

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
FOR OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Thursday, January 21, 2021

1. THE meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Board, Andrea LaLonde at 9:00 A.M. in the Board Room of the County Road Commission Offices, 31001 Lahser Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan. Initial notice of the meeting was posted on November 08, 2019 in compliance with provisions of Act 267 of 1976.

An updated notice of the meeting with remote participation access was posted on April 2, 2020 in compliance with provisions of Act 267 of 1976, Section 3a and other applicable sections.

ROLL CALL: LALONDE – PRESENT; QUARLES – PRESENT; FOWKES – PRESENT  
Remote / Remote / Remote /  
Clawson, MI Southfield, MI Milford, MI

Dennis Kolar, Managing Director  
Gary Piotrowicz, Deputy Managing Director  
Jennifer Henderson, General Counsel  
Melissa Williams, Director of Finance Department  
Brad Knight, Director of Planning and Environmental Concerns – Remote/Beverly Hills, MI  
Darryl Heid, Director of Highway Maintenance – Remote/Waterford, MI  
David Czerniakowski, Director of Customer Services – Remote/Waterford, MI  
Samuel Fitzer, Director of Engineering Department  
Mary Gillis, Director of Central Operations – Remote/Waterford, MI  
Danielle Deneau, Director of Traffic-Safety – Remote/Waterford, MI  
Pam Cahill, Director of Human Resources – Remote/Beverly Hills, MI  
Craig Bryson, Public Information – Remote Dial In  
Dingell, Cindy, Public Information  
Shannon Miller, Deputy-Secretary/Clerk of the Board

2. Chair LaLonde lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

THAT the Board approve the agenda for January 21, 2021 as written.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Chair LaLonde recognized one caller who wished to address the Board.

Richard Walker  
Cracker Barrel  
5500 Oakhill Road  
Clarkston, MI 48348

Mr. Walker is the owner of the Cracker Barrel on Oak Hill Road in the Village of Clarkston. He expressed concerns regarding the planned roundabout project at the intersection of Oak Hill Road and Sashabaw. He is against the project and has collected multiple signatures to support his opposition. He questioned if other methods for improvement had been considered and stated he felt large trucks would not be able to navigate the radius. Dennis Kolar, Managing Director, addressed his questions, noting access to Mr. Walker's business would be maintained, the roundabout would be truck accessible and impacts to the motoring public are kept to a minimum. He also noted this project was approved for Federal Safety funds.

5. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

THE Board approve the minutes of January 7, 2021 as written.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Chair LaLonde asked Dennis Kolar, Managing Director, to review the status of State and Local Executive orders in place addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Kolar presented the following:

As noted at this meeting's outset and in the required notice, we are holding this meeting remotely in accordance with the amended Open Meetings Act.

As summarized at our last meeting, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has issued a number of epidemic orders since November 18, 2020 restricting gatherings. The December 18, 2020 expired on January 15, 2021, but was followed by a new order. Issued on January 13, 2021, the current order is in place until January 31, 2021. This order maintains the same restrictions as previous orders as to indoor gatherings and mask requirements. The changes in last week's order center around opening group fitness and non-contact sports.

We continue to strictly enforce the Emergency Rules issued by MIOSHA on October 14, 2020, in the face of the COVID-19 cases in our state. To the extent feasible, and without compromising safety, staff is working remotely.

We will continue to monitor the orders and guidance from the CDC, DHHS, MIOSHA and the Oakland County Health Division. And, we will continue doing all we can for the health and safety of our employees and the citizens of Oakland County.

- 7A. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

RESOLVED, that checks numbered 503047 through 503107; and, ACH payments 51291 through 51315 numbered 86 be approved for payment for an aggregate amount of \$2,827,388.43; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland County Treasurer be directed to pay the checks from the funds in the County Road Account.

ROLL CALL: AYES: LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7B. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

RESOLVED, that checks numbered 503108 through 503160; and, ACH payments 51316 through 51332 numbered 70 be approved for payment for an aggregate amount of \$1,753,871.07; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland County Treasurer be directed to pay the checks from the funds in the County Road Account.

