

Mason, Michigan
December 9, 2008

The Board of Ingham County Road Commissioners met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Road Commission's Austin E. Cavanaugh Administration Building located at 301 N. Bush Street, Mason, Michigan.

Present: Larry R. Smith, Chair, Joseph A. Guenther, Vice Chair, and Shirley M. Rodgers, Member.

Also Present: William M. Conklin, Managing Director, Deborah L. Bellows, Secretary to the Board, Tina M. Henry, Director of Finance, James L. Charles, Interim Director of Operations, and Robert H. Peterson, Director of Engineering.

Others Present: George M. Brookover, General Counsel for the Ingham County Road Commission, Hugh Leach of Mason, and Michael Morofski of Lansing.

Chair Smith called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT.

Michael Morofsky of 1300 Woodbine Avenue, Lansing. Mr. Morofsky asked about the clearing of the sidewalk on the Waverly Road bridge near Moores River Drive. He said it is not being maintained and the sidewalk, which is located on the east side of the bridge, has become not only snow covered, but icy as well. He knows of a person who recently slipped and fell on the sidewalk. Mr. Morofsky stated no one seems to claim jurisdiction of the sidewalk and he realizes that the City of Lansing abandoned all maintenance efforts in January of 2007. He said he realizes the Road Commission does not maintain sidewalks and does not have adequate equipment to perform sidewalk maintenance. Mr. Morofsky asked if there was some way to get the City to start maintaining the bridge sidewalk again. He said it would only take ten minutes.

Chair Smith thanked Mr. Morofsky for his comments and stated this issue would be discussed further along on the agenda if he wished to stay for the discussion. However, Chair Smith indicated that the Board has an appointment with its legal counsel to enter closed session for discussions. He stated everyone in the room is invited to stay for the remainder of the meeting, but he would need to excused them from the room right now

Moved by Commissioner Rodgers and Supported by Commissioner Guenther, that the Board enter closed session at 6:10 P.M. for the purpose of discussion with its legal counsel, of a written legal opinion with the Attorney-Client privilege. Roll call vote: Commissioner Smith, yes, Commissioner Guenther, yes, Commissioner Rodgers, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Smith declared the closed meeting over at 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – LATE ITEMS.

1. Managing Director Bill Conklin stated there was a late permit from Meridian Township to hang a banner across Hamilton Road and would add this as Agenda Item #6A.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – CONSENT ITEMS.

Moved by Commissioner Guenther and Supported by Commissioner Rodgers, that the following items be approved under consent:

1. Agenda Item #6, Minutes.
2. Agenda Item #7 and #7A, routine and special permits.

3. Agenda Item #10A and #10B, accounts payable.
4. Agenda Item #11B, Acceptance Report and Final Pay Estimate for the 2008 pavement marking program.
5. Agenda Item #12D, Ballot to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of CRAM.

3 yes, 0 no. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 – Minutes.

Moved by Commissioner Guenther and Supported by Commissioner Rodgers, that the minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2008, be approved as presented. 3 yes, 0 no. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items #7 and #7A – Routine and Special Permits.

Moved by Commissioner Guenther and Supported by Commissioner Rodgers, that routine permits be approved as follows:

08-0597	08-0593	08-0594	08-0595	08-0596	08-0600
08-0602	08-0603	08-0604	08-0605	08-0606	08-0607
08-0608	08-0609	08-0611	08-0612	08-0613	

3 yes, 0 no. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Guenther and Supported by Commissioner Rodgers, that permit #08-0616 be approved for the purpose of hanging a banner across Hamilton Road as a downtown decoration and to announce Season's Greetings. The sponsor of the banner is the Meridian Township DDA and the permit is sanctioned by Meridian Township. The banner will hang from December 11, 2008, through January 5, 2009. 3 yes, 0 no. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items #10A and #10B – Accounts Payable.

