personal to attend.
4. Employee appreciation breakfast will be held on May 17, 2000 at 6:30 am.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM news letters.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

MEMBER ARCHER

Left meeting at 10:55 am.

VICE CHAIRMAN THUROW.

1. Neighbor wondered when his ditch would be cleaned out.
2. M Young stated that all charges had been dropped against him.
3. Bradshaw road off Scottville Road needs grading.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

No Report

Terry Woilol came in to the meeting at 10:50 a.m. to discuss the night mechanics position. He also reported that the tractor had been delivered to West Michigan Power and Equipment.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION

HIRE NIGHT MECHANIC

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to hire Roger Bedker for the position of night mechanic. Ayes all. Motion carried.

MILLERTON/CAMPBELL PROJECT

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to approve signing of the Millerton/Campbell project and to let out for bidding. Ayes all. Motion carried.

AMBER TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to enter into the following contracts with Amber Township:

First Street from Stiles Road to Amber Road 1.0 Mile, clear, grub, grade, place drainage structures and 3" of agg. base material.

Various Roads, apply an application of 38% Cacl. solution at at rate of 1500 gallon/mile for a 12 ft width.

Dennis Road from Conrad to First Street, place 1000 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3" deep by 20' wide.

Johnson Road from US-31 to Gordon Road, place 1000 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3 inches deep by 20 feet wide.

Gordon Road from Hansen Road to Osborn Road, place single seal over the entire roadway, application rate: first course emulsion at a minimum of 0.45 gal/syd 25A slag at 28 lbs/syd.

Osborn Road from Gordon Road to Amber Road, place single seal over the entire roadway, application rate: first course, emulsion at a minimum of 0.45 gal/syd 25A slag at 28 lbs/syd.

Amber Road from First St to Conrad Road, pulverize exisiting asphalt surface. Add 1000 cyd of agg. base material. Shape and compact for future hard surfacing.

Amber Road from First Street to Conrad Road, place a bituminous overlay surface course at a rate of 165 psy over the entire width of 20 feet.

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

VICTORY TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to enter into the following contracts with Victory Township:

Dewey Road from Stiles Road to US-31, place 3000 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3 inches deep by 20 feet wide.

Various locations, apply an application of 38% cacl. solution at at rate of 1500 gallon/mile for a 12 foot width.

Victory Drive from Peterson Road West, place bituminous overlay surface course at a rate of 165 psy over thr entire width of 20 feet.

Townline Road from US-31 to LaSalle Road, place 1000 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3 inches deep by 20 feet wide, cost to be shared with Grant Township.

Victory Drive from Peterson Road West, remove existing surface and underlying poor soils w/cordoruy then replace with sand subbase, and agg. base in accordance with engineers estimate dated 02/07/00.

Victory Corners Road from end of bridge project to top of the hill, grading, sand lift and agg. base in accordance with engineer's estimate dated 2-7-00.

Victory Corners Road, 0.10 mile, place a bituminous overlay surface course at a rate of 165 psy over the entire width of 20 feet.

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

EDEN TOWNSHIP ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to enter into the following contracts with Eden Township:

Various roads, apply an application of 38% cacl solution at a rate of 1500 gallon/mile for a 12 foot width.

Custer Road from Marrison Road to Major Road, place 500 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3 inches deep by 20 feet wide.

Meisenheimer Road from West of Custer Road to Stephens Road, place 1500 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3 inches deep by 20 feet wide.

Tuttle Road from Marrison to Major Road, place 500 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3 inches deep by 20 feet wide.

Sippy Road from N.B. Pentwater River Bridge East, place 1000 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3 inches deep by 20 feet wide.

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

CUSTER ROAD CONTRACTS

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to enter into the following contracts with Custer Township:

Darr Road from US-10 to First Street, place 500 cyds of agg, surfacing material 3 inches deep by 20 feet deep.

Darr road from US-10 to Johnson Road, place 500 cyds of agg surfacing material 3 inches deep by 20 feet wide.

Stephens Road from US-10 to First Street, place 500 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3 inches deep by 20 feet wide.

Poplar Road from Conrad to Wilson Road, place 1250 cyds of agg. surfacing material 3 inches deep by 20 feet wide.

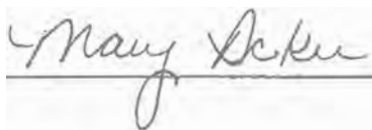
Conrad Road from Darr Road East, place a bituminous overlay surface course at a rate of 165 psy over the entire width of 20 feet.

Conrad Road from Darr Road East, pulverize existing asphalt and add 500 cyds of agg. base material, shape and compact for asphalt surface.

Various Roads, apply an application of 38% cacl., solution at a rate of 1500 gallon/mile for a 12 foot width. 15 miles, Custer only and 5 miles shared with Sherman and Eden Townships.

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

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Acker", written over a horizontal line.

Mary Acker Secretary

The May 26, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: None

Visitors: None

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the May 12, 2000 meeting.

Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to approve the minutes as corrected. Ayes all. 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 #11 for \$55,294.54 and Voucher #49758 thru #49832 for \$113,415.87. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks.
 - A. Routine Maintenance
 1. County Wide
 - Blading gravel roads for solid brining.
 - Solid brining various Townships.
 - Patching holes.
 - Cutting trees and brush.
 - Grass Cutting.
 - Repairing Void etc. behind abutment on Hawley Road at South Branch P.M. River.
 2. State Trunkline
 - Monies to repair shoulder on US-10/31
 - Update on Traffic Signal at Brye and US-10/31
 - MDOT to do a traffic study in June.

B. Heavy Maintenance

1. Primary System

Work continues on projects for this summer.
 Update on the following projects:
 Johnson/Tinkham-PM Twp.-No Change in status.
 Fountain Rd-Sherman Twp-No change in status.
 Nelson-Lawndale-PM Twp-Work underway, Road
 milled and grading in progress.
 Hoague Road-Grant Twp-Discussed job with
 MDOT, paperwork to come soon.
 Iris Road-PM Twp-Work to begin next week.
 Millerton/Campbell-Sheridan Twp.-Bid notices
 out to various bidders. Bid opening June 7.

2. Local System

Reid Road-Meade Twp-Grade work in progress.
 Dewey Road-Victory Twp-Graveling in progress.
 Fountain Road-Sheridan/Sherman Twp.-
 Pulverizing and grading to start next week.

3. State Trunkline

PM Hwy work in progress.
 US-10 work in progress.
 US-31 North Micro seal from Fountain Road to
 Hoague Road.

2. Equipment Status

Changing bodies of various five yard trucks.
 Boom Mower to be delivered today or Tuesday.
 Side mower in progress of being mounted.
 Other minor repairs.

3. Permit Activity

Various drive permits issued.
 Discussions with developer for Modular Home Park on
 Brye Road.
 Discussions with Engineering firm with Dow Chemical
 regarding work along Sixth Street.

4. Dittmer attended meeting at Custer regarding Landon
 Bridge access.

5. Work with Branch Twp on R/W fencing along Weaver Rd. to
 Long Lake.

6. B Dodson was successful bidder for new Motor Grader.
 There will be a 60 day evaluation.

7. J Boon, D Larson and E Chase have passed probation and
 are in full force.

8. G Dittmer to get revised office space.

Under Old Business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various lawsuits-Leverson and DeBoise
DeBoise-Depositions to be taken of W. McCormick and R. Duggan on May 31st.
Leverson-No action to date.
2. Employee situations:
M Lothrop- Workers Compensation Case-G Dittmer met with attorney, trial to be held in September. No action to report regarding arbitration.
R Bedker to start next week as new night mechanic.
Grievance filed regarding overtime and assignment of equipment.
3. Safety meeting held on May 17th all day, MCRCSIP and CRASIF personal attended.
4. Employee appreciation breakfast was held on May 17th.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Summer schedule-4/10 hour work week to start on June 5th.
2. Clark Hwy. Systems to place new rumble strips on Stiles Road and Custer Road.
3. Seasonal bids on Bituminous materials to be opened at June 9 meeting.
4. Bid opening on Millerton/Campbell Road project June 7th.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM News Letters.
2. Act 51 Appropriations bill by MDOT in Senate. This would limit funding regarding Road Commissions. G Dittmer contacted Schuette's office to express concern.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Will be attending the UP Road Builders meeting on June 14th & 15th. Will make reservations.
2. MCRSIP meeting will be held on July 19 & 20 at Shanty Creek.

VICE CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Asked about the safety and training meeting on May 17th.
2. Questioned how the yard fence got torn.
3. Nigh mechanic will start next Tuesday on days.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Asked when the road between Farm & Fleet and Walmart would be started. Wants this started ASAP.
2. Mentioned that the cold patch crew should pay better attention to the work they are doing.
3. There is a new house going up on Hansen Road West of the Highway that has dug a line from their house to the ditch. Concerned about what they may be draining. G Dittmer will look in to this.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION

RIVERTON TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to enter into the following contracts with Riverton Township:

Schwass Road Culvert south of Kinney Road, replace existing structure in accordance with plans.

Schwass Road from Chauvez Road to Kinney Road 1 Mile, place 1000 cyds of aggregate surfacing material 3 inches deep by 20 feet wide.

Hogenson and Bradshaw Roads 0.6 miles from Chauvez Road North, place double seal over the entire roadway.

Various Roads in Riverton Township, 42 miles, apply an application of 38% cacl solution at a rate of 1500 gallon/mile for a 12 ft width.

Hogenson Road and Bradshaw Road from Chauvez Road North 1.0 miles, shape road bed to accept aggregate base then place 1000 cyds of aggregate base compacting in place.

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

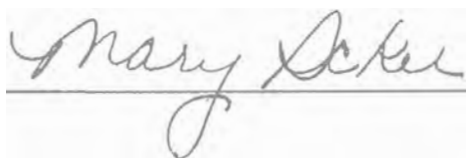
MCRCSIP VOTE AUTHORIZATION

Motion by Thurow, supported by Archer to name Ron Merrill as voting delegate to the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool's Annual Business Meeting on July 20, 2000 and G Dittmer named as the alternate delegate. Ayes all. Motion carried.

PURCHASE TRAILER

A 20 ton tag trailer will be purchased from AIS Company for the sum of \$11,600.00.

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



Mary Acker Secretary

The June 9, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: None

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the May 26, 2000 meeting.

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. 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 #12 for \$58,684.23 and Vouchers #49833 thru #49917 in the amount of \$103,678.34. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks.
 - A. ROUTINE MAINTENANCE
 1. County Wide
 - Solid brining done for Townships.
 - Patching holes.
 - Cutting trees and brush.
 - Grass cutting.
 - Repaired void behind abutment on Hawley Road at P.M. River.
 2. State Trunkline
 - Have received monies to repair shoulder on US-10/31 in the amount of \$10,000.00. Will contract with Dan Petersen to do the repairs for the estimated amount of \$8,500.00.
 - B. HEAVY MAINTENANCE
 1. Primary System
 - Work continues on projects for the summer.
 - Update on the following projects:
 - Johnson/Tinkham-PM Twp-No change in status. Bid opening July 12, 2000.
 - Fountain Road-Sherman Twp-No change in status. Bid opening July 12, 2000.

Hoague Rd-Grant Twp-No change in status.
 Nelson/Lawndale-PM Twp-Grading in
 progress, sanitary sewer in progress.
 Iris Rd-PM Twp-Curb installed, grading
 in progress.
 Millerton/Campbell-Sheridan Twp. Bids
 opened on Wednesday, Schultz Exc. low
 bidder.