ROLL CALL: AYES: LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

THAT Permits applications issued by the Road Commission for Oakland County, Customer Service Department, be approved and become effective on the date issued:

	61722	Through		61750	Construction Permits
S	0001	Through	S	0018	Driveway Permits

ROLL CALL: AYES: LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

WHEREAS, Greg Jamian served the residents of Oakland County as a member of the Road Commission for Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners for 12 years, from 2009 until 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jamian has been a constant advocate on behalf of the residents, motorists and businesses of Oakland County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jamian has nurtured solid relationships with numerous local, county and state officials serving Oakland County over many years, which has resulted in strong support for RCOC among those officials; and

WHEREAS, during his years of service on the Board, Mr. Jamian actively supported and encouraged Road Commission management and staff to continue their best efforts to improve and enhance the safety of those who travel on the county road system as well as of the staff who work on it. Among many other steps, this included leading the effort to use wider pavement striping to increase visibility and durability, thus increasing motorist safety, and serving on the Transportation Improvement Association of Michigan (TIA) Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jamian has long been a proponent of transportation technology and has helped to foster an environment in which RCOC remains on the cutting edge of connected-vehicle technology, partnering with the Federal Highway Administration, auto manufacturers and suppliers and the leading academic institutions to move the nation, and RCOC, toward greater use of vehicle-to-infrastructure technology; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jamian has always been supportive of and engaged with RCOC staff and has always been a staunch defender and promoter of the agency. He took an active interest in the agency's retirement system, regularly attending Retirement Board meetings and monitoring the agency's retirement investment strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board extends to Mr. Greg Jamian its sincere appreciation for his many years of service, dedication, commitment to and leadership of the Road Commission for Oakland County and his commitment to the motorists and residents of Oakland County.

ROLL CALL: AYES: LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

William J. Barrow has served as a Laborer New Hire, Laborer II, Underground Laborer, Float Operator, Tandem Float Driver, and Sign Truck Driver; and

WHEREAS, William J. Barrow has been a valued employee of the Road Commission for Oakland County since October 9, 2000; and

WHEREAS, he served the Road Commission for Oakland County and the citizens of Oakland County for 20 years and 3 months to his retirement on February 1, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board extends to William J. Barrow its sincere appreciation of his dedicated service and best wishes for his retirement.

ROLL CALL:       AYES:       LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
                  NAYES:      NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11A. MOVED BY: QUARLES   SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

WHEREAS, this Board is in the process of reconstructing Avon Road in the City of Rochester Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, being Road Commission Project No. 55233 ("Project");

WHEREAS, Avon Road in the City of Rochester Hills is a county primary road under the jurisdiction and control of this Board;

WHEREAS, the Project requires the acquisition of property ("Property") over a parcel of land ("Property") being RCOC Parcel Number 3, being part of Tax Parcel No. 15-13-476-006. The Property is more particularly described in the records of this Board's Engineering Department and which description is incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, the Board reviewed relevant materials regarding the Property and on December 10, 2020 authorized a Good Faith Written Offer ("GFWO") to Purchase in the amount of \$795,930.00;

WHEREAS, subsequent to the Board's December 10, 2020 approval, the square footage of both the Highway and Temporary Exhibits were found to be in error. They have been corrected and the appraisal has been modified to reflect the correct square footage.

WHEREAS, the Property has record ownership and parties in interest as follows:

Pedro and Isabel Cabalum  
40233 Steel Dr.  
Sterling Heights, Mi 48310

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby authorizes and directs its Managing Director to rescind the Good Faith Written Offer to purchase, authorized on December 10, 2020, in the amount of \$795,930.00;

ROLL CALL:       AYES:       LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
                  NAYES:      NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11B. MOVED BY: QUARLES   SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

WHEREAS, this Board is in the process of reconstructing Avon Road in the City of Rochester Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, being Road Commission Project No. 55233 ("Project");

WHEREAS, Avon Road in the City of Rochester Hills is a county primary road under the jurisdiction and control of this Board;

WHEREAS, the Project requires the acquisition of a highway easement ("Highway Easement") and a temporary easement ("Temporary Easement") over a parcel of land ("Property") being RCOC Parcel Number 3, being part of Tax Parcel No. 15-13-476-006, and commonly known as 1750 East Avon Road. The Property is more particularly described in the records of this Board's Engineering Department and which description is incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, Michael Kurschat, State Certified General Appraiser, has prepared an appraisal report, dated January 12, 2021, estimating the just compensation for the Highway Easement to be \$795,000.00 and the Temporary Easement to be \$954.00. The total estimated just compensation is \$795,954.00;

WHEREAS, the Property has record ownership and parties in interest as follows:

Pedro and Isabel Cabalum  
40233 Steel Dr.  
Sterling Heights, Mi 48310

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed the relevant materials regarding the Property and is otherwise informed about the subject matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby declares and determines the sum of \$795,954.00 to be the total estimated just compensation for the acquisition of the Highway Easement and Temporary Easement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board hereby authorizes and directs its Managing Director to make a good faith written offer to purchase the Highway Easement and Temporary Easement, and to compensate the owners and parties in interest, including but not limited to the owners and parties in interest listed above, in the amount of \$795,954.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board, in accordance with the provisions of MCL 213.55, hereby reserves its right to bring federal or state cost recovery actions against past and/or present owners of the property arising out of a release of hazardous substances on, at, and/or affecting the Property.