Moved by Commissioner Guenther and Supported by Commissioner Rodgers, that the accounts payable for the two week period of October 27-November 9, 2008, be approved as follows: check numbers #91941 through #92027, totaling \$642,071.13; the two week period of November 10-23, 2008, be approved as follows: check numbers #92028 through #92103, totaling \$1,404,356.94; and a special run of November 24, 2008, in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Hoffman Brothers Inc. for a bond refund on the Coolridge Sanitary Sewer, which had been held in escrow by the Road Commission. 3 yes, 0 no. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #11B – Acceptance Report for Proposal #1524.

RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE REPORT AND FINAL PAY ESTIMATE FOR PROPOSAL #1524 FOR THE 2008 WATERBORNE PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM.

RESOLUTION #114-08

Moved by Commissioner Guenther and Supported by Commissioner Rodgers. 3 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Interim Director of Operations, the Board approves the Acceptance Report and Final Pay Estimate for Proposal #1524 for the 2008 waterborne pavement marking program, as follows: Contractor: M&M Pavement Marking Inc. Contract Amount: \$305,925.00. Final Amount: \$270,842.66.

Agenda Item #12D – Ballot to Amend the Constitution and Bylaws of CRAM.

Moved by Commissioner Guenther and Supported by Commissioner Rodgers, that the Board hereby votes yes on the proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of the County Road Association of Michigan. 3 yes, 0 no. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – PROPOSED 2009 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING.

Chair Smith opened the public hearing and stated the purpose is to hear public comment regarding the Road Commission's proposed 2009 budget.

Secretary to the Board Deborah Bellows indicated the notice of the public hearing had been published in the November 9th editions of the Lansing State Journal, the Towne Courier, the Williamston Enterprise, the Ingham County Community News, the Holt Community News, and the Lansing City Community News. No written or emailed comments have been received.

Managing Director Bill Conklin reviewed the contents of his memorandum to the Board regarding the planning process for the 2009 budget. He stated that the outlook is bleak at best. Mr. Conklin reported that they anticipate the MTF revenues to decrease about five percent, while all of our costs are increasing. Health care costs will also rise. Mr. Conklin stated that he has put a hold on most of the hiring. The new mechanic position has been placed on hold, as well as the new signal technician position and the engineering technician position. With the retirement of Brian Hansen from the Sign Shop, that position will be posted to be filled so that the Sign Shop can at least run at a minimal level. However, the resulting position vacancy which will ultimately be created by the internal bidding process will probably not be filled. Mr. Conklin also stated that with the budget that is proposed for 2009, there is no funding for materials used for operations in the summer.

Mr. Conklin continued, saying that there is no primary road construction work currently scheduled for 2009. The only projects that will be done will be the federal aid projects. The Road Commission's 20 percent match funding for those projects has been budgeted. He also indicated that the Local Road matching program with the Townships has also been fully funded for 2009, saying that this is a much needed program for Ingham County.

Finance Director Tina Henry stated we should be able to see better where we are in February, once the November and December MTF revenues have been received. Also, once winter maintenance operations are over, they will take another look at the budget to see if there is any money left over for road projects and summer materials. She indicated the proposed 2009 budget is functional and hopefully this is the "worst case" scenario and things will improve by spring.

Chair Smith called for public comment.

Hugh Leach, 955 W. Columbia Street, Mason. Mr. Leach introduced himself and stated he is currently one of the applicants for the vacant Road Commission Board positions. He said he noticed in the proposed budget that county raised contributions are down for 2009. He asked why? Also, he stated if the economy doesn't improve and the Road Commission's revenues remain flatlined, are there any plans in place so that the fund balance won't have to be used?

Ms. Henry stated that the county raised contributions line item can vary from year to year and, possibly, this could be because permit and development are down so less was put in the budget. She stated that we had to use some of our fund balance this year, but would be real uncomfortable letting it get any lower. She said that 2010 will be real challenging and everything will need a very careful eye. Ms. Henry stated that with staffing, many positions have already not been filled through attrition. But we are currently operating with "bare bones" staff and we shouldn't drop those numbers any lower if we can help it.

Ms. Henry and Mr. Conklin proceeded to answer questions regarding 2009 operations and the budget by Board members. There being no additional comment, Chair Smith adjourned the public hearing.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT.