APPROVE MILLERTON/CAMPBELL BID

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to approve Schultz
 Excavating as the low bidder for the Millerton/Campbell job
 for \$196,841.10, contingent on completing all the
 requirements specified in the contract. Ayes all. Motion
 carried.

2. LOCAL SYSTEM

Reid Road-Meade Twp.-Grade work in progress.
 Dewey Rd-Victory Twp-Graveling in progress,
 have completed almost three miles.
 Fountain Rd-Sheridan/Sherman Twps.-
 Pulverizing and grading to start next week.
 Shoshone Rd-Branch Twp-Agg. base-In progress.
 Hawley Road-Logan Twp.-Grading-In progress.

3. STATE TRUNKLINE

P.M. Hwy work in progress.
 US-10 work in progress.
 US-31 North Micro seal from Fountain Road to
 Hoague Road completed.
 M116 north bituminous surface completed.

2. EQUIPMENT STATUS

Changing bodies of various five yard trucks.
 Boom Mower in service.
 Side mower in process of being mounted.
 Other minor repairs.
 Tag along mower in service.

3. PERMIT ACTIVITY

Various drive permits.
 Discussion with Developer for Modular Park on Brye
 Road.
 Discussions with Engineering firm with Dow Chemical
 regarding work along Sixth Street.

4. Branch Twp R/W fencing along Weaver Rd. to Long Lake- Completed.

5. Proposed work on Porter Road off Barothy Road, first mile is scheduled to have 3" of gravel placed and sealed. Mr. Hall has asked about having a portion of the road abandoned. Will discuss at a later date,

At 10:00 bids were opened for Bituminous materials.

Bidders present were: Randy Misner and Chad Loney from Rieth Riley, Tim S Murphy from Kock Pavement Solutions and Todd Broad from Elmer's Crane and Dozer Inc.

ASPHALT EMULSION

Koch Pavement Solutions

Product	Unit	Unit Price
HFRS-2	GAL.	\$0.6110
RS-2A	GAL.	\$0.6110
SS1H	GAL.	\$0.8110
MS2H	GAL.	\$0.8110
MSOP	GAL.	\$1.0000
HFRS-2P (Steyrelf)	GAL.	\$0.9110

Minimum shipment size 7200, Cancellation time: 2 hours.

Koch Pavement Solutions were the only bidder on Asphalt Emulsion.

BITUMINOUS AGGREGATE PAVING

Omans Contracting Inc.

No Bid Bond attached

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Amount
13A	20,195	Ton	28.02	\$565,863.90
700	500	Ton	22.00	11,000.00
Temp Marking	3,700	Lin Ft	.50	1,850.00
Remove Bit. Surface	500	Sq. Yd.	5.00	2,500.00
		Total		\$581,213.90

Rieth Riley Construction Co. Inc.

Bid Bond Attached

13A	20,195	Ton	26.28	\$530,724.69
700	500	Ton	26.28	13,140.00
Temp Marking	3,700	Lin Ft.	.38	1,406.00
Remove Bit. Surface	500	Sq. Yd.	1.00	500.00
		Total		\$545,770.60

Elmer's Crane & Dozer Inc.

Bid Bond Attached

13A	20,195	Ton	31.25	\$631,093.75
700	500	Ton	30.00	15,000.00
Temp Marking	3,700	Lin Ft.	.40	1,480.00
Remove Bit. Surface	500	Sq. Yd.	10.00	5,000.00
		Total		\$652,573.74

Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to accept bids for Bituminous Aggregate Paving and Asphalt Emulsion and to be placed on file for approval at a later time. Ayes all.
Motion carried.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various Lawsuits-Leverson and DeBoise.
DeBoise-Depositions taken of W. McCormick and R. Duggan on May 31st. Review is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2000.
Leverson-No action to date.
2. Employee situations:
M Lothrup-G Dittmer provided information to Workers Comp Attorney. Judge Cooper has ruled that M Lothrup was denied right to arbitration.
R. Bedker started last week as new night mechanic. Grievance filed regarding overtime and assignment of equipment. Will be meeting with BA.
3. Started 4/10 work week this week.
4. Discuss various road abandonment requests and schedule. No action taken.

Under New Business the following was discussed:

1. Received a quote from Midwest Cleaning and Coating regarding work on Scottville and Custer Bridges. Will ask for more information before awarding the bid.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM News Letters.
2. Discussed CRAM appointments.
3. Letter to Editor complimenting the Road Commission for good service.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

MEMBER ARCHER

1. Requested a tabulation of road projects.
2. Would like a formal bridge opening for Victory Corners Bridge.

VICE CHAIRMAN THUROW

1. Stiles Road South of Sugar Grove Road-Pavement braking off in places. Needs repair.
2. Wants the parcel next to the Montrose pit checked out for possible purchase of topsoil.
3. Angling Road going East to Manales Road may need a Dead End Road Sign or a No Outlet sign erected.
4. Reflector signs on freeway south of Ludington need replacing.

CHAIRMAN MERRILL

1. Bad bumps on Old 31 between Chauvez Rd and freeway exit.
2. Shoulders on 31 North, South of Fosters need repairs.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION**ENGINEERING REIMBURSEMENT**

Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to request a reimbursement of \$10,000.00 for payments made during the period of 7/31/99 through 6/30/00 to retain a licensed professional engineer employed by the MCRC. Ayes all. Motion carried.

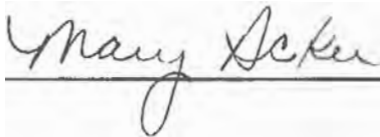
STOP SIGNS

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to have a Stop sign placed on the corner of Osborn & Amber Road on Osborn. Ayes All. Motion carried.

MCRC SIGN

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to purchase a sign by Northwoods Sign Company to be placed in the front yard of the MCRC building. Cost of the sign will be \$5,000.00 with 50% down upon order.
Ayes: Merrill, Thurow. Nays: Archer Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Acker", written over a horizontal line.

Mary Acker Secretary

The June 23rd, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer, Engineer/Manager Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Ron Hamelon, Laurie Ferwerda, Marsha Polsen, Willard Mears, Walter Olanavich, Henry Thiele, Ron Sanders and Duane Cooper to discuss the possibility of having the last 3/4 mile portion of South Lakeshore Drive reconstructed around Bass Lake.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the June 9, 2000 meeting.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to approve the minutes as read. Ayes All. 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 #13 for \$56,885.52 and Voucher #49918 through #49987 for \$198,321.24. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks.

A. Routine Maintenance

1. County Wide

Solid brining to begin next week for Townships-second treatment.

Patching holes

Cutting trees and brush

Grass cutting

Towns Brothers to install wingwalls on Hawley road bridge next week.

2. State Trunkline

Grass cutting along highways should be done by the 4th of July. The youth crew is working on guard rails.

B. Heavy Maintenance

1. Primary System

Work continues on projects for this summer.

Update on the following projects.

Johnson/Tinkham-PM Twp-No change in status

Fountain Road-Sherman Twp-No change in status.

Hoague Road-Grant Twp.-Plan preparation in progress, agreement from MDOT forth coming.
 Nelson/Lawndale-PM Twp.-Grading in progress, sanitary sewer complete, graveling in progress.
 Iris Road-PM Twp.-Curb installed, grading completed, bituminous surfacing in progress.
 Millerton-Campbell-Sheridan Twp.-Pre-Con held Thursday June 22, work to begin after the 4th of July.
 Chauvez Road-Eden Twp.-Pulverize existing bit surface.

2. Local System

Reid Road-Meade Twp.-Grade work completed.
 Dewey Road-Victory Twp.-Graveling completed.
 Shoshone Tr.-Branch Twp.-Agg. Base completed.
 Dewey Road-Sherman Twp.-Graveling completed.
 Barothy Road-Sherman Twp.-Agg. base in progress.
 Decker Road-Hamlin Twp.-Agg.base in progress.
 Beaune Road-Hamlin Twp.-Clearing and grubbing completed.
 Victory Dr.-Victory Twp.-Pulverizing in progress.
 Amber Road-Amber Twp.-Pulverizing in progress.
 Fountain Road-Sheridan/Sherman Twp.-Pulverizing and grading in progress.
 Hawley Road-Logan Twp.-Grading in progress.

3. State Trunkline

PM Hwy work completed.
 US-10 work in progress.
 MDOT met with City of Scottville regarding US-10.
 Meeting on July 18th regarding mill and fill job on US-31 freeway.

3. Equipment status during this period.

Changing bodies of various five yard trucks.
 Boom Mower in service.
 Side mower in service.
 Older boom mower transmission problem similar to previous problems.
 Other minor repairs- #39 truck in G.R. for oil leak repair.

4. Permit activity during this period.

Various drive permits.
 On going discussions with Sandstone Development for Modular Home Park on Brye Road.
 Permit issued to Engineering firm with Dow Chemical regarding work along Sixth Street.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various Lawsuits-Leverson and DeBoise
DeBoise-No update since depositions have been taken.
Leverson-Depositions taken Thursday June 22 of Leveron,
wife, neighbors and previous owner.
2. Employee situations
M Lothrop-No new update.
Grievance filed regarding overtime and assignment of
equipment. Appointment with BA will be
rescheduled.
3. Discussed various road abandonment requests and schedule.
No action taken at this time. Will discuss at next meeting.
4. The painting in the first floor offices has been completed.
5. Still working on designs for the sign that will be placed in
the front yard of the MCRC building.

Under New Business the following was discussed:

1. Discussed the 4th of July holiday schedule for the crew.
2. The administrative staff will be working the 4/10 schedule
every other week.
3. MERS for staff employees was discussed. Further information
will be given at a later date.
4. Will look into property purchase on Tuttle Road owned by Ron
Beamer. MCRC to offer \$700.00 per acre.
5. Discussed a proposal from Krenn Bridge regarding bridge
replacement on Benson Road at Weldon Creek. Estimate was
\$34,486.90. No decision was made at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM news letters.
2. Invitation to SHR&R Golf outing.
3. MCRC SIP Director application letters.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Member Archer

1. Discussed the UP Road Builders Association meeting.
2. Commented on gas prices.
3. Dave Johnson-petition for paving on Decker Road.
4. Will bring in a map from MDOT showing all the projects in
Michigan for the year 2000.
5. Discussed Commissioners Committee to reorganize the Duties
and Responsibilities hand book for the Commissioners.
6. Received complaint about grading on South Gordon Road.

Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. Wondered what the 4-door pickup was doing out at 9:00 p.m.
2. Commented on the counters out on all the gravel roads in
Riverton Township.

Chairman Merrill

1. Mentioned the need for more topsoil.

ITMES NEEDING BOARD ACTION

FOUNTAIN ROAD AGREEMENT

Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to approve the agreement with MDOT and the MCRC for Fountain Road from Highway US-31 Easterly to Ordway Road and authorize Chairman Merrill and Vice-Chairman Thurow to sign agreement. Ayes all. Motion carried.

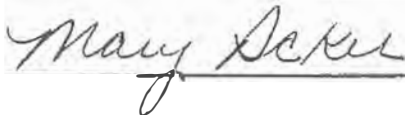
BITUMINOUS ASPHALT BID AWARD

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to award the Bituminous Aggregate paving to Rieth Riley Construction Company. Ayes all. Motion carried.

ASPHALT EMULSION

Asphalt Emulsion will go to Koch Pavement Solutions, the only bidder.