ROLL CALL:       AYES:       LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
                  NAYES:      NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Act 246, Michigan State Statute for the year 1931 as amended and in accordance with the provisions of a resolution adopted by this Board under date of December 10, 2020, Thomas R. Charboneau, Jr. as Hearing Examiner, did conduct a public Hearing on Objections for LAKE FRONT STREET (platted as a 15' alley), from Larchmont Avenue (platted as Elmhurst Ave.) to Grinnell Avenue (platted as Grove Ave.), platted in Cass Lake Highlands Subdivision, Sections 34 & 35, Waterford Township, and Sections 2 & 3, West Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan. The purpose of this hearing being to hear objections to the proposed improvement, the plans and specifications, estimates of cost, the establishment of the boundaries of the proposed special assessment district or the parcels and lots which may be liable to assessment, the apportionment of the percentage of the total cost of the proposed improvement, the number of installments in which the money for the assessments shall be raised and to determine whether the proposed improvement is necessary for the benefit of the public and for the public welfare and convenience; and

WHEREAS, the Hearing Examiner has filed with this Board a report containing Findings of Fact and Proposed Determination, original of which was received on January 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed the said Findings of Fact and Proposed Determination of the Hearing Examiner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby confirms the Findings of Fact and Proposed Determination of said Hearing Examiner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of Act 246, this Board hereby reconfirms their previous determination that the proposed improvements are necessary for the benefit of the public and for public welfare and convenience and that improvements be made to the aforementioned street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board hereby orders that a copy of this resolution shall be served by First Class Mail to each owner of, or party in interest in property to be assessed, at their address as shown upon the latest local tax records.

ROLL CALL: AYES: LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

WHEREAS, the Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners has received a Quit Claim Deed from Toll Northeast V Corp, a Delaware Corporation of 250 Gibraltar Rd., Horsham, PA 19044, conveying to this Board the rights for public road purposes over a parcel of land more particularly described as follows:

**LYON PRESERVE TRAIL (PHASE II) RIGHT-OF-WAY DESCRIPTION**

COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 28, T1N-R7E, LYON TOWNSHIP, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE S00°03'57"W 60.00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE N89°38'30"W 47.00 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF 10 MILE ROAD (VARIABLE WIDTH); THENCE S00°03'57"W 96.75 FEET; THENCE 161.39 FEET ALONG A 276.50 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, CHORD BEARING S16°47'12"W 159.10 FEET; THENCE S33°30'28"W 226.53 FEET; THENCE 423.74 FEET ALONG A 420.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, CHORD BEARING S04°36'17"W 406.00 FEET; THENCE S24°17'54"E 75.72 FEET; THENCE 276.29 FEET ALONG A 355.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, CHORD BEARING S02°00'09"E 269.37 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING 174.98 FEET ALONG SAID 355.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, CHORD BEARING S34°25'00"W 173.22 FEET; THENCE S48°32'15"W 62.00 FEET; THENCE 196.33 FEET ALONG A 200.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, CHORD BEARING S20°24'54"W 188.54 FEET; THENCE S07°42'28"E 23.84 FEET; THENCE 60.13 FEET ALONG A 260.00 FOOT RADIUS, NON-TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT, CHORD BEARING S82°17'32"W 60.00 FEET; THENCE N07°42'28"W 23.84 FEET; THENCE 255.23 FEET ALONG A 260.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, CHORD BEARING N20°24'54"E 245.11 FEET; THENCE N48°32'15"E 62.00 FEET; THENCE 145.41 FEET ALONG SAID 295.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, CHORD BEARING N34°25'00"E 143.94 FEET; THENCE S69°42'23"E 60.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

**STONELEIGH DRIVE (PHASE II) RIGHT-OF-WAY DESCRIPTION**

COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 28, T1N-R7E, LYON TOWNSHIP, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE S00°03'57"W 1859.53 FEET ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 28 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING S00°03'57"W 60.00 FEET ALONG SAID NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE; THENCE 228.74 FEET ALONG A 260.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, CHORD BEARING N64°42'23"W 221.44 FEET; THENCE N39°30'09"W 87.26 FEET; THENCE 331.64 FEET ALONG A 200.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, CHORD BEARING N87°00'23"W 294.93 FEET; THENCE S45°29'22"W 4.33 FEET; THENCE 33.06 FEET ALONG A 42.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, CHORD BEARING S22°56'24"W 32.21 FEET; THENCE 282.95 FEET ALONG A 60.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, CHORD BEARING N44°30'38"W 84.71 FEET; THENCE 33.06 FEET ALONG A 42.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, CHORD BEARING N68°02'21"E 32.21 FEET; THENCE N45°29'22"E 4.33 FEET; THENCE 431.13 FEET ALONG A 260.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, CHORD BEARING S87°00'23"E 383.41 FEET; THENCE S39°30'09"E 87.26 FEET; THENCE 175.93 FEET ALONG A 200.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, CHORD BEARING S64°42'10"E 170.31 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this conveyance is to allow this Board to incorporate said parcel into the county road system of the County of Oakland, Michigan.