A. Mr. Conklin stated the finishing touches are being placed on the fraud and ethics policies. They will be ready for consideration by the Board at the next meeting. He asked Commissioner Rodgers if she needed to see them again. Commissioner Rodgers stated she has reviewed them and they can be distributed to all board members for the next agenda. She indicated that as long as the auditor's comments and Diane Carr's comments have all been incorporated into the proposed policies, they should be ready for presentation next week.

Vice Chair Guenther asked, then, if all of the policies have been reviewed and updated (if necessary) and the review is complete by Diane Carr? Is the Board's policy manual where it needs to be? Commissioner Rodgers stated yes, and once the fraud and ethics policies are approved by the Board, the auditor's concerns should be satisfied.

Vice Chair Guenther stated that all future policy revisions and/or new policies should be submitted to the Board to be discussed and/or approved as a group.

B. Employee Dain Dixon has submitted his resignation notice. Mr. Dixon is a mechanic and has accepted another position with the Clinton County Road Commission. Also, employee Brian Hansen has submitted his retirement notice. Mr. Hansen works in the Sign Shop and December 19th will be his last day. We will post internally for the vacancy being created by Mr. Hansen's departure, but the ultimate vacancy will likely not be filled.

AGENDA ITEM #11A – WAVERLY ROAD BRIDGE SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE.

Mr. Michael Morofsky of 1300 Woodbine Avenue, Lansing, was present for this discussion.

Mr. Conklin informed the Board this the subject of who will maintain the sidewalk on the east side of the Waverly Road Bridge over the Grand River, just north of Moores River Drive, has once again come up. In late 2007 the City of Lansing informed the Road Commission that it would no longer be maintaining the sidewalk during the winter months. Upon direction received from the Road Commission's legal counsel, the Road Commission closed off the sidewalk during the winter months in early 2008. Mr. Conklin reported that the sidewalk was cleaned and salted last week by the Road Commission.

Chair Smith indicated the Board has received a communication from Victor Celentino, Vice Chair of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, requesting the Road Commission re-consider maintaining the sidewalk on Waverly Road. Commissioner Celentino represents citizens in this location, which is District #1.

Vice Chair Guenther stated there seems to be conflict regarding sidewalks. He said that the AASHTO guidelines recommend that sidewalks be constructed on bridges; however, Act 51 does not allow Road Commissions to use their revenues for sidewalk construction or maintenance. He said that our legal counsel has confirmed that.

Mr. Conklin confirmed that the Road Commission is not responsible for sidewalk maintenance, which would include the Waverly Road Bridge. He stated that the Road Commission does not have the equipment required for sidewalk maintenance. Also, since this sidewalk falls on the City of Lansing side of the bridge, Lansing Township is not responsible for the sidewalk either.

Mr. Conklin stated he has a meeting scheduled with City officials on December 17th to discuss the maintenance of the sidewalk and will report the result at the meeting on December 18th. He stated that it is mostly city residents to the north who use the sidewalk. Township residents cannot physically get to

the bridge. That being said, Mr. Conklin did state that the sidewalk across the bridge does not connect with anything and for people to continue on foot is by a dirt path; there is no sidewalk north of the bridge.

Vice Chair Guenther suggested perhaps the Board not make any determination on this issue until after the Manager Director meets with City officials. Commissioner Rodgers stated this Board talked about this issue at great depth last year. She said she still does not understand why the Road Commission would have constructed a sidewalk across a bridge that, basically, goes nowhere and then not maintain it. She said no one has been able to answer that question. Commissioner Rodgers said she believes the City should maintain the sidewalk for its residents. However, she said she might be willing to have the Road Commission maintain the sidewalk, or reimburse the City for the cost, depending on what those costs would be, but she would really prefer not to have to do that. She indicated she does not like the Road Commission being put in a position of being forced to maintain this sidewalk because of the potential for liability. She said we are responsible to protect and maintain what we are obligated to do, but not for something that is not under our jurisdiction. Commissioner Rodgers stated that County Commissioner Dale Copedge (who also represents the citizens in this district) sits on the Lansing Public Service Board with her and he recently asked the City to continue maintaining the sidewalk on Waverly Road. The City's Director of Public Service, Chad Gamble, deferred Commissioner Copedge's request to Ms. Rodgers at that time. She then called Mr. Conklin to have this discussion placed on the agenda. Commissioner Rodgers stated that both County Commissioner Victor Celentino and Commissioner Dale Copedge have asked the Road Commission to reconsider maintenance of the sidewalk.