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

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Mary Acker Secretary

The July 7, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer, Engineer/Manager Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: None

Visitors: Pat Broderick to discuss issues on Campbell Road and ask about future paving plans. Also mentioned that the grass needs to be mowed along the roadways.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the June 23rd, 2000 meeting.
Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Board took the following action after reviewing the payroll and bills payable accounts:

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to approve payroll #14 for \$58,387.59 and Voucher #49988 through Voucher #50046 for \$113,676.85. Ayes all. Motion carried.

At 9:36 a.m. the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 10:25 a.m. Eng/Mgr Dittmer gave his report as follows:

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks.
 - A. County Wide
 - Solid brining completed for Townships-Second treatment.
 - Patching holes.
 - Grass cutting on gravel roads with three units.
 - Towns Bros.-Completed installing sheeting along wingwalls on Hawley Road Bridge.
 - Contract brush spraying to begin soon.
2. State Trunkline
 - Grass cutting along highways completed prior to holiday.
 - Dittmer contacting MDOT TSC regarding balance of budget and possible extra work.
- B. Heavy Maintenance
 1. Primary System
 - Work continues on projects for this summer
 - Update on the following projects:
 - Johnson/Tinkham-PM Twp-Bid opening on July 12th.
 - Fountain Rd-Sherman Twp-Bid opening on July 12th.
 - Hoague Road-Grant Twp-Plan preparation in progress, agreement from MDOT to be signed.

Nelson/Lawndale-PM Twp-Grading in progress,
 sanitary sewer complete, graveling complete,
 bit. surface in progress.
 Iris Road-PM Twp-Completed.
 Millerton/Campbell-Sheridan Twp-Work to begin
 possibly next week.
 Chauvez Road-Eden Twp-Pulverize existing surface.
 Jebavy Drive-Hamlin Twp.-Bit. wedging-Completed.
 Freesoil Rd.-Freesoil Twp.-Bit. wedge and cap-
 Completed.

2. **Local System**

Decker Road-Hamlin Twp-Agg. base completed
 Hansen Rd-Branch Twp.-Bit. surface completed.
 Beaune Road-Hamlin Twp-Clearing & grubbing
 completed.
 Victory Dr-Victory Twp-Pulverizing in progress.
 Amber Road-Amber Twp-Pulverizing in progress.
 Fountain Road-Sheridan/Sherman Twps-Pulverizing
 and grading-in progress.
 Hawley Road-Logan Twp-Grading in progress.

3. **State Trunkline**

US-10 work in progress
 Meeting on July 18th with MDOT regarding Mill and
 Fill job on US-31 Freeway.

3. **Equipment status during this period:**

1. Changing bodies of various five yard trucks.
2. Older Boom Mower Transmission problem similar to
 previous problems.
3. Other minor repairs, clutches.
4. #39 is back in service.

4. **Permit activity during this period:**

Various drive permits.
 Ongoing discussions with Sandstone Development for Modular
 Home Park on Brye Road.

On going discussions with Engineer/Construction firm from
 Dow regarding work along Sixth Street and Iris Roads.

5. Proposed work on Porter Road and possible abandonment update
 from Branch Twp. Wants to gravel the road and not continue
 with abandonment at this time.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various lawsuits-Leverson and DeBoise
 Deboise-No update since depositions have been taken.
 Leverson-No update since depositions were taken.
2. Employee situations:
 M Lothrop-No new update.
 Grievance filed regarding overtime and assignmnet of
 equipment. Step 2 taken yesterday-Grievance resolved.

3. Road Abandonments: No Action taken.
4. Ron Beamer did not accept our offer of \$700.00 per acre for topsoil so we will seek other options.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Dittmer attended MCRC SIP Board meeting last week, stated we would be receiving a dividend check soon.
2. MCRC SIP Loss Report was discussed. List includes claims filed against MCRC SIP since 1985 for a total of \$344,570.
3. Have applied for a Sand Borrow Permit at a cost of \$100.00
5. Permission was granted by the board to seek bids for a new ten yard dump truck and a new sign truck.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM news letters.
2. MCRC SIP Director application letters.
3. Invite to McQuire Open August 3rd in Cadillac.
4. Invite to RUSH-PAC Open in Dearborn.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Member Archer

1. Talked to Dick Abbey and questioned why he was working alone.
2. Mentioned that Beaune Road has been torn up for about one year from Fountain Rd to Ehler Rd and mentioned all the new homes going up in that area.
3. Made reference to a newspaper article regarding Dow Chemical applying for a reinjection permit for a plant on Hoague and Darr Road in Freesoil Twp.

Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. Commented on how good the gravel roads look this year.
2. Inquired as to the progress being made on the access road between Walmart and Farm & Fleet.
3. Mentioned that Beyer Road West of US-31 needs grading.

Chairman Merrill

1. Asked when the claying would begin.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION

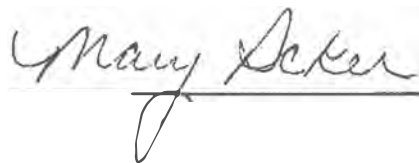
TINKHAM AND JOHNSON ROAD AGREEMENT

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to approve the agreement with MDOT, the MCRC and the City of Ludington for Bituminous pavement along Tinkham Avenue from Washington Avenue to Nelson Road, Paving work for parking areas along Tinkham Avenue from Washington Avenue to Nelson Road and bituminous pavement work along Johnson Road from Nelson Road to Jebavy Road and authorize Chairman Merrill and Vice-Chairman Thurow to sign agreement. Ayes all. Motion carried.

HOAGUE ROAD AGREEMENT

Motion by Archer, Supported by Merrill to approve the agreement with MDOT and the MCRC for reconstruction, resurfacing & widening work along Hoague Road from LaSalle Road to Highway US-31 and authorize Chairman Merrill and Vice-Chairman Thurow to sign agreement. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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Mary Acker Secretary

The July 21st, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Archer, Engineer/Manager Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: Thurow

Visitors: Robert McClain to discuss abandonment for Ash Street. Issue was tabled until the next meeting so the Commissioners could go look at the site.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the July 7, 2000 meeting.

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve the minutes as corrected. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Board took the following action after reviewing the payroll and bills payable accounts:

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve the payroll #15 for \$57,389.27 and Voucher #50048 through Voucher #50121 for \$278,992.26. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks.

A. Routine Maintenance

1. County Wide

Grass cutting on gravel roads with 3 units.

Contract brush spraying to begin soon.

Preparing for playing in next 1-2 weeks.

2. State Trunkline

No Activity

B. Heavy Maintenance

1. Primary System

Work continues on projects for this summer.

Update on the following projects:

Johnson-Tinkham-PM Twp-Bid opening on July 12th
Rieth Riley- Read Low-Precon Mtg on August 1st.

Fountain Road-Sherman Twp-Bid opening July 12th,
Rieth Riley- Read Low-Precon mtg on August 1st.

Hoague Road-Grant Twp-Plan preparation in progress,
Bid project by Aug. 1st.

Nelson/Lawndale-PM Twp-Bit. surface
 Completed:Cleanup-in progress.
 Millerton/Campbell-Sheridan Twp. work began
 this week.
 Chauvez Road-Eden Twp-Pulverize existing bit
 surface.
 Custer Road-Sherman Twp-Bit. wedging-
 Completed.
 Shagway Road-Hamlin Twp-Bit wedging and
 paving-Completed.
 Lakeshore Drive-Hamlin Twp-Bit wedging and
 paving-Completed.

2. Local System

Beaune Road-Hamlin Twp-Clearing and grubbing-
 Completed.
 Barothy Rd-Branch Twp-Agg.base-Completed.
 Johnson Rd-Amber Twp-Agg. surface-Completed.
 Hogenson/Bradshaw-Riverton Twp-Gravel-in
 progress.
 Schoenerr Rd-Sherman/Sheridan Twp-Gravel-In
 Progress.
 Darr Road-Custer Twp-Agg. surface-in
 progress.
 Conrad Rd-Custer Twp-Agg. base-in progress.
 Victory Dr-Victory Twp-Pulverizing-in
 progress.
 Amber Rd-Amber Twp-Pulverizing-in progress.
 Fountain Rd-Sheridan/Sherman Twp-Pulverizing
 and grading-in progress.
 Hawley Road Logan Twp-Grading in progress.

3. State Trunkline

US-10 work in progress.
 Meeting on July 18th with MDOT regarding Mill and
 Fill Job on US-31 freeway work planned for 2001.

3. Equipment Status during this period:

Changing bodies of various five yard dump trucks.
 Preparing seal coat equipment for the season.
 Discussion regarding purchase of vibratory roller.
 Permission granted to attend auction on July 22, at
 Northern Equipment in Grand Rapids to purchase a
 roller. Cost not to exceed \$25,000.00.
 Other minor repairs. Building cross conveyors.

4. Permit Activity during this period:

Various drive permits.
 Dow has started their project.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various Lawsuits-Leverson and DeBoise.
DeBoise-No update since depositions have been taken
Leverson-No update since depositions have been taken.
2. Employee situations:
M Lothrop-Settlement discussion. Work Comp hearing
scheduled for the end of next month in Muskegon Hts.
3. MERS for Staff employees was discussed. Met with MERS
Representative this week to get information.
4. Dittmer, Merrill and Thurow attended MCRC SIP Board meeting
last week. Will be receiving a refund check in the next two
weeks.
5. Applied for Sand Borrow permits for the Ruba pit and Boshky
pit.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. There will be a Paul Bunyon meeting held on August 7 in
Traverse City at the Elks Lodge.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM News Letters
2. Letter from Pere Marquette Township regarding stop light on
N Jebavy and Johnson Road.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Member Archer

1. Talked with Russ Anderson about Victory Corners Bridge
Ribbon Cutting ceremony.
2. Questioned status of antique Truck.
3. Mentioned the McGuire Classic to be held on August 3.

Chairman Merrill

1. Expressed concern for the Millerton Road job.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to enter into the following road contracts with Freesoil Township:

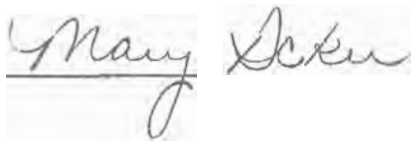
Freeman Road, from US-31 east to Darr Road, 1 mile, place 6 inches of aggregate base material in preparation for a bituminous surface.

Freeman Road from US-31 east to Darr Road, 1 mile, place a bituminous overlay surface course at a rate of 165 psy over the entire width of 20 feet.

Schoenherr Road from Bennett Road to Hasenbank Road, .70 mile, grade, place 12" sand subbase and 3" of aggregate base in accordance with plans and revised engineers estimate dated 4/17/00.

Ayes: Merrill, Archer Nays: None Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Acker", written over a horizontal line.

Mary Acker, Secretary

The August 4, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer, Engineer/Manager Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Thomas VanSweden, Beverly Babcock and Bonny Lathen to discuss any possibility of repairs for Nurenborg Road. Nick Matlash (Laman's) was present to discuss graveling a portion of Barothy Road.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the July 21, 2000 meeting. Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Board took the following action after reviewing the payroll and bills payable accounts:

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to approve the payroll #16 for \$57,246.13 and Vouchers #50122 thru #50189 in the amount of \$116,026.27. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

At 10:25 a.m. Eng/Mgr. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks:
 - A. Routine Maintenance
 1. County Wide
 - Grass cutting on gravel roads with 3 units completed.
 - Contract brush spraying in progress.
 - Preparing for clayling in the next 1-2 weeks.
 - Blading gravel roads damaged by rain.
2. State Trunkline
 - No Activity
- B. Heavy Maintenance
 1. Primary System
 - Work continues on projects for this summer.
 - Update on the following projects:
 - Johnson/Tinkham-PM Twp.-Pre-Con mtg held, work to begin soon.
 - Fountain Rd.-Sherman Twp.-Pre-Con mtg held, work to begin soon.

