

Meeting Minutes for the June 18, 2026, – Board Meeting

3536 S. US Highway 27, St. Johns, MI 48879 @ 9:00am



Attendees: Michael Frederick; Karla Gurski; Kevin Holt; Douglas Steffen; Gail Watkins; & Bob Showers

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Move: Commissioner Watkins, Second: Commissioner Holt, Status: Passed

Approval of May 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the May 20, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented.

Move: Commissioner Holt, Second: Commissioner Watkins, Status: Passed

Communications

Motion to accept the communications and place them on file.

Move: Commissioner Watkins, Second: Commissioner Holt, Status: Passed

Information from Commissioner Bob Showers

Commissioner Showers reported:

- The Clinton County Sheriff's Office has established a presence at the former Wacousta Elementary School, utilizing several rooms as a satellite location. Officers are present periodically throughout the day and maintain 24/7 availability. As Watertown Township does not have its own police department, residents have expressed strong support for the added law enforcement presence, which provides a greater sense of security and improved response capabilities. The increased presence is also expected to support traffic enforcement and speed control efforts on local roads.
- Todd Campbell has left Clinton County and has been appointed as City Manager for the City of St. Johns.
- The installation of Flock safety cameras has been approved. Eight cameras will be placed throughout the county along major highway corridors, with installation expected in the near future.

Public Comments

There was no public.

Director of Finance Report

Ms. Gurski reported:

- MTF for June, which was April fuel, was \$1,350,276.
- BoardEffect may look a little different. There was an update earlier this week updating just streamlining the navigation and visual clutter.
- Staff recently spoke with MERS regarding the OPEB Trust funding status and the permissible uses of trust assets.

Motion to receive the financials and place on file.

Move: Commissioner Watkins, Second: Commissioner Holt Status: Passed

Approval of Vouchers:

Payroll: #92655- #92659 advices

Vouchers: #69284 - #69306 including ACH

Total: \$2,017,412.74

Motion to approve the vouchers as presented.

Move: Commissioner Holt Second: Commissioner Watkins Status: Passed

Managing Director Report & Engineering Update

Mr. Steffen Reported:

- The Lehman Road culvert project in Riley Township is scheduled to begin next Monday and is expected to take approximately one week to complete. Pavement marking retrace work will also begin next week.
- The CRA Roads+ members event is scheduled for the end of the month.
- Recent statewide reports of roadway worker fatalities were acknowledged. Staff reiterated the importance of safety awareness, noting that daily safety discussions are held with crews to reinforce vigilance.
- Law enforcement continues to collaborate closely with the County Road Commission and responds as needed. Increased traffic on Wood Road due to US-127 detours is expected to continue in the coming weeks. Additional patrol support will be coordinated during this period due to anticipated congestion and driver frustration.

2026 CRASIF Board of Trustees Election

Motion to vote for Tom Doty to fill the vacant Upper Peninsula Association region, and for Beth Hunt and Laurita Humphrey to fill the vacant Southern Association Region positions.

Move: Commissioner Holt, Second: Commissioner Watkins, Status: Passed

2026 MCRSCIP Board of Directors Election

Motion to vote for Brett Laughlin for the MCRSCIP Board of Directors At-Large Position, and Ron Kendall for the Southern representative.

Move: Commissioner Holt, Second: Commissioner Watkins, Status: Passed

Approval of Preliminary Plat for J&H Gas Station in Bingham Township

Motion to approve the Preliminary Plat for the J&H Gas Station in Bingham Township.

Move: Commissioner Watkins, Second: Commissioner Holt, Status: Passed

Approval for Managing Director to Execute the ROW Purchase for the Chandler Road Project

Approval to authorize the Managing Director to execute the ROW purchase for the Chandler Road project.

Move: Commissioner Watkins, Second: Commissioner Holt, Status: Passed

Resolution for 2028 TAP Funding to be Paired with the Clark Road Construction Project

WHEREAS, The Clinton County Road Commission Requests TAP funding for 2028 path project on Clark Road, from Turner Road to Wood Road.

WHEREAS, DeWitt Charter Township will provide matching funding to move forward and commits the funds necessary to carry out the project. This commitment includes but is not limited to, matching funds, engineering for design and construction, permit fees, administration costs and any cost overruns.

WHEREAS, DeWitt Charter Township have committed to owning, operating and funding/implementing a maintenance plan/program over the design life of the proposed improvements and reimbursing the costs for engineering and possible construction match.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that DeWitt Charter Township authorizes The Clinton County Road Commission to Act as the Act 51 agency on their behalf and commit to owning, operating and funding/implementing a maintenance plan/program over the design life of the proposed improvements and reimbursing the costs for engineering and possible construction match.

Motion passed by roll call vote: Holt Aye, Frederick Aye, Watkins Aye.

Commissioner Comments

Adjournment

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.
Move: Commissioner Holt Second: Commissioner Watkins Status: Passed



Karla Gurski, Finance Director/Clerk