Vice Chair Guenther stated as he understands this issue, the Road Commission is being asked to clear a sidewalk over the bridge so that residents can have clear access to the dirt foot trail north of the bridge. He asked where the people walk to? The YMCA? The Flapjack restaurant? Vice Chair Guenther stated he is very concerned about having residents walking on the side of Waverly Road where there is no sidewalk and the area is not maintained. He said this would be extremely dangerous. Vice Chair Guenther said he feels that by maintaining the sidewalk on the bridge, the Road Commission would be encouraging residents to walk in a non-maintained and unsafe area and would be creating a very dangerous situation.

Mr. Michael Morofsky stated that past practice has been to walk along the dirt pathway. He said residents have been doing it for a long time. Vice Chair Guenther replied yes, but it has also been the past practice of the City of Lansing to maintain the bridge sidewalk and the Road Commission was not involved until the City decided it would no longer maintain it. Then the Road Commission was expected to do it. He said he is just uncomfortable putting individuals in this type of position without at least having a retaining wall along the area for some protection. Mr. Morofsky stated the biggest issue is with residents walking to the YMCA. Vice Chair Guenther said he still wished there was a safer way. He asked staff to find out what the Road Commission's liability would be if it maintained the sidewalk itself, or paid someone else to do it.

Chair Smith stated this issue would be placed back on the agenda for the December 18th Board meeting.

Commissioner Rodgers informed Mr. Morofsky that the Lansing Public Service Board meets on December 11th at 11:30 am. She invited him to the meeting and gave him the location of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #12A – RESOLUTION ENDORSING TCRPC REGIONAL GROWTH PLAN.

Managing Director Bill Conklin stated the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) adopted a regional growth plan for the Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Tri-County area in 2005. This plan provides regionally adopted goals for various aspects of future development in this area, including roads and transportation. For roads specifically, existing road preservation and avoidance of widening in rural areas is the preferred goal. Widening is preferred only where traffic capacity issues arise in already developed urbanized areas.

Mr. Conklin said that we are now in the process of developing the next Tri-County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), as required by Federal planning regulations, for the next 25 year period of 2010 to 2035. TCRPC has asked all road agencies in the Tri-County area to submit road project "options" for addressing potential traffic capacity problems found by TCRPC's traffic growth model to be considered for placement in the RTP. As part of the submittal, TCRPC requests that the governing Board of all road agencies formally endorse the Regional Growth Plan "Choices for Our Future".

Mr. Conklin said the complete report of TCRPC's "Regional Growth, Choices for Our Future" and the associated Plan Poster can be reviewed at TCRPC's website, www.mitcrpc.org. He recommended the Board adopt this resolution.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S "REGIONAL GROWTH: CHOICES FOR OUR FUTURE" PROJECT'S REGIONAL LAND USE VISION POLICY MAP, THEMES AND PRINCIPLES.

RESOLUTION #115-08

Moved by Commissioner Rodgers and Supported by Commissioner Guenther. 3 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, on December 28, 1973, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission was designated by the Governor of Michigan as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Lansing Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission conducted an analysis of current regional trends in land use, growth, development, environmental impacts, the efficiency and effectiveness of the transportation system, obtained substantial public input and gave careful consideration to alternative regional land use patterns; and