Hoague Rd-Grant Twp.-Plan preparation in progress, bid project in mid August.
 Nelson/Lawndale-PM Twp.-Completed.
 Millerton/Campbell-Sheridan Twp.-Work began this week.
 Chauvez Rd. Eden Twp.-Pulverize existing bit surface.

2. Local System

Beaune Rd.-Hamlin Twp.-Clearing and grubbing-Completed.
 Hogenson/Bradshaw-Riverton Twp.-Graveling in progress.
 Schoenherr Rd.-Sherman/Sheridan Twp.-Graveling in progress.
 Darr Rd.-Custer Twp.-Agg. surface-Completed.
 Conrad Rd.-Custer Twp.-Bit. surface-Completed
 Victory Dr.-Victory Twp-Pulverizing-in progress.
 Amber Rd.-Amber Twp.-Pulverizing-in progress.
 Fountain Rd.-Sheridan/Sherman Twp.-Pulverizing and grading-in progress.
 Hawley Rd.-Logan Twp.-Grading in progress.

3. State Trunkline

US-10 work in progress.

3. Equipment Status during this period:

1. Changing bodies of various five yard trucks.
2. Preparing Seal Coat Equipment for the season.
3. Discussion regarding purchase of vibratory roller.
4. Other minor repairs.

4. Permit Activity during this period.

1. Discussion regarding URS-DOW Sand haul-they have changed their original route due to the traffic.
2. Various drive permits.

Under Old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various lawsuits-Leverson and DeBoise:
 DeBoise-No update since depositions have been taken.
 Leverson-Mediation date has been rescheduled for September.
2. Employee situations:
 M Lothrop-Settlement discussion-Meeting with Workers Comp attorney and Mike Kluck are scheduled for later this month.
 E. Wolfe-On temporary disability for shoulder problem.

Under New business the following was discussed:

1. Paul Bunyon meeting to be held August 7, 2000.
2. Received a MCRC SIP Liability Refund in the amount of \$21,173.00 added to last years amount of \$73,897.00 for a total refund amount of \$95,070.00.
3. The Northern Association of Road Commissions meeting will be held September 6th through the 8th at Shanty Creek.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM News letters.
2. Rush Pac Golf Outing.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Member Archer

1. Had discussion with Dave from Halliday Const about gravel pits.
2. Commented that Campbell Road has been greatly improved and wondered when the mowing had been done.
3. Questioned why black paint was used to paint over writing on the Conrad Road Bridge.
4. Commented on how other States are using concrete barriers for road work rather than cones.
5. Questioned progress on antique truck and the status on the sign to be placed in front of the MCRC building.

Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. Question on the boring tube for South Scottville Road.

Chairman Merrill

No Comments.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION

Ash Street Road Abandonment

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to table any action for Ash Street until more information has been received. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Pension Distribution

Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to request a partial distribution from Zurich Kemper for the following employees or retired employees that contributed after tax monies to the pension plan being replaced by MERS: Thomas Trenner, Lawrence Coolman, Eugene Wolfe and Joseph Vaclavik. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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



Mary Acker Secretary

The August 18, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: Thurow

Visitors: Randy Malliett of Malliett Estates and Chris Taylor Cannon Equip. Co.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the August 4, 2000 meeting. Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve the minutes as corrected. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Board took the following action after reviewing the payroll and bills payable accounts:

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve the payroll #17 for \$56,922.08 and Vouchers #50190 through #50268 in the amount of \$264,027.82. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks:
 - A. Routine Maintenance
 1. County wide
 - Contract brush spraying in progress.
 - Blading various gravel roads.
 - Seal coating various bituminous roads.
 - Replace culvert on Custer Road-In Progress.
 2. State Trunkline
 - Begin repairs on US-10/31 next week. Hardman construction will be repairing storm sewer, expect to have overnight lane closure.
 - Will begin repairs on Pere Marquette Hwy after Labor Day. Thirty joints to be repaired.
 - B. Heavy Maintenance
 1. Primary System
 - Work continues on projects for this summer.
 - Update on the following projects:

Reith Riley Contractor and Hallack Const.
 Sub-Contractor.
 Fountain Rd-Sherman Twp-Work to begin soon.
 Hoague Road-Grant Twp.-Plan preparation in
 progress. Bid project by Sept. 13th.
 Millerton/Campbell-Sheridan Twp.-Grading in
 progress.
 Chauvez Road-Eden Twp-Pulverize existing bit
 surface.

2. Local System

Beaune Road-Hamlin Twp.-Grading work in
 progress.
 Hogenson/Bradshaw-Riverton Twp-Grading and
 drainage structures in progress.
 Schoenherr Rd-Sherman/Sheridan Twp.-Grading
 and drainage structures in progress.
 Victory Dr.-Victory Twp.-Grading work in
 progress.
 Amber Road-Amber Twp-Pulverizing in progress.
 Fountain Rd-Sheridan/Sherman Twp.-Pulverizing
 and grading in progress.
 First Street-Amber Twp-Grading in progress.
 Schoenherr Rd.-Sheridan/Sherman Twp.-Agg.
 Surface in progress.

3. State Trunkline

US-10 work in progress-Completion in next two
 weeks.

3. Equipment Status during this period.

1. Changing bodies of various five yard trucks.
2. Purchase of side discharge conveyors.
3. Discussion of mower guarantee extensions.
4. Other minor repairs.

4. Permit Activity during this period.

1. Discussion regarding Dow/URS permit, changed route
 due to safety reasons and traffic.
2. Drilling permit in Victory Twp for new well site.
3. Various drive permits.

At 10:00 a.m. Bids were opened for Tandem Dump, single axle truck
 and Aerial Lift:

Aerial Lift

Cannon Equipment Co	\$21,400.00
Truck & Trailer Specialities	12,858.00
Hyde Equipment Co	14,061.00
Hyde Equipment Co	15,338.00
Hoekstra Equipment	22,249.00

Dump Box and Scraper

Hyde Equipment Gallion Dump Box	\$6,380.00
Root underbody scraper	5,352.00
Truck & Trailer Specialities-Dump Box	6,487.00
Monroe Underbody scraper	4,883.00

Truck & Chassie

Duthler Ford-Single Axle	\$31,340.00
Tandom Axle-Sterling	65,400.00
Trade in allowance	(4,250.00)
Alternate estimate	61,150.00
Delivery 30 45 days	
Woodland International-Tandom Axle	67,387.40
Trade in allowance	(4,250.00)
Alternate Bid	63,137.60
Delivery 60 days	
Dick Boyd Ford-Single Axle only	28,700.00
Freightliner-Tandon	69,649.00
No alternate bid.	
Motor City Trucks-single axle	31,712.00
Delivery 8-10 wks	
Motor City Trucks-	
Sterling Tandom Axle (Cummins)	66,620.00
Trade In allowance	(4,000.00)
Alternate Bid	62,620.00
Motor City Trucks	
Sterling Tandon Axle (Cat Engine)	66,620.00
Motor City Trucks	
Sterling Tandon Axle (Detroit Diesel)	65,520.00

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various lawsuits-Leverson and DeBoise:
DeBoise-No update since depositions have been taken.
Leverson-Still collecting information, mediation scheduled.
2. Employee situations:
M Lothrup-Meeting with Work Comp attorney and Mike Kluck this month.
Eugene Wolfe-Returned to work on Wednesday Aug.16-1 light duty.
3. Research being done on new road abandonment requests.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Met with Mason County Zoning Office regarding new development of an Arby's Restaurant next to Ponderosa.
2. Discussion on access road between Walmart and Farm & Fleet. Mrs. Jabrocki would like an offer on all of her property and Mrs. Burnett property estimated value is \$3,700.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

CRAM Newsletters

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Member Archer

1. Suggested that Partridge Point residents put together a paving program for resurfacing of Lincoln Road.
2. Discussed the direct deposit program with Tim Hansen and Ivan Anthony.

Chairman Merrill

1. Noted that there is too much time between pulverizing roads and following up with completion.
2. Met with Bruce Burke regarding a dip in the road by Hawley Road Bridge told him that we would make repairs, also discussed some ditching to be done.
3. Met with Steve Bedker regarding property line on Bradshaw Road. Original survey was incorrect. Will meet with him before seal coating road.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION

Mead Township Road Contract

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to enter into the following contract with Mead Township:

Schoenherr Road from Bennett Road to Hasenbank Road, grade, place 12" sand subbase and 3" of aggregate base in accordance with plans and revised engineers estimate dated 4/17/00. Work is scheduled for 2001.

Ayes: Merrill, Archer Nays: None Motion carried.

Summit Township Road Contract

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to enter into the following contract with Summit Township:

Meisenheimer Road from P.M. Highway east to Brye Road, place a bituminous overlay surface course at a rate of 165 psy over the entire width of 20 feet.

Ayes: Merrill, Archer Nays: None Motion carried.

Grant Township Road Contract

Motion by Merrill supported by Archer to enter into the following contract with Grant Township:

Townline Road from US-31 to LaSalle Road, place 1000 cyds of aggregate surfacing material 3" deep by 20' wide.

Ayes: Merrill, Archer Nays: None Motion carried.

Monument Boxes-Resolution

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved that any survey corner (Monument) set or reset in any hard surface roadway under the jurisdiction of the Mason County Road Commission, shall comply with Act 34 of Public Acts of 2000 and with the Mason County Re-Monumentation Committee specifications, shall bear the license number of the surveyor and be contained within a visible protected enclosure that shall be furnished by the Mason County Road Commission and installed by the Surveyor.

Ayes: Merrill, Archer Nays: None Motion carried.

CRASIF AUTHORIZATION

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to authorize Dean Archer to vote on all matters on behalf of the Commission at the Annual Meeting of the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund September 6, 2000. Ayes all. Motion carried.

BRYE ROAD SEWER RESOLUTION

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to adopt a resolution consenting to the installation of public utilities within the right of way of Brye Road as shown on plans approved by the Road Commission staff and in accordance with Part 41, Act 451, Public Acts of the State of Michigan 1994 as amended and other applicable statutes.

Ayes: Merrill, Archer Nays: None Motion carried.

MALLIETT ESTATES PLAT APPROVAL

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve the final plat of Malliett Estates and to authorize Chairman Merrill and Member Archer to sign Plat.

Ayes: Merrill, Archer Nays: None Motion carried.

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



Mary Acker Secretary

The August 31, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Bruce Burke, Logan Township Supervisor, to discuss various road work and question when ditching would begin on Anthony Road.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the August 18, 2000 meeting. Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to approve the minutes as corrected. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Board took the following action after reviewing the payroll and bills payable accounts:

Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to approve the payroll #18 for \$65,185.60 and Vouchers #50269 thru #50337 in the amount of \$191,094.47. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks:
 - A. Routine Maintenance
 1. County Wide
 - Contract brush spraying-Completed.
 - Start Blading various gravel roads for brining.
 - Seal coating various bit. roads-Completed.
 - Replace culvert on Custer Road-Completed.
 2. State Trunkline
 - Repairs on US-10/31- Completed.
 - Bump removal approved by MDOT for funding up to \$20,000.00.
 - B. Heavy Maintenance
 1. Primary System
 - Work continues on projects for this summer.
 - Update on the following projects:
 - Johnson/Tinkham-PM Twp.-Work began.
 - Fountain Road-Sherman Twp.-Work to begin Tuesday.

