

LENAWEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PHYSICAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

February 8, 1980

The Physical Resources Committee of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners met at 1:15 p.m., Friday, February 8, 1980 at the Drain office.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Commissioner Dale Storrer. Other members present were: Commissioners Erwina Godfrey, Ronald Brown and Hugh Flippo. Also present were: Commissioner Russ Spalding, Terri Davis from Adrian College (intern with Commissioner Jane Davis), Donald Mitchell, Drain Commissioner and Ethel Gritzmaker, Secretary. Absent: Commissioner Richard Harris.

Mr. Mitchell reported that a settlement has been reached with the contractor that defaulted on his contract. The paper work is in the hands of the attorney and hopefully the \$50,000 check will be forthcoming soon to be credited to the Madison Township sewer construction account.

The matter of making a bid on a hydraulic ditching machine was discussed at length with Drain Commissioner proposing that we make an offer. Commissioner Flippo made the motion that we do not purchase it. The motion died for a lack of a second. Commissioner Brown suggested that the committee look at the machine before making a decision and to consider the matter later.

Commissioner Godfrey asked Mr. Mitchell for the latest developments on the curenene clean-up program. He replied he had met with an official from the DNR and the State Health Department this past week and made suggestions and explained the magnitude of the job. After more discussion the committee advised the Commissioner to offer expertise but not to commit ourselves further at this time.

Mr. Mitchell asked the Committee to make a decision regarding the Road Commission charging 6% overhead charges on their invoices to this Department and also about charging them for the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation permits issued from this office. Commissioner Flippo moved that the Road Commission would either need to become qualified on their own or pay the permit fee the same as others. Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried. Commissioner Flippo also made the motion that we pay the 6% overhead charges to the Road Commission and to also charge the same fee back to them. Seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried.

A report was made on the financial problems of the Rollin-Woodstock Sewer System by Mr. Mitchell. The Drainage Board met with the Addison Village Council and also Mr. Mitchell wrote a letter advising them to double their customer usage rates so that they can catch up on their obligations for the operation of this system.

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A progress report was given on the sewer construction projects. Adrian-Madison-Adrian system is ahead of schedule. Fairfield Township is behind schedule due to delays in power installation, red tape, etc. Britton-Ridgeway system is progressing slowly now.

Due to the good weather this winter work on drain projects has continued. The Cadmus Tile drain was recently completed by our drain employees. The Metzger Drain is partially completed with work being done on the east portion now. The Norcross Lake Drain is progressing slowly with many problems being encountered.

The annual report has gone to the printers and will be presented to the March meeting of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners.

The bus tour will be discussed at the March meeting.

A new union contract went into effect on January 1980 but we do not have a signed copy as yet. The Commissioner reported he is attempting to fill a CETA trainee slot for the sewage treatment plant.

Commissioner Flipppo moved that the January bills be paid. Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

Chairman Storrer reported that they would continue the practice of visiting the Road Commission meetings on a per diem basis.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. to allow the Committee to go look at the ditching machine and will met again on Friday, March 7, 1980. Commissioner Storrer and Brown inspected the machine. Commissioner Flipppo and Godfrey did not.

Dale Storrer, Chairman

Ethel Gritzmaker, Secretary

LENAWEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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March 7, 1980

The Physical Resources Committee of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners met at 1:40 p.m., Friday, March 7, 1980 at the Drain office.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Commissioner Dale Storrer. Other members present were: Commissioners Erwina Godfrey, Ronald Brown and Hugh Flippo. Also present were: Donald Mitchell, Drain Commissioner and Ethel Gritzmaker, Secretary. Absent: Commissioner Richard Harris

Commissioner Godfrey asked about the \$50,000 check we were to receive from the contractor that defaulted on his contract as discussed at the February meeting. Mr. Mitchell said we did not have the check yet. She also asked if Addison Village had increased their rates as suggested. Do not know yet. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as printed and placed on file.

Bills for the month were reviewed and approved.

The Committee inquired about the present situation of trying to purchase a ditching machine. In the discussion Commissioner Storrer felt that the machine could be put to good use both for drain work and maintenance of sewer projects later on. Commissioner Godfrey made a motion we try and purchase the machine for the proposed price of \$13,500 under the terms outlined in Mr. Mitchell's letter to Mrs. Maxwell (daughter of the deceased owner of the machine). Supported by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried. Ayes: Godfrey, Brown, Storrer. Nays: Flippo.

Bus tour was discussed. Consensus of opinion was that if only a small group would go to use the two stationwagons for transportation but if they have larger group to hire a van or bus. Motion by Commissioner Godfrey for the Drain Commissioner to make plans for the last part of June and adjust the plans according to size of group. Supported by Commissioner Flippo. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown inquired as to the progress of the Britton-Ridgeway Sewer project. Mr. Mitchell reported that the work is started but having a few financial problems on this much delayed project. Bond transaction with FmHA not yet completed. County to be reimbursed for land cost when funds become available.

Mr. Harvey Koselka will be invited to the next meeting to give legal advice regarding two statements for county attorney charges and a check received from the plaintiff attorney's (Robertson, Bartlow & DesChenes) for legal work done on the Loch Erin Lake Level lawsuit. The question if we could legally use the special assessment money to pay these costs was discussed. The statements and check in the amount of \$199.25 paid by the plaintiff (Abraham) for court costs will be kept on file until the April meeting. County attorney charges for the lake level action totals \$1,275. And another charge for defending against the Abraham lawsuit totals \$3,678.69.

It was reported that some office rearrangements had been done.

