

June 22, 2023

A regular meeting of the Roscommon County Board of Road Commissioners was held at 7 p.m. June 22, 2023. Present: Jim Porath, Clint Stauffer, Scott Eckstorm, and Brian Vaughn. Also present: Manager Roger Saxton and Board Clerk Stefanie Simmons. Employees present: Neil Belanger. Guests present: Bill Smitt, Richard LaVigne II, and Dawn LaVigne

1. Motion Eckstorm, second Stauffer that the Agenda be approved with the addition to New Business #3 Union Staff wage increase. All Ayes. Motion carried.
2. Motion Eckstorm, second Vaughn that minutes from the regular meeting held June 8, 2023 be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Motion Stauffer, second Vaughn that Payroll in the amount of \$93,532.87, covered by voucher #9042, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote Eckstorm Aye, Stauffer Aye, Vaughn Aye, Porath Aye. Nays None. Motion carried.
4. Motion Vaughn, second Stauffer that bills in the amount of \$543,343.59, covered by voucher #9043, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote Stauffer Aye, Eckstorm Aye, Vaughn Aye, Porath Aye. Nays None. Motion carried.
5. Commissioner Vaughn moved for the adoption of the following Resolution, second by Commissioner Stauffer:

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Board of Road Commissioners desires to abandon and discontinue a portion of Yeti Trail, Higgins Township, Roscommon County Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Board of Road Commissioners has authority, pursuant to MCL 224.18 to abandon and discontinue all or part of a county road; and

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Road Commission's procedure to abandon a road right-of-way pursuant to MCL 224.18, has been followed; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held prior to the Roscommon County Board of Road Commissioner's decision; and

WHEREAS, the Roscommon County Board of Road Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interests of the public that the portion of right of way Yeti Trail, a part of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ Section 2, Town 23 North, Range 2 West, Higgins Township, Roscommon County, State of Michigan described as Commencing at the section corner common to Sections 2, 3, 10, and 11, thence 125.86' east along the section line common to sections 2 and 11 to the centerline of Yeti Trail, known as the point of beginning, thence 1050.92' in a northerly direction along the centerline of Yeti Trail to the point of ending at the centerline of Geels Road, be absolutely abandoned and discontinued.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Yeti Trail, Higgins Township as described above, is hereby absolutely abandoned and discontinued as a public road right of way under the jurisdiction of the Roscommon County Road Commission. All Public Utility easements and rights shall be preserved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Michigan Department of Transportation, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Township of Higgins.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Eckstorm, Vaughn, Stauffer and Porath. Nays- None.
Resolution declared Adopted.

6. Motion Eckstorm, second Vaughn to vote for the Incumbents for the MCRCSIP Northern Board of Directors. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
7. Motion Eckstorm, second Vaughn to vote for Brett Laughlin for the MCRCSIP at large Board of Directors. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
8. Motion Vaughn, second Stauffer to allow Chair and Manager to sign the Title Page for the 2024 Old 76 Federal Aid Chip Seal. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
9. Motion Eckstorm, second Vaughn to approve the administrative staff raises as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
10. Motion Vaughn, second Eckstorm to allow Manager to negotiate with the union to add an additional \$.20 to the 2023 wage increase. New increase will be \$.80 from the previously negotiated \$.60. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. Correspondence: 1) MCRCSIP New mobile phone restrictions, Memorandum.
12. Manager's report was presented.
13. Commissioners Reports were given: Eckstorm – Attended the Emergency Management meeting for elected officials. Mowing on M-55 looks great. Vaughn – Would like to see more people attend our meetings so they can be educated on the facts, sees lots of negative social media that is not true. Stauffer – Mowing looks good. There are some trees that should be cut on Burdell, west of CR100, by the cemetery. Questioned what we use the lagoon water for now. Porath – Talked about the culvert and ditching behind Travelland. Crews are doing a great job and paving looks good. He appreciates all the staff does for the Road Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Porath declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held July 13, 2023.

(Minutes subject to Board approval)

Stefanie E. Simmons, Board Clerk

Jim Porath, Chair