Hoague Road-Grant Twp.-Plan prep. Completed,
 Bid opening August 13th.
 Millerton/Campbell-Sheridan Twp.-Grading work
 in progress.
 Chauvez Rd.-Eden Twp.-Pulverize existing bit.
 surface.
 Campbell Road-Meade Twp.-Completed.
 Various maintenance seal coats are all
 completed.

2. Local System

Beaune Road Hamlin Twp.-Grading work in
 progress.
 Hogenson/Bradshaw-Riverton Twp. Grading and
 drainage structures in progress.
 Schoenherr Road-Sherman/Sheridan Twp. grading
 and drainage structures in progress.
 Victory Dr.-Victory Twp.-Grading work in
 progress.
 Amber Rd.-Amber Twp.-Pulverizing in progress.
 Fountain Road-Sheridan/Sherman Twp.
 pulverizing and grading in progress.
 First Street-Amber Twp.-Grading in progress.
 Schoenherr Rd.-Sheridan/Sherman Twp. Agg.
 surface in progress.
 Seal Coating projects are all completed.

3. State Trunkline

US-10 work in progress.

3. Equipment status during this period.

Change bodies of various five yard trucks.
 Table truck bids for time being.
 Other minor repairs.

4. Permit activity during this period:

Dow/URS permit-are close to being done and new possible
 topsoil location on Kinney Road owned by Cliff
 Albrecht.
 Various drive permits.

5. Topsoil pit options-purchase material from E. Stricker.

Tuttle Road property has been sold but we may have an option
 to buy the topsoil.

6. End 4-10 work week last week.

7. Youth crew ended work this last week.

8. Holiday schedule: Friday and Monday off.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various lawsuits-Leverson and DeBoise:
DeBoise-No update since depositions have been taken.
Leverson-Dittmer gave deposition on Thursday, Mediation to be held in September.
2. Employee situations:
M Lothrop-Dittmer met with CRASIF Attorney and M. Kluck regarding strategy on Monday. Request for \$5,000.00 for Civil Rights arbitration was tabled until more information can be gathered.
D. Larson-Back injury at home last week, is off indefinitely.
W. McCormick-change in job classification.
3. Grievance notice received from Jerry Boon regarding seniority on the distributor truck for seal coating.
3. No new information on road abandonment requests and schedule.
4. Had conversation with R. DeCook regarding Darr Road and Al Villadson.

Under New Business the following was discussed:

Access Road legal status:

Met with Roger Anderson regarding access road legal status.
Roger will prepare an offer to Mrs. Burnett and Mrs Jabrocki for right of way for access road between Walmart and Farm & Fleet.

Oil Rights under road right of ways:

Roger Anderson will review request of Western Services to relinquish oil rights under road right of ways in Victory Township and give recommendation.

BC/BS

Permission was granted to investigate a PPO Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance policy with George Karl of Lentz and Associates.

Lakeshore Estates:

A request has been made by residents of Lakeshore Estates to change the road name in the Dawson subdivision to either Lake Bluff Ave or Shoreline Trail. G Dittmer will send letter to the Township and Equalization Dept for this request.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Member Archer

Spoke with Jeff Austin on road abandonment.

Vice-Chairman Thurow

Reported a wash out on Larson Road North of Bennett Road.

Chairman Merrill

1. Stated that Johnson Road should not be closed until the work begins.
2. Soft shoulder sign should be taken down from S Scottville Rd.
3. Loose Gravel Sign should be removed from Rasmussen Road.
4. Residents on Millerton Road are having a hard time getting in and out and the mail cannot be delivered.
5. Questioned if the MCRC had granted an easement for light poles on Gordon Road North of Sugar Grove Road. (Permit is required but not an easement).

CORRESPONDENCE

CRAM News Letters

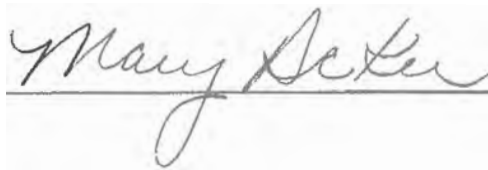
ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION

Hoague Road Project

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to authorize Commissioners to sign the title sheet for the Hoague Road Project.

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

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Acker", written over a horizontal line.

Mary Acker Secretary

The September 15, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: Thurow

Visitors: Brian Schultz of Schultz's Excavating to observe meeting and George Karl of Lenz & Associates to present BC/BS PPO (Preferred Provider Organization) Health Insurance Quote.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the August 31, 2000 meeting.
Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Board took the following action after reviewing the payroll and bills payable accounts:

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve the payroll #19 for \$60,007.42 and Vouchers #50338 thru #50416 in the amount of \$181,793.58. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks.
 - A. Routine Maintenance
 1. County Wide
 - Mowing grass.
 - Blading various gravel roads.
 - Fall sweeping to begin next week.
 2. State Trunkline
 - Putting together plan for bump removal on P.M. Hwy
 - Fall sweeping to begin next week.
 - Balance of 2000 contract is ending.
 - 2001 contract to be put in place October 1, 2000.
 - Do not expect many changes.
 - B. Heavy Maintenance
 1. Primary System
 - Work continues on projects.
 - Update on the following projects:
 - Johnson/Tinkham-PM Twp.-Work has began.
 - Fountain Rd-Sherman Twp.-Work began this week

Hoague Rd-Grant Twp-Bid opening Sept 13, 2000. C & D Hughes Bid \$199,428.00 read low, Rieth Riley Bid \$215,749.75, and Elmers Bid for \$223,714.65.

Millerton/Campbell-Sheridan Twp.-Grading work in progress.

Chauvez Rd-Eden Twp.-Culvert and frost heave removal in progress.

Lakeshore Dr.-Summit Twp.-Preparing easements.

2. Local System

Beaune Rd-Hamlin Twp.-Grading work in progress.

Schoenherr Rd.-Sherman/Sheridan Twp.-grading and drainage structures in progress.

Victory Dr.-Victory Twp.-Grading work in progress.

Amber Rd.-Amber Twp.-Pulverizing in progress.

Fountain Rd.-Sheridan/Sherman Twp.-Pulverizing and grading in progress.

First Street-Amber Twp.-Grading in progress.

Schoenherr Rd.-Sheridan/Sherman Twp.-Agg. surface in progress.

Waiting on Rieth Riley for bituminous work.

3. State Trunkline

US-10 work not completed as yet.-Completion date was originally set for Septmeber 1, 2000.

US-31 freeway-Bid letting in October for Mill and fill project.

2. Equipment status during this period:

Changing bodies of various five yard dumps.

Clutch in #52 was replaced by MICK'S.

Other minor repairs.

3. Permit activity during this period:

Discussion regarding Dow/URS permit-are applying for zoning variance on Cliff Albrecht property.

4. Work is being done on the south end of Darr Road in Sherman Twp.

5. Road Abandonment update:

Mavis Road-Hearing scheduled for October 18, 2000. All affected parties are in agreement.

Campbell Road-Hearing is scheduled for September 29, 2000.

Ash Street-A Letter was sent from Mark Otto to Mr. Mclain regarding closure of this matter.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various lawsuits-Leverson and DeBoise.
DeBoise-Nothing new to report.
Leverson-Mediation hearing was held last week. MCRC accepted panels recommendation of \$10,000.00.
Negotiations to begin between Cambridge and Leverson for final settlement.
2. Employee situations:
M. Lothrup-Work Comp attorney to schedule hearing in October.
D Larson-Still off indefinitely due to back injury at home.
W. McCormick-change in job classification, bidding on truck.
Dittmer to bid out Shop Clerk position.
3. Have responded to latest grievance notices.
4. R. Anderson has recommended that there be changes made in the proposed contract for oil rights in road right of ways and that Western States be charged for his services.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Paul Bunyon Meeting will be hosted by the MCRC on November 6, 2000 at Gibbs. Will be asking Al Hardman to be the guest speaker.
2. Discussed concerns of residents of North Beaune Road. They are experiencing problems with emergency response vehicles locating their residences and wish to change the name of the road. A letter was sent to all affected landowners by the MCRC requesting that they decide on a road name and present a petition signed by all the residents with the proposed road name in order to proceed with any changes.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Member Archer

1. Questioned status on Custer Road tube. Waiting for the area to settle and for Rieth Riley to pave.
2. Commented that Freesoil Road is still in need of repairs.

Chairman Merrill

1. Questioned how much prep work is needed on Campbell Road before seal coating.
2. Wondered if the fence had been repaired in the yard. It has been completed.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM News Letters.
2. News letter from Spray Company showcasing Kevin Akley and MCRC brush spray program.
3. Memo from MDOT on jurisdiction changes.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTIONHoague Road Project

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to award the Hoague Road project MDOT Contract #00-5280, Control No., EDA-53522, Job No., 53795 to C & D Hughes Construction Company in the amount of \$199,428.00 subject to contractor obtaining the necessary performance bond and insurance coverage. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Truck Bids

Tabled bids on trucks until a later date.

Surplus Equipment Bids

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to approve the offering by sealed bids the listed surplus equipment to employee's first. Ayes all. Motion carried.

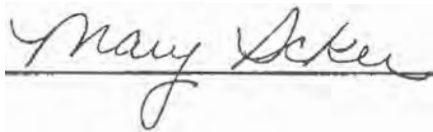
Jabrocki and Bennett Frontage Road Easements

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to authorize Eng/Mgr Gary Dittmer to send frontage road easement offers to Mr. & Mrs. Edward Jabrocki and Mrs. Winnie A Barnett. Ayes all. Motion carried. Also Dittmer to contact property owner of K-Mart Plaza for their endorsement of project.

Tom Zick Contract

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve contract with Thomas R Zick CPA for the years ending 12/31/2000, for \$3,820.00, 12/31/2001 for \$3,900.00 and 12/31/2002 for 3,990.00 and to authorize G Dittmer to sign contract. Ayes all. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



Mary Acker Secretary

The September 29, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: None

Visitors: None

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the September 15, 2000 meeting:

Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Board took the following action after reviewing the payroll and bills payable accounts:

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to approve the payroll #20 for \$65,060.88 and Vouchers #50417 thru #50475 for \$174,226.88. Ayes all. Motion carried.

At 9:25 am the Board looked over the contingent liability & revenue sheet.

At 9:30 am Eng/Mgr Dittmer gave his report as follows:

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks.
 - A. Routine Maintenance
 1. County Wide
 - Mowing grass
 - Blading various gravel roads
 - Fall sweeping has been completed
 2. State Trunkline
 - Fall sweeping has been completed
 - Bump removal on P.M. Hwy
 - The 2001 contract has not yet been received but a contract extension has been proposed.
 - B. Heavy Maintenance
 1. Primary System
 - Work continues on projects.
 - Update on the following projects:
 - Johnson/Tinkham-PM Twp-In progress, PM Twp is installing water stubbs under Johnson Road for future development.
 - Fountain Road-Sherman Twp-In progress, Bit. leveling completed.

