

Work Session of the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Board Room at the St. Joseph County Road Commission, 20914 M-86, Centreville, Michigan at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman Dave Allen, Vice-Chairman Rick Anderson, Commissioner John Bippus, Commissioner Eric Shafer, Commissioner Rodney Chupp, Clerk Julie Mayuiers

Staff Members Present: Chris Minger, Managing Director
Michel Harris, Director of Operations
Garrett Myland, PE
Don Preston, Safety Technician

Discussions on process of hiring new manager took place. Eric has an unexpected audit and will not be able to be at the interviews on August 6th and asked John Bippus to video them again.

Julie to email Dennis Allen, Alan Balog, Don Gloy, Joanna Johnson, Tim Berger and invite them to sit in on the interviews on August 6 starting at noon and ending at 4:00 p.m. She will also tell them if they have a specific question they would like to ask any/all candidates to write it down and bring August 6th and give to Julie before any of the interviews start. They will not be allowed to ask questions themselves during the interviews.

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Chupp seconded by Commissioner Shafer authorizing Julie A. Mayuiers, Director of Administration & HR to apply for a Waiver of Underfunded Status for Form 5572 due the Union Contract wording:

Any employee who retires at age 62 with at least twenty (20) years of service will receive the same health care benefit from the Employer as given to active employees from the ages of 62-65. Any employee who retires after twenty (20) years of service and is between the ages of 55-61 may remain on the Employers health care coverage with the retiree being one hundred percent (100%) responsible for the premium payments. Employees who retire earlier than age 62 will receive no contribution from the Road Commission towards premium payments from the ages of 62-65.

The liability would more than likely be immaterial to St. Joseph County Road Commission since most of the employees stay employed past the age of 65 or those that do chose to leave prior to age 62 have less than 20 (twenty) years of service. Motion carried.

Discussions on Connie Road becoming a public road took place. Connie Road is not part of the North Park Plat and we do not certify Connie St.. Chris Minger to try and locate the old Private Road Policy and report back to the Board.

Chris received a letter from the Emergency Management Team/TJ Baker and after everything we have submitted for damages caused by the heavy rains/flood earlier this year we may be entitled to \$10 – 20K. We may have additional culverts to replace still but have already spent nearly \$250K on culvert crossings.

It was suggested that the freelance writer we hired write an article recapping chip seal season.

Dave Allen, Chairman

Julie Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board