WHEREAS, the Regional 2030 Transportation Plan adopted by Tri-County Regional Planning Commission on October 26, 2005, re-endorses results from the "Regional Growth: Choices for Our Future" project's "Wise Growth" alternative as directed by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission on March 27, 2002, confirmed by the Regional Growth Steering Committee on April 5, 2002 and as adopted by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission on March 26, 2003, in the Regional 2025 Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Regional 2030 Transportation Plan is based on regional socio-economic forecasts approved by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission in December, 2001, with consideration being given to long term reallocation of these forecasts to be more consistent with the adopted "Wise Growth" land use alternative from the "Regional Growth: Choices for Our Future" project; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission recognized regional development, land use and implementing the adopted "Wise Growth" scenario is the region's highest priority issue in order to reduce congestion, maintain and improve air quality, protect environmentally sensitive or agricultural lands, continue to maintain and expand the regional economy, improve global competitiveness, sustain quality of life of the region's residents and is part of their fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers in order to protect public health, safety and welfare of the region's residents; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission has adopted policies to evaluate all proposed future expenditures of federal funds and to establish project priorities for use of federal funds based on the adopted alternative for land use as shown on the "Wise Growth" policy map and which are consistent with the adopted themes and principles as shown in the "Regional Growth: Choices for Our Future" Summary Report for the Lansing Metropolitan Region dated September, 2005, and on it's accompanying Poster Plan as transmitted on January 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Ingham County Road Commissioners is the duly constituted local governmental policy making body for the Ingham County Road Commission and desires to endorse and support the *"Regional Growth: Choices for Our Future"* themes, principles and policy map which constitute the agreed on regional land use vision in order to guide future regional growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Growth project's themes, principles and policy map are intended to provide a compatible generalized regional framework to guide local government land use plans and other decisions in order to preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare of the region's residents consistent with the Board of Ingham County Road Commissioners' fiduciary responsibility to our citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is the finding of the Board of Ingham County Road Commissioners that endorsement and support of *"Regional Growth: Choices for Our Future"* themes, principles and policy map as depicted in *A Summary Report for the Lansing Metropolitan Area* and on its accompanying Poster Plan are necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare and are consistent with our fiduciary responsibility to our taxpayers of Ingham County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Ingham County Road Commissioners does hereby endorse and support said themes, principles and policy map as policies for the Ingham County Road Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the policy of the Ingham County Road Commission that these endorsed and supported themes, principles and policy map be referred to staff and/or the Planning Commission for use in considering consistency of future development, development decisions and other actions in local decision making.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it shall be the policy of the Ingham County Road Commission to support and actively work with other local governments, agencies and the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission to fully participate in considering implementation of the *"Regional Growth: Choices for Our Future"* action plan and in hosting related training and other activities as may be appropriate to fully integrate our policies endorsing and supporting the regional land use vision into the fabric of regional life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary is authorized to certify and sign this resolution and that it be transmitted to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, adjacent governmental jurisdictions and other local, state and federal agencies and representatives as appropriate.

Next, Mr. Conklin discussed the listing of the proposed future road project "options" which has submitted to TCRPC for consideration in the 2010-2035 RTP. Most of these projects were in the 2030 RTP and, thus, are proposed for the 2035 RTP. The new options are as indicated on this list. Three of the new projects were discussed at our October 28 Board meeting. They are: Aurelius Road widening/conversion to three lanes from Harper to Holt Road with a roundabout at Holt Road; Widening Forest and Farm Lane Roads from College Road to Mt. Hope with a roundabout at College Road; and, a roundabout at Okemos Road and Hamilton Road. Two additional new projects subsequently requested by Lansing Township are: Three lane conversions with resurfacing from existing four lane on both Willow Road and Michigan Avenue, both between Waverly Road and Lansing Township's easterly boundary.

TCRPC plans the following public "Town Hall" meetings in Ingham County to allow public review and input on the RTP future project options list: December 4, 2008, at the Hannah Center, East Lansing; and December 9, 2008, at the Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason; both from 7-9 PM. Other Town Hall meetings are planned for Eaton and Clinton Counties. ICRC will be represented by myself and/or Bob Peterson at these meetings. As the December 9 date is also an ICRC Board meeting, Bob will cover the Town Hall meeting in Mason on that date.