Hoague Road-Grant Twp-work to begin October 9th. Pre-con meeting held with C&D Hughes. Millerton-Campbell-Sheridan Twp-In progress, Agg. base completed, bit surface by next week.
Lakeshore Drive-Summit Twp-easements in progress.

2. Local System

Beaune Road-Hamlin Twp-Grading work in progress.
Schoenherr Rd.-Sherman/Sheridan Twps.-Grading and drainage structures completed. Bit surface by next week.
Victory Dr.-Victory Twp.-Bit. surface by next week.
Fountain Road-Sheridan/Sherman-In progress, Geotextile Fabric being placed, agg. base 75% completed, bit. surface by next meeting.
First Street-Amber Twp-Grading completed.
Schoenherr Rd.-Sheridan/Sherman Twp.-Agg. surface completed.

3. State Trunkline

US-10 Not completed as yet.
US-31 freeway bid letting soon for 2001 work.
Met with MDOT to discuss US-10 between Scottville and Custer. Bid 1st of March.
2002 Completion date.

3. Equipment status during this period:

1. Working on five yard trucks as time allows.
2. Replace transmission on Ford/New Holland tractor at no cost to the MCRC.
3. Mower demo scheduled for mid October at West Michigan Power and Equipment.
4. Other minor repairs.

4. Permit activity during this period:

1. Drive permit on Nelson Road for Dow Credit Union
2. Various Drive Permits.

5. Darr Road

Will use leftover fabric on south end of Darr Road in Sherman Twp.

6. Abandonment Update:

1. Mavis Road-David Hall-Hearing on October 13th
2. Campbell Road-Hearing on October 13th.

7. Gravel Processing

Halliday Construction Co to crush 20,000 cyds of gravel in Kirshner Pit, also have about 20,000 cyds in the Fisher pit.

8. **Salt Delivery**
3500 Ton of salt has been delivered. 500 ton for MCRC and 3000 ton for State use.
9. **Indian Bridge**
Discussed needed repairs to Indian Bridge on Reek Road in Custer Twp. Is on Critical Bridge list.
10. **Tyndall Road Bridge**
Discussed repairs to Tyndal Road Bridge in Logan Twp.
11. **Logan Township**
Meeting with Bruce Burke on October 2nd to discuss ditching on Anthony Road.
12. **Culvert Replacement**
Have contacted Hardman Construction, Towns Bros. and Dan Hallack Construction for cost to replace culvert on Hansen Road in Amber Twp. Dan Hallack projected estimate of \$36,000.00. MCRC to furnish culvert at a cost of \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. **Update on various Lawsuits:**
DeBoise- No update
Leverson-Case settled for \$10,000.00.
2. **Employee Situations:**
M Lothrup-Furnished additional information to Attorney. Hearing scheduled in October.
D Larson-Still off indefinitely due to back injury at home.
G Wolfe and Rick Bowman still on limited light duty and are working with insurance carrier.
Bidding of overtime request and winter night patrol.
G Dittmer to bid shop clerk position.
3. Discussed grievance meeting with Union BA regarding bidding of work and overtime. BA was in agreement with Eng/Mgr Dittmer.
4. Discussion with Union Steward regarding BC/BS coverage change.
5. Mention of Staff MERS plan. Will have on going discussions.
6. Sale of surplus equipment will be offered to employees first.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Paul Bunyon meeting will be held at Gibbs on November 6, 2000 with Al Hardman as guest speaker.
2. Retirement party for Les Kolk was being held on September 29 at the Manistee County Road Commission.
3. MCRCSIP Board meeting to be held in Glen Arbor on October 5 & 6 at the Homestead Resort.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Member Archer

1. Has reveived various complaints regarding seasonal road construction projects and concerns about the hydro-planing problem on the freeway. The State has been notified of this situation.
2. Continue to pursue easements for access road between Walmart and K-Mart.

Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. Reported some dusty roads. Freesoil Twp, Freeman Road.
2. Wondered if mail boxes on First St had been returned to their proper owners.

Chariman Merrill

No Report

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM Newsletters
2. Newspaper article from Grand Rapids press regarding MI Supreme Court Decision regarding liability of Road Commissions.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION

Agent of Record

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to assign George Karl of Lenz & Associates as the agent of record for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance coverage change.

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

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



Mary Acker Secretary

The October 13, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer, Secretary Acker.

Absent: Thurow

Visitors: None.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the September 29, 2000 meeting:

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Board took the following action after reviewing the payroll and bills payable accounts:

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve the payroll #21 for \$62,215.19 and Voucher #50476 through #50540 for \$135,155.10. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks.

A. Routine Maintenance

1. County Wide

Mowing grass
Blading various gravel roads
Cold patch crew has been out patching holes
Anthony Road ditching work will be done by Schultz's beginning next week.

2. State Trunkline

Need approval from MDOT to fund bump removal on PM Hwy for Approximately \$20,000.00.
A six month extension has been proposed for the 2001 contract. Will discuss again at next meeting.

B. Heavy Maintenance

1. Primary System

Work continues on projects

Update on the following projects:

Johnson/Tinkham-PM Twp.-Jebavy to Nelson milling is done.
 Fountain Road-Sherman Twp.-Completed next week.
 Hoague Road-Grant Twp.-Work to begin October 9th by C&D Hughes.
 Millerton/Campbell-Sheridan Twp.-Completion date October 17th.
 Chauvez Road-Eden Twp.-Completed
 Lakeshore Drive-Summit Twp.-easements in progress.

2. Local System

Beaune Road-Hamlin Twp.-Completed
 Schoenherr Rd.-Sherman/Sheridan Twp.-Grading and drainage structures completed. Bit surface by next week.
 Amber Road-Amber Twp.-Completed.
 Fountain Road-Sheridan/Sherman-In progress-Agg. base in progress, bit surface by next meeting.
 Morton Road-Riverton Twp.-Agg. surface-completed next week.
 Victory Corners-Victory Twp.-Grading and drainage structures with bit surface completed.

3. State Trunkline

Discussion regarding shoulders on US-10 East.
 PM Hwy-Removal of bump at south bridge is completed.

2. Equipment status during this period:

1. Changing bodies of various 5 yard dumps.
2. Getting ready for winter.
3. Repairs are being made to the Ford/New Holland Tractor.
4. Mower demo at West Michigan Power & Equipment on 10/18.
5. Swapping of Sterling Trucks at Duthler for repairs on brakes due to a recall on the breaking systems.
6. Other minor repairs.

3. Permit activity during this period:

1. Extended Use permit to Dow/URS for hauling of topsoil.
2. Various drive permits.

4. Abandonment update:

- a. Mavis Road-Hearing on October 13, 2000.

b. Campbell Road-Hearing on October 13, 2000.

5. Halliday in next week to crush gravel.
6. Salt delivery is completed.
7. Indian Bridge-Reek Road-Custer Twp- in need of repair, is on the Critical Bridge List.
8. Deck needs to be replaced on the Tyndall Road Bridge in Logan Township by Carr Creek.
9. G Dittmer and T Weinert to attend a geometrical design class in Grand Rapids on Monday.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various lawsuits:
DeBoise-Variou correspondence, court date sometime in 2001.
2. Employee situations:
M Lothrop-Hearing date October 31 in Muskegon Hts.
D Larson-Still off until Nov 1, 2000 due to back injury at home.
G Wolf and R Bowman still on light duty.
Bidding of overtime request and night patrol.
3. Discussion with Union Steward regarding BC/BS coverage change, will set up a committee for discussion.
4. Sent letter to owner of K-Mart regarding access road.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Paul Bunyan meeting will be held on November 6th at Gibbs with Al Hardman as the guest speaker.
2. Mason County Twp Officers meeting on Oct. 19th at Meade Twp.
3. Will be purchasing new computer hardware.
4. Season ending meeting With Twp. Supervisors on November 8, 2000.
5. Hallack Construction was awarded the bid for the Hansen Road Culvert replacement.
6. Bids for surplus equipment will be awarded to the employees who were the successful bidders.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Member Archer

1. Expressed concerns about Indian Bridge.
2. Commented about a Press that was brought over on the carferry and how it would be transported due to over size and over weight restrictions.
3. Mentioned pulling shoulders on Decker Road.

Chairman Merrill

No Report

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM Newsletters
2. Loss report from MCRCSIP to date.
3. Traffic counts on MDOT Highways for 2000.
4. Southern Michigan Assoc. of Road Commissions annual meeting agenda.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION

None at this time.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Acker", written over a horizontal line.

Mary Acker Secretary

The October 27, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: None

Visitors: Bruce Burke, Logan Twp Supervisor to discuss projects and time schedules for work being done in their Township including status of the Anthony Road ditching project.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the October 13, 2000 meeting:

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to approve the minutes as read.

Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Board took the following action after reviewing the payroll and bills payable accounts:

Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to approve the payroll #22 for

\$57,618.99 and voucher #50541 thru #50609 for \$207,757.73. Ayes all.

Motion carried.

At 9:35 am the board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

At 9:45 am Eng/Mgr Dittmer gave his report as follows:

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks.

A. Routine Maintenance

1. County Wide

Mowing grass, almost done with second pass.

Blading various gravel roads.

Patching holes in bituminous.

Anthony Road ditching work in progress by Schultz Excavating.

Sweeping various intersections.

Working on various sites for winter.

Tyndall Road Bridge-repairing broken boards.

2. State Trunkline

Bump removal to begin next week on P.M. Hwy. by C&D Hughes.

2001 Contract Extension:

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to approve the

State Trunkline Maintenance Contract Extension No. 1998-

1182/A1 and to authorize Chairman Ron Merrill to sign. Ayes

all. Motion carried.

B. Heavy Maintenance

1. Primary System

Work continues on projects:

Update on the following projects:

Johnson/Tinkham PM Twp.-In Progress, 2 wks to completion.

Fountain Road-Sherman Twp.-Completed.

Hoague Road-Grant Twp.-Completed.

Millerton/Campbell-Sheridan Twp.-Completed

Chauvez Rd-Eden Twp.-Completed

Lakeshore Dr.-Summit Twp.-Easements in progress and drainage projects to begin soon.

2. Local System

Beaune Rd.-Hamlin Twp.-Completed.

Schoenherr Rd.-Sherman/Sheridan Twp.-Completed.

Amber Rd.-Amber Twp.-Completed.

Fountain Rd.-Sheridan/Sherman-Completed.

Morton Rd Riverton Twp.-Agg. Surface-Completed.

Victory Corners-Victory Twp.-Completed.

Tuttle Rd.- Eden Twp.-Agg. Surface-Completed.

Custer Rd.-Eden Twp.-Agg Surface-Completed.

Sippy Rd.-Eden Twp.-Agg. Surface-Completed.

Schwass Rd.- Riverton Twp-Drainage Structure-Completed.

Hawley Rd.-Logan Twp.-Grading & Agg. Surface in progress.

Schwass Rd.-Riverton Twp.-Agg surface in progress.

3. State Trunkline

US-31 freeway project for 2001 was awarded to Rieth Riley Const.

2. Equipment Status during this period:

1. Changing bodies of various 5 yard dumps, getting ready for winter.
2. Repairs to Ford/New Holland Tractor in progress.
3. Mower Demo at West Mich Power & Equip held last Wednesday.
4. Swapping of Sterling Trucks at Duthler for repairs on brakes due to recall.
5. Other minor repairs.

3. Permit activity during this period.

No activity to report.

4. Abandonment Update:

Some inquiries on upcoming locations.

5. Gravel Processing Update:

Halliday in Fisher pit making gravel.