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The Drain Commissioner's annual report is ready to be presented to the Board of Commissioners meeting March 26, 1980 at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Brown asked about sewer assessments for the Maurice Spear Campus. Mr. Mitchell reported that he had met with the Building and Grounds Committee and it would be up to them to get together with the Madison Township Board to resolve some of these questions. He did recommend a direct cash payment to be made by the County to Madison Township as soon as terms are negotiated.

Copies of the press release in the Adrian Daily Telegram regarding "Permits required for earth moving activities near lakes and streams" were passed out to the Committee. Mr. Mitchell hopes to send out letters directly to the contractors and building inspectors in the near future.

Work on the Norcross Lake Drain is continuing. Contractor Zenz completed putting in 1100 feet of tile and the Massey Ferguson Company is now resuming the work. Metzger Drain work will begin this spring again. Petitions are in for farm drain work and will be scheduling hearings soon. Saline-Macon Joint County Drain project problems have not been resolved yet. A meeting for the Cole Joint County Drain has been set for April 2nd for Lenawee and Hillsdale counties.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. and will meet again on Friday, April 4, 1980 at 10:00 a.m. (Good Friday)

Dale Storrer, Chairman

Ethel Gritzmaker, Secretary

LENAWEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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May 9, 1980

The Physical Resources Committee of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners met at 1:15 p.m., Friday, May 9, 1980 in the Drain Office Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Commissioner Dale Storrer. Other members present were: Commissioners Erwina Godfrey, Hugh Flippo, Richard Harris and Ronald Brown. Also present were: Donald Mitchell, Drain Commissioner and Marian Ehlert, Deputy. Commissioner Russ Spalding came in later.

The April bills were presented and approved.

The matter of the purchase of a "Hat and Coat Rack" for the County Building Conference Room was discussed and a requisition for same was filled out and signed by Vice Chairman, Commissioner Harris. This requisition to be sent to the Building and Grounds Committee through Dorothy Kishpaugh of the Printing Department.

Mr. Mitchell briefed the committee on the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Program as it relates to the Drain Office; the County Drain projects in motion at the present time; also progress and problems on three different sewer projects now under construction.

The present status of the Raisin River Watershed Council was explained by Mr. Mitchell and the future of this Council was discussed. The Council will meet again on May 28th at 2:00 p.m. It was suggested we get in touch with ECOL people and to add them to our mailing list; also the Soil Conservation people. It was the consensus of opinion that there are many things that could be done on a long range program and that the Council should be kept alive. A short questionnaire has been sent out to municipalities in the watershed.

The upcoming "Bus Tour" for the County Commissioners to be held June 20th was discussed. Tentatively it is planned to meet here at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and rolls, then to make the following stops: Local sewer construction project; Jasper-Fairfield-Weston sewer construction project; Metzger and Norcross Lake Drain projects; Britton-Ridgeway sewer construction project; critical bridge site at Crockett Highway; and to return here about 4:00 p.m. Invitations are to go to elected County officials, Soil Conservation and County Road Commissioners and to all County Commissioners. The Raisin River will be observed at various points. Lunch will probably be at Country House Restaurant. It was suggested that Commissioner Brown contact Christine Brail from Human Services to see if we can get a "Hustle" Bus for the Tour.

Neither Mr. Koselka, Prosecuting Attorney nor Mr. Shaw, Assistant were able to be present to discuss the Loch Erin and Lake Hudson matters. Commissioner Harris moved and Commissioner Godfrey supported to refer this matter to the Committee on Ways and Means. Carried.

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It was decided that Commissioner Flippo will attend the next meeting of the County Road Commission to be held Friday, May 16th.

Commissioner Storrer excused himself as he was leaving for Chicago as soon as he reached home and Commissioner Harris, Vice Chairman presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Commissioner Spalding was present to discuss the present status of the Solid Waste Disposal problems bringing us up to date on this matter.

Mr. Mitchell discussed House Bills 5541, 4663 and 5510 and Senate Bill 979. It was decided at the last meeting to write letters on HB 5541, which is the contractor's retainage bill and HB 4663, on assessing state owned lands, to be signed by the Committee Chairman, Dale Storrer. This was done. A letter opposing HB 5541 was mailed to The Honorable William A. Ryan, Chairman Urban Affairs Committee, House of Representatives. A letter supporting HB 4663 went to The Honorable Senator John Hertel with a copy being sent to our own Senator, John Mowat, Jr. House Bill 5510 and Senate Bill 979 are very similar. It was moved by Commissioner Flippo, supported by Commissioner Godfrey and carried that a similar letter be written on these bills to be signed by the Chairman of the Committee, Dale Storrer.

The reclassification of some staff members will be taken up by the Personnel Committee when they meet on May 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Dale Storrer, Chairman

Richard Harris, Vice Chairman

Marian E. Ehlert, Secretary

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June 6, 1980

The Physical Resources Committee of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners met at 1:15 p.m., Friday, June 6, 1980 in the Drain Office Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Commissioner Dale Storrer. Other members present were: Commissioners Erwina Godfrey, Richard Harris and Ronald Brown. Also present were: Gerald Ambrose, County Administrator-Co-ordinator; Donald Mitchell, Drain Commissioner and Marian Ehlert, Deputy. Commissioner Russ Spalding came in later. Commissioner Flipppo absent.

The minutes of the April meeting were discussed and accepted.

The May bills were presented and approved.

The matter of the upcoming Bus Tour for County Commissioners and others to be held June 20th was discussed. It was suggested that we visit the County Library and County Airport as well as the Adrian-Madison-Adrian and Britton-Ridgeway Sewage Treatment Plants and County drain projects; also the Lenawee Disposal business on Ogden Highway. It was also decided to invite all County Commissioners; Road Commissioners; Health Department representatives; Co-operative Extension Office representatives; all elected officials; Soil Conservation