As per discussion at the October 28 meeting, the Board may also want to hold a public hearing at an upcoming meeting regarding this proposed list of future road widening projects. Mr. Conklin said he has met with both Meridian and Lansing Township officials to discuss the proposed project options in their respective townships and have requested a similar meeting yet to be held in Delhi Township.

Commissioner Rodgers expressed her opinion that she believes the Road Commission should be getting more public input on projects, the need for strategic planning, and the desire to have more conversation with the public.

Vice Chair Guenther expressed his surprise to see additional roundabouts planned in Delhi Township. He said the Board needs more time to sit down and look at this stuff, as well as to receive public input.

Managing Director Conklin agreed with the Board members and said that his concern is the process by which the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission sets its deadlines. They give very little time to prepare, plan and conduct the proper Board and public input. It is very difficult to comply with their deadlines.

AGENDA ITEM #12B – ROAD CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE.

Managing Director Bill Conklin stated that while we were working on our primary road resurfacing project on Grand River Avenue, we were approached by the Village of Webberville inquiring whether they could piggyback on our contract and perform much needed improvements on Grand River Avenue within their jurisdiction from just east of Elm Road for 107 feet.

We calculated the cost to the Village for this work and submitted an Agreement to them for the work. The cost for this additional work is \$4,718.00, which will be paid 100 percent by the Village.

Mr. Conklin said the second Agreement with the Village of Webberville is for their voluntary contribution toward the primary road project in general. Mr. Conklin said he met with officials of the Village and talked with them about the economy and dwindling revenues, even though the cost of everything is skyrocketing. He said he asked them if they felt they could contribute in any way toward the general project. The Village Council has decided they can contribute \$10,000.00 toward the primary road project.

Mr. Conklin said he would recommend Board approval and signing of both Agreements.

RESOLUTION APPROVING TWO AGREEMENTS WITH THE VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON GRAND RIVER AVENUE.

RESOLUTION #116-08

Moved by Commissioner Guenther and Supported by Commissioner Rodgers. 3 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Managing Director, the Board approves and signs two Agreements with the Village of Webberville, as follows:

1. Road Construction and Payment Agreement with the Village of Webberville for improvements to a portion of Grand River Avenue within the Village limits for 107 feet east of Elm Road. The cost of the improvements is \$4,718.00 and will be paid 100 percent by the Village.
2. Road Construction and Payment Agreement with the Village of Webberville for a voluntary contribution toward the cost of the Grand River Avenue improvements being performed by the Road Commission's contractor on the section located between M-52 and Elm Road. The Village will contribute \$10,000.00 toward the cost of the project.

AGENDA ITEM #13 – BOARD UPDATES/COMMENTS.

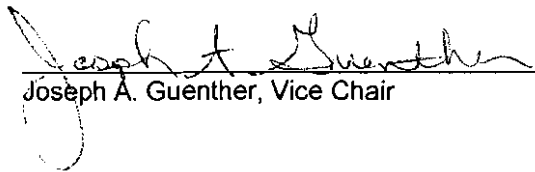
A. Commissioner Rodgers said she hoped the Managing Director was planning to advertise externally, in conjunction with posting internally, for the Director of Operations position when the process gets under way after the first of the year.

B. Vice Chair Guenther said this is an educational process and please bear with him. He said he is frustrated with the process and he is sorry we are losing people. He said he just wanted to say that he believes Mr. Charles has done a wonderful job as the Interim Director of Operations and said he wished he could persuade Mr. Charles to extend his anticipated retirement.


C. Chair Smith reminded everyone of the employee service awards luncheon on December 18th at the Ingham County Fairgrounds.

D. Finance Director Tina Henry told the Board that she was at a meeting last week where she met some folks who said that many many years ago they were going around the state performing performance audits on road commissions. They told Tina that Ingham County was the only county in the state that had no negative comments as a result of that audit.

No public comment was offered. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.



Joseph A. Guenther, Vice Chair



Deborah L. Bellows, Board Secretary