Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Bob Godfrey, on Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the road commission office.

Members Present:

Bob Godfrey, Gary Leininger, Kathy Schmitt, and Mark Kline.

Members Absent:

Mike Parney.

Staff Present:

Robert Griffis, Manager. Kathryn Kirkpatrick, Clerk.

Kwinn Leva, Administrative Assistant.

Visitors Present:

Doug Ingles - Hillsdale County Commissioner.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Having reviewed the agenda for November 27, 2024, regular meeting, there were two additions. The chair declared the agenda to stand approved as presented with two additions.

Approval of Minutes

Having reviewed the minutes for November 14, 2024, there were no additions, deletions or corrections noted. The chair declared the minutes to stand approved as presented.

CONFIRMATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AS AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT BY THE STAFF

#24-148 Gary Leininger moved, Mark Kline supported, to approve the following:

Bills in the amount of \$148,169.85 per Regular Accounts Payable Register dated November 27, 2024, as authorized by the manager and clerk.

Motion Carried.

CONFIRMATION OF PAYROLL AS AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT BY THE STAFF

#24-149 Mark Kline moved, Kathy Schmitt supported, to confirm the following:

Regular payroll in the amount of \$131,893.97 per Payroll Check Register dated November 21, 2024, as authorized by the manager and clerk.

Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT PRESENTED

The treasurer's report was presented by the clerk as follows:

Beginning Balance-Cash & Investments	\$ 1,772,986.43
Receipts	\$ 163,203.13
Disbursements	(\$ 280,063.82)
Ending Cash & Investments Balance	\$ 1,656,125.74
Less: Bonds in Escrow CD Reserved for 2 trucks	(\$ 10,250.00) (\$ 665,485.10)
Ending Available Fund Balance	\$ 980,390.64

Note: Outstanding Accounts Payable = \$-1,196.39

As there were no questions or comments regarding the report, the chair declared the report to stand approved as read.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

At 10:11 A.M., the chair opened the meeting to limited public comment.

Doug Ingles addressed the board regarding salt prices for 2025.

FORMAL REQUEST FOR A RAISE TO THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS BASE PAY

#24-150 Kathy Schmitt moved, Bob Godfrey supported, to propose a formal request for the same percentage raise as the County Commissioners received.

Yeas: Bob Godfrey, Gary Leininger, Kathy Schmitt.

Nays: Mark Kline.

Motion Carried.

Old Business

Board discussed the dirt work in the road right away on Cellars Road.

Board discussed the increased traffic on S. Hillsdale Road between Camden Road and Territorial Road during the Territorial Twin Bridge replacement.

Manager's Comment

Working on a new bid for brine.

Genesee Road is complete.

Ditching is complete on Woodbridge Road.

JDOT is bringing their sign truck to assist us with signs.

Tubes have been changed on Bear Lake Road and Hoxie Road.

Crack Sealing is done.

Paver patching is done.

Working on last minute details for the Elm Road Bridge.

Working on the Somerset Road Structure.

Shoulders are done on North Adams Road.

Territorial Road east of Bird Lake Road Culvert permit has been approved with plans to replace it in the spring.

2024 Safety Project needs the remaining centerline on Bankers Road completed.

2025 Federal Aid Projects are still on track to submit in December.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

At 10:47 A.M., the chair opened the meeting to limited public comment.

Doug Ingles addressed the board stating he is attending a new commissioner school in Frankenmuth.

CLOSED SESSION RE: LABOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

At 11:50 A.M., the chairman recommended going into closed session to discuss labor contract negotiations.

#24-151 Mark Kline moved, Kathy Schmitt supported, to go into closed session to discuss labor contract negotiations.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Kathy Schmitt, Mark Kline, Gary Leininger, Bob Godfrey. Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Regular Session Reconvened - 1:35 P.M.

At 1:35 P.M. the chair reconvened the regular session.

#24-152 Gary Leininger moved, Kathy Schmitt supported, to reconvene the regular session.

Meeting Adjourned 1:37 P.M.

As there was no further business, the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 1:37 P.M.

Chair