Computer Purchase:

Computers have been replaced and are working well.

7. Traffic counts for Riverton Twp on their gravel roads have been sent.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various Lawsuits:
DeBoise-Variou correspondence, court date sometime in 2001.
2. Employee situations:
M Lothrop-possible settlement negotiations.
D Larson still off until Nov. 1 due to back injury at home.
R Bowman & G Wolf still on limited light duty and being monitored by Insurance Company.
Winter night patrol-R Bowman afternoons and W Dessauer & L Tyndall on nights.
3. Hansen Road culvert replacement on hold waiting an OK from the DEQ regarding impact on habitat and the spotted turtle.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. Paul Bunyan Meeting November 6, 2000 at Gibbs Restaurant.
2. Season ending meeting with Twp Supervisors on November 8, 2000.
3. There was discussion on proposed Primary work for 2001.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT**Member Archer**

1. Unable to attend Township Officers meeting last week.
2. Discussed opening of S-Curve in Grand Rapids and the bonuses received by the contractor.
3. Mentioned Construction signs still up on Conrad Road.
4. Discussed abandonment request for 7018 W 2nd Street in Hamlin Twp..

Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. Beaver problem on Appleton Road.
2. Wondered if there has been any news on the plastic driveway tube that was stolen.
3. Suggested we look for land to purchase for topsoil.
4. Asked about Mark Englebrechts work schedule.

Chairman Merrill

1. Commented on the good job of black topping on Millerton and Fountain Roads.
2. Mentioned attending the Logan Township Board Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM Newsletters
2. Southern Michigan Assoc. of Road Commissions annual meeting to be held in Kalamazoo on December 4th, 5th and 6th.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION

Mark Lothrop settlement: Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to authorize offer of \$5,000.00 for arbitration settlement. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. to act on pending road abandonment's
All members were present.

Visitors: Craig Turner, Mary Hendrick, Attorney Larry Kievela, Christine Hall, David Hall and Attorney Mark Otto.

ROAD ABANDONMENT'S***Campbell Road***

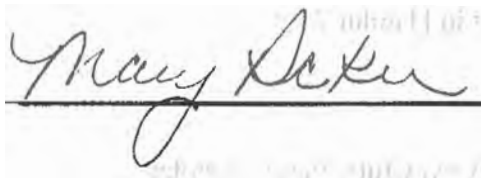
Motion by Thurow, supported by Archer to approve a petition to abandon a portion of Campbell Roadway lying west of lots 14 and 15 according to the recorded plat of "Little M Estates". Ayes: Merrill, Thurow, Archer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mavis Road

Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to approve a petition to abandon a portion of Mavis Roadway contained within the East one-half (1/2) of section 22, Township 19 North, Range 18 West, Hamlin Township, Mason County, MI. (from Jackson to Lincoln Road), subject to receipt of no objections within twenty-one (21) days of notice to present property owners.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.



Mary Acker Secretary

The November 10, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: None

Visitors: Ernie Olson to discuss a petition to abandon West 2nd St in Hamlin Twp. and Randy Malliott to have the plat of Malliott Estates re-signed because of errors in the first copy.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the October 27, 2000 meeting:

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to approve the minutes as corrected.

Ayes All. Motion carried.

The Board took the following action after reviewing the payroll and bills payable accounts

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve the payroll #23 for \$53,292.82 and Voucher #50619 through 50691 for \$283,567.48. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

At 10:20 am G. Dittmer gave his report as follows:

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks.

A. Routine Maintenance

1. County Wide

Blading various gravel roads.

Patching holes in bituminous.

Anthony Road work in process by MCRC Crew

Sweeping various intersections.

Working on various sites for winter, graveling turn arounds.

2. State Trunkline

Bump removal on PM Hwy Completed.

Pre winter meeting with MDOT held this past week.

Night crew starts this Sunday November 12th, R Bowman on 3pm-11pm shift and L Tyndall and W Dessauer on 11 pm to 7 am.

B. Heavy Maintenance

1. Primary System

Work continues on projects.

Update on the following projects:

Johnson/Tinkham-PM-Twp. Completed.

Lakeshore Dr. Summit Twp-easements in progress, and drainage projects to begin soon.

2. Local System

Hawley Rd-Logan Twp.-Grading and agg. surface in progress.

Dennis Rd-Amber Twp-Agg.. surface in progress.

Poplar Rd-Custer Twp-Agg. surface completed.

Stephens Rd-Eden Twp-Agg. surface completed.

Meisenheimer Rd-Eden Twp-Agg. surface completed.

Schwass Rd-Riverton Twp-Agg. surface completed.

3. State Trunkline

No activity to report.

2. Equipment status during this period:

1. Changing bodies of various five yard trucks.
2. Repair to Ford/New Holland Tractor.
3. Sterling Trucks repair on brakes.
4. Preparing various sanders for winter work.
5. Other minor repairs.

3. Permit activity during this period.

No activity to report.

4. Dozer working on various two track roads for opening to traffic.

5. Paul Bunyan meeting was held November 6th, went very well.

6. Season ending meeting was held with Twp Supervisors on November 8th.

7. Clean up and repainting of offices upstairs is almost complete.

At 10:35 Terry Woirol gave a report on the status of equipment in regards to preparation for winter work.

Under Old business the following was discussed:

1. Update on Lawsuit:

DeBoise-No update

2. Employee Situations:

M Lothrop-Settlement reached -Case closed.

D Larson-returned to work on Nov 1st and is doing well.

R Bowman off light duty, G Wolf in for an Independent Medical Exam.

Grievance filed on disciplinary action.

Access road update: KMart Plaza owner will send a letter of agreement. Evaluation is done and are waiting for response in regards to the Hansen Road culvert replacement and the spotted turtle.

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. G Dittmer will put some recommendations together for proposed Primary work for 2001.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Member Archer

1. Discussed Supervisors meeting, felt that we may have overextended contract work and were not able to keep up with maintenance work
2. Wants to address the seal coating program in the future.
3. Discussed work being done on Beyer Road.

Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. Was concerned that gravel placed on Schwass road was too sandy but turned out to be satisfactory.
2. Mentioned that the crushed asphalt placed on the edge of Scottville Road was bladed and thrown out into the field. Suggested there be a better way to pack it down.

Chairman Merrill

1. Noticed that a lot of the truck drivers are not tarping their loads.

CORRESPONDENCE

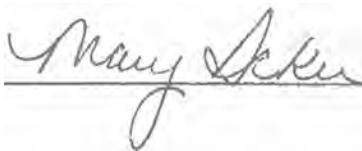
1. CRAM News letters.
2. Southern Michigan Assoc. of Road Commissions annual meeting.
3. Read letter from Custer Fire Department regarding grant for a Jaws of Life they received and thanking the Road Commission for their support.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION

Request for stop sign on E bound Stolberg at Taylor to replace Yield sign will be tabled until Township is advised.

Oil and Gas Lease in Victory Twp will be tabled until Cislars can attend Board Meeting.

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



Mary Acker Secretary

The November 22, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: None.

Visitors: John Wilson, Western Land Services.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the November 10, 2000 meeting:

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Thurow, supported by Merrill to approve the payroll #24 for \$54,037.19 and Voucher #50692 through #50751 for \$150,105.86. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

At 10:09 a.m. G Dittmer gave his report as follows:

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. **Work progress during the past two weeks.**
 - A. **Routine Maintenance**
 1. **County Wide**
Anthony Road work on hold.
Plowing snow and ice control.
Gravel roads in very bad condition.
 2. **State Trunkline**
Snow and ice control
Night crew has been on since November 12.
 - B. **Heavy Maintenance**
 1. **Primary System**
Work continues on projects
Update on the following projects:
Lakeshore Dr.-Summit Twp-On Hold
 2. **Local System**
Hawley Road-Logan Twp-Grading and Agg. surface on hold.
Dennis Road-Custer Twp-Agg. Surface on hold
 3. **State Trunkline**

No activity to report

2. **Equipment status during this period:**
 1. Purchasing two new tailgate sanders.
 2. Preparing various sanders for winter work.
3. **Permit activity during this period:**
No activity to report.
4. **Gravel Processing update:**
Almost done, approximately 25,000 cyds of gravel and 10,000 cyds of sand.
5. **Discussion on replacement of Commission Chairs**
6. **Abandonment update:**
Second Street abandonment will be advertised and acted on at the next meeting.
West Travis Drive-Will contact the DNR to see if they have any claims on the property before any action is taken.

Under old business the following was discussed:

1. **Update on Lawsuit:**
DeBoise-Received letter from Attorney answering interrogatories.
2. **Employee situations:**
Waiting for results of IME for Gene Wolf.
Grievance update-Disciplinary action on G Collins-Will be meeting with BA.
3. **Access Road update-Dow Chemical USA will be sending a letter of agreement in principal for access road as well as Center Inc. (K-Mart owners).**
4. **Hansen Road culvert replacement project is on hold because the Spotted Turtle is now hibernating and it can not be determined how this project will affect their habitat.**

Under new business the following was discussed:

1. **Proposed Primary work was discussed. Suggested roads were S Lakeshore Drive, Free Soil Road and Campbell Road.**
2. **Staff Christmas party will be held at Scotty's on December 8, at 6:00 p.m.**

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Member Archer

1. **Questioned alcohol and substance abuse testing procedures and scheduling and how to approach suspected abusers.**
2. **Discussed local road maintenance and design of projects.**

Vice-Chairman Thurow

1. Noticed that the City of Scottville used a lot of salt on the Bridge again.

Chairman Merrill

No Report

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM Newsletters

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION:**OIL AND GAS LEASE**

Motion by Merrill, supported by Thurow to approve the Oil and Gas Lease for 3.90 acres situated in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 21, T19N, R17W and to authorize Chairman Merrill and Vice Chairman Thurow to sign.

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

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


Mary Ackey Secretary

MINUTES

The December 08, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Thurow, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker

Absent: None

Visitors: Ralph Hendrick, Norm Floyd, William Meloney Meade Twp Supervisor, Mary Hendrick and Patrick Broderick to discuss concerns about Campbell Road.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the November 22, 2000 meeting:

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. 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 #25 for \$75,054.71 and Voucher 50752 through 50789 for \$201,862.61. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

1. Work progress during the past two weeks.

A. Routine Maintenance

1. County Wide

Plowing snow and ice control.

Gravel Roads much improved prior to snowfall.

2. State Trunkline

Snow and Ice control

Heavy

There have been two fatal traffic accidents this year, not related to the condition of the roadways.

B. Maintenance

1. Primary System

Work continues on projects closing out this year, final review held with MDOT Fountain Road and Victory Corners Road Bridge.

Funding has been restored for Jebavy Dr. and design work continues.

Survey work continues on possible projects for next year as weather permits.

Discussion with Dave Hasenbank, Drain Commissioner regarding approval for reconstruction of Meyers Road and proposed county sanitary sewer.

2. **Local System**
Discussed projects that were not completed this season and payments still owing by the Townships.
State Trunkline
3. **No activity to report.**
3. **Equipment status during this period:**
Have purchased two new tailgate sanders-they have been delivered, mounted and are in operation.
Other minor repairs.
4. **No permit activity to report.**
5. **Abandonment update:**
 - a. Olson request-Second St and Front St are being advertised.
 - b. Travis Drive ~~Letter~~ has been sent to the Michigan DNR.
6. **Gravel processing has been completed.**
7. **Excess Sick leave has been paid to those employees that are eligible. Deferred Comp benefit of \$250.00 has been paid to those employees that have met all the requirements.**
8. **Dittmer, Merrill, and Archer attended various portions of the Southern MCRC meeting.**
- 9.