WHEREAS, the streets have been constructed to a state that they are now open to traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board accepts the Quit Claim Deeds and conveyance of the above described parcel as part of the county road system of the County of Oakland, Michigan, which shall be known as Lyon Preserve Trail and Stoneleigh Drive, located in Section 28, Lyon Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board directs that the Quit Claim Deeds be recorded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the streets are accepted for maintenance.

ROLL CALL: AYES: LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

THAT the Board approve the request for Appropriation Transfer No. 21-05 in the amount of \$14,285,029 to carry forward unspent 2019/2020 budget for employee benefits, materials, contracted services, repairs & maintenance and capital outlay for the Central Operations, Planning & Environmental Concerns, Traffic-Safety, Highway Maintenance and Non-Departmental departments.

ROLL CALL: AYES: LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
NAYES: NONE

15A. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

THAT the Board approve the Geotechnical Engineering Agreement with NTH Consultants, LTD for Elizabeth Lake Road at Oxbow Lake Road and Elizabeth Lake Road at Teggerdine Road; Project Nos. 54581/55331 and authorize the Managing Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

ROLL CALL: AYES: LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15B. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

THAT the Board approve the Traffic Signal Engineering Agreement with Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. for 2021 Concrete Repair Program; Project No. 55521 and authorize the Managing Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

ROLL CALL: AYES: LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15C. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

THAT the Board approve the Intersection Traffic Studies Agreement with Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment, Inc. for various location/various communities; Project No. 56041 and authorize the Managing Director to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

ROLL CALL: AYES: LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16A. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

THAT bids were advertised for, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 for Electrical Parts for Traffic Signals. A complete tabulation of bids exported from MITN/Bid Net Direct shall remain on file in the Clerk's Office of the Road Commission. Bids were solicited from several suppliers with two response(s) received.

THE Board accept and award the bid to the low bidder meeting specifications from Leslie Electric Co., Pontiac, MI in the amount of \$22,300.21, with terms of net 30 days, FOB destination; the other bid be rejected and the Board authorize the Managing Director to act on behalf of the Board.

ROLL CALL: AYES: LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16B. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

THAT bids were advertised for, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 for U-Channel Sign Post, Annual Estimated Quantities, IFB No. 1038. A complete tabulation of bids exported from MITN/Bid Net Direct shall remain on file in the Clerk's Office of the Road Commission. Bids were solicited from several suppliers with five response(s) received.

THE Board accept and award the bid to the low bidder meeting specifications from MDSolutions, Plain City, OH in the estimated amount of \$104,545.00, with terms of net 30 days, FOB destination; all other bids be rejected and the Board authorize the Managing Director to act on behalf of the Board.

ROLL CALL: AYES: LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16C. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

THAT bids were advertised for, electronically opened and posted on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 for Prefabricated Signs, Annual Estimated Quantities, IFB No. 1047. A complete tabulation of bids exported from MITN/Bid Net Direct shall remain on file in the Clerk's Office of the Road Commission. Bids were solicited from several suppliers with six response(s) received.

THE Board accept and award the bid to the low bidders meeting specifications splitting the bid between Osburn Associates, Inc., Logan, OH, in the amount of \$68,749.08 and Vulcan Signs, Foley, AL, in the amount of \$3,624.59, for a total amount of \$72,383.67 with terms of net 30 days, FOB destination; all other bids be rejected and the Board authorize the Managing Director to act on behalf of the Board.

ROLL CALL: AYES: LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. MOVED BY: QUARLES SUPPORTED BY: FOWKES

THAT bids were advertised for, received, electronically opened and posted on January 12, 2021 for: 2021 Tree Removals, Project Nos. 55271, 55111, 55251, 55421, 55583, 55593, 55843:

Contractor's Name	Amount of Bid
Owen Tree Service, Inc.	\$ 87,331.02


THE Board accept the proposal of the sole bidder Owen Tree Service, Inc.; in the amount of \$87,331.02, and the Board authorize the Managing Director to act on behalf of the Board to proceed with requirements to execute a contract for this Project upon receipt of the necessary bonds and insurance and all other related documents.

ROLL CALL: AYES: LALONDE / QUARLES / FOWKES  
NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

25. There was no new business.

26. THERE being no further business to come before the Board of Road Commissioners, Oakland County, Chair LaLonde adjourned the meeting at 10:02 A.M.

  
Shannon Miller, Deputy-Secretary/Clerk of the Board