

Road Committee Minutes

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Monday, January 5, 4:30 pm

Item 1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm. Committee members present were: Supervisor JoAnne O'Rourke, Trustee Michelle O'Neill, Dan Moyle and Chuck Minor. Bryan Webster was absent. Also present were Mark Worden, Rusty McClain, and John Schmitt from the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC)

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ITEM 4. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Minor, seconded by O'Rourke to adopt the meeting agenda. Motion carried.

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Moyle, seconded by O'Neill to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

ITEM 6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and discussion of 2026-2030 5-year CIP

RCKC staff presented the draft Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the township. The road commission is moving toward a 5-year CIP to improve efficiency, with projects ranked in order of priority. If projects for a given year are completed and funds remain available, they will proceed with projects slated for the following year, in accordance with the CIP's priority order. Previous approvals were for single years only. Approximately \$337k in participation (PAR) funds are available from the county this year. The township's contribution is \$800-900k, which comes from the road millage and a transfer from the general fund.

The committee discussed and agreed to move R Avenue, 2nd Street, and RS Avenue projects up in schedule due to portions of those roads being heavily shaded and therefore, taking longer to cure. Completing the work earlier in the season allows additional time for proper curing. The RCKC will send a revised CIP to the Supervisor for distribution to the township board.

B. Review and discussion of 2025 PASER maps

The committee reviewed PASER maps in relation to the discussion about project prioritization. There was general agreement that a plan to address the work required on Beatrice Drive needs to be formulated. The RCKC is also discussing options for improving the alignment of Beatrice Drive east and west of the intersection at South 9th Street.

C. Review of RCKC contract process

Per item 6A, the RCKC is requesting board approval for the 5-year CIP. This will be added to the township board agenda for its January 26 meeting.

D. Discussion of Neighborhood Road Fund (NRF) funding available in 2027

The state budget agreement included 20 cents of the gas tax being re-directed to roads; this will be 21 cents in 2027. The state initially indicated the additional funds would be distributed in the current fiscal year but then changed this to the next fiscal year. Ultimately, this will mean the RCKC will be able to complete more projects in the coming years.

ITEM 7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Chip seal test, update

The road commission staff reported that the test involving an extra fog sealing of pavement following chip seal is showing positive results. Another strategy they are discussing for extending the life of chip seal projects is holding traffic following chip seal until the process is completely cured.

ITEM 8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Minor to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.