Under Old Business the following was discussed:

1. **Update on various lawsuits:**
Nothing new to report.
2. **Employee situations:**
 - a. Update on various employee limited duty cases: All employees have been released from light duty work.
 - b. The shop clerk position is now being bid.
 - c. Grievance update-Step 2 meeting with BA scheduled for next week.
 - d. Meeting with union reps. to discuss BC/BS on Monday Dec 11, 2000.

Under New Business the following was discussed:

1. **Will be preparing estimates and proposals for Primary work for 2001.**
2. **Will be meeting with the Conservation Reserve Alliance to discuss putting projects together for new stream crossings.**
3. **Discussed a new lease between the MCRC and Summit Twp regarding the Kibby Creek Park.**

4. **Holiday Gathering:**
 - a. Commissioners and Staff will meet on December 8, 2000 at Scotty's.
 - b. Crew luncheon will be held on December 22nd at noon.
 - c. Coats & hats will be given for safety awards.
5. Staff evaluation and wage recommendations to be presented prior to next meeting and also discussion on MERS.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Member Archer

1. Mentioned meeting at Southern and good input for the Commissioners Seminar coming up in April.

Vice Chairman Thurow

1. Would like a No Outlet Sign placed on Manales Road.
2. Discussed a potentially dangerous area on Beaune Road by Nicks Radio.

Chairman Merrill

1. Wondered who owns a new drive on Conrad Road East of PM Hwy. It was determined that it was Dow property.

At 11:30 a.m. Ted Weinert was in to discuss the Jebavy Drive project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. CRAM News letters.
2. Notice of Retirement of Merrill Eddy of Newaygo County Road Commission.
3. Notice of invitation to Smith HR and R Holiday party in Grand Rapids on December 13, 2000.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION

Under Body Blade Inserts: Motion by Archer, supported by Thurow to close the bids at 10:00 a.m. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Bids were opened at 11:10 a.m.

<u>St Regis Culvert:</u>	Standard 6'	\$28.68 each
	7'	33.46 each
	Total	\$12,810.00
Alternate	6'	36.42 each
	7'	42.49 each
	Total	\$16,267.00
Delivery	6 weeks	

<u>Hyde Equipment</u>	Standard 6'	\$32.55 each
	7'	37.90 each
Delivery 35 to 40 days	Total	\$14,536.00

Winter Equipment No Bid

Paper Calmeson Bidding through Truck & Trailer Specialties

<u>Tupes of Saginaw Inc.</u>	Standard 6'	\$32.55 each
	7'	37.92 each
Delivery 4-6 weeks	Total	\$14,536.80

<u>Truck & Trailer Spec</u>	Standard 6'	\$31.62 each
	7'	37.92 each
	Total	\$14,120.00

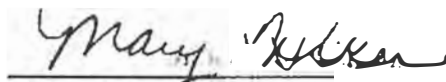
Alt Bid	Extended Edge 6'	\$29.50 each
	7'	\$34.41 each
Delivery 30-35 days	Total	\$13,176.00

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to award the bid for the Underbody Blades to Truck & Trailer Specialties for the extended edge blades in the total amount of \$13,176.00. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Beaune Road Name change request:

Motion by Archer supported by Thurow to accept the recommendation of Hamlin Township to name the first trail going north along Beaune Road to North Loggers Lane. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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


Mary Acker Secretary

The December 21, 2000 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ron Merrill.

Members present: Merrill, Archer, Eng/Mgr Dittmer and Secretary Acker.

Absent: Thurow.

Visitors: Nick Matias. Ernie Olson inquiring about a road abandonment.

Eng/Mgr Dittmer read the minutes of the December 8, 2000 meeting.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to approve the minutes as read. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve payroll #26 \$66,013.55 & Voucher #50791 through 50882 for \$147,660.21. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

Work progress during the past two weeks.

A. Routine Maintenance

1. County Wide
Snow plowing and ice control.
2. State Trunkline
Snow and ice control
1000 ton of backup salt ordered

B. Heavy Maintenance

1. Primary System

Work continues on projects closing out this year, final review held on Fountain and Victory Corners Road Bridge.

Funding has been restored for Jebavy Dr., Design work continues and meeting with Hamlin Twp to be scheduled for January.

Survey work continues for possible projects for next year.

Will hold discussions with Larry Donovan regarding Meyers Road and proposed county sanitary sewer for 2002.

2. Local System

There was discussion regarding payment by Townships.

Discussion regarding Lawndale Street in Ludington, a retaining fee is still due to Schultz Excavating when the project has been finalized out.

3. State Trunkline

There was discussion regarding progress with US-10, and usage off Hansen Road in Custer Twp as a local road detour. This project has been moved back one month and will be bid out in April.

3. Equipment status during this period:

Clutch replacement in #40 at Mick's.

Door repairs in shop area.

Transmission in #10 pickup ruined beyond repair

Other minor repairs.

4. Permit activity during this period.

Permit from Charter Communications for underground cable work near Ludington.

Not a lot of activity yet on annual permits.

5. Abandonment update:

Discussions on other various upcoming locations.

a. Second Street and Front Street are being advertised.

b. Travis Drive letter to MDNR, No response back yet.

c. Various new requests.

6. Dittmer attended Sheridan Township meeting.

7. Dittmer and Weinert attended Conservation Reserve Alliance meeting last week regarding funding for stream crossings.

8. Underbody blades are on order.

Under Old Business the following was discussed:

1. Update on various Lawsuits:

DeBoise-No Update

2. Employee situations

Shop Clerk position has been filled by Jim Durfee.

Grievance update-Step 2 meeting with BA held last week, Dittmer replied to meeting.

Meeting held last week with Union Reps to discuss BC/BS with Insurance agent

3. Access Road update-Received letter of support from Mason County Planning Commission.

4. Kibby Creek Park lease with Summit Twp., Dittmer to contact MDOT for data to research deeds.

5. Review of emblem for MCRC along with jacket and cap orders.

Under New Business the following was discussed:

1. Holiday gathering

a. Crew luncheon to be held on December 22nd.

2. Staff evaluations and wage recommendations to be presented prior to next meeting.

3. Flu shots to be given next week at 2:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT**Member Archer**

1. Mentioned Jebavy Drive and Angling Road intersection.
2. Wondered when the automatic cash transfer for payroll and accounts payable would be up and running at the Treasurer's Office.

Chairman Merrill

No Comments

CORRESPONDENCE

1. CRAM News Letters

G Dittmer presented a list for possible purchases for 2001.

ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION**New Pickup**

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to order a 3/4 Ton 4 wheel drive pickup through the State Of Michigan Truck/Car contracts. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Stop Sign Removal

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to remove a Stop sign at Campbell Road North bound at County Line/Riverside Dr. in Meade Twp. Concurrence by Meade Twp Board. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Replace Yield Sign

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to replace a Yield sign with a Stop sign on Stolberg Road eastbound at Taylor Road. Concurrence by Sheridan Twp Board. Ayes all. Motion carried.

2000 Budget Amendment

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve Budget Amendments for the 2000 Budget. Ayes all. Motion carried.

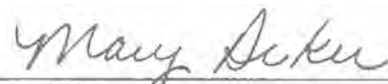
2001 Proposed Budget

Motion by Archer, supported by Merrill to approve the 2001 Proposed Budget as presented. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Mavis and Campbell Road abandonment's

Motion by Merrill, supported by Archer to authorize the chairman and vice-chairman to sign the order of abandonment for Mavis and Campbell Road and to direct Eng/Mgr to have recorded at the Mason County Register of Deeds Office. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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


 Mary Acker Secretary

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-00 TO 12-31-00

EXPENDITURES

	1999	2000	Amend #1
Heavy Maint-Roads			
Primary	1,425,000	1,200,000	1,319,600
Local	1,305,000	950,000	1,420,000
Maintenance-Roads			
Primary	800,000	750,000	750,000
Local	1,110,000	1,000,000	1,500,000
Heavy Maint Structures			
Primary	-0-	50,000	-0-
Local Hawley & Victory Corner Bridge	532,000	-0-	94,000
State Trunkline Maint	540,000	600,000	625,000
Equipment Expense-Net	50,000	50,000	(246,000)
Admin Expense-Net	185,000	200,000	175,000
Capital Outlay-Net	183,000	225,000	92,000
Debt Service			
Principal Payments	62,000	2,500	3,300
Interest Payments	5,800	2,500	1,700
Total Expenditures	6,197,800	5,030,000	5,734,600
Fund Balance	1,367,545	924,845	706,046
Total Budget	7,565,345	5,954,845	6,440,646

Exp2000

MASON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

1-1-00 TO 12-31-00

Revenue

	1999	2000	Amend #1
License & Permits	2,500	4,000	3,750
Federal Sources:			
"F" Funds	149,000	-0-	-0-
Critical Bridge (80%)	425,600	-0-	80,000
TED Funds	242,080	-0-	82,840
Urban Funds			76,000
State Sources:			
Engineering	10,000	10,000	10,000
Snow Removal	107,000	110,000	110,000
Urban Road	90,000	90,000	74,000
Allocation	3,080,000	3,080,000	3,100,000
State Critical Bridge	79,800	-0-	-0-
TED Funds Fountain Rd 75%	438,080	-0-	91,500
Enhancement Grant (Landon)	31,000	-0-	-0-
Economic Development Fund:			
Forest Road (E)	48,300	48,300	48,300
Catagory A Funds Hoague Road			121,600
Contributions from Local Units:			
Township Contributions	700,000	500,000	725,000
Other Fountain Village	60,520	-0-	-0-
Ludington City	225,000	50,000	34,000
Charges for Services:			
Trunkline Maintenance	540,000	600,000	625,000
Salvage Sales	750	2,000	1,275
Interest & Rents:			
Interest Earned	50,000	40,000	46,000
Other Revenues:			
Gain/Loss on Equip. Disp.	58,000	70,000	91,000
Other-Installment Purchase			150,000
Total:	6,337,630	4,604,300	5,470,265
Fund Balance	1,227,715	1,350,545	979,381
Total	7,565,345	5,945,845	6,440,646

01-01-01 TO 12-31-01

REVENUE

	2000	2001
License & Permits	3,750	4,000
Federal Sources:		
“F” Funds	-0-	-0-
Critical Bridge (80%)	80,000	-0-
TED Funds	82,840	125,000
Urban Funds	76,000	
State Sources:		
Engineering	10,000	10,000
Snow Removal	110,000	110,000
Urban Road	74,000	90,000
Allocation	3,100,000	3,200,000
Critical Bridge	-0-	-0-
Funds	91,500	375,000
Placement Grant	-0-	-0-
Economic Development Fund:		
Forest Road (E)	48,300	48,300
Category A Funds Hoague Road	121,600	-0-
Contributions from Local Units:		
Township Contributions	725,000	400,000
Other Fountain Village	-0-	-0-
Madison City	34,000	-0-
Charges for Services:		
Frankline Maintenance	625,000	625,000
Salvage Sales	1,275	2,000
Interest & Rents:		
Interest Earned	46,000	40,000
Other Revenues:		
Gain/Loss on Equip. Disp.	91,000	70,000
Other-Installment Purchase	150,000	150,000
Total:	5,470,265	5,249,300
Balance	979,381	467,746
	6,440,646	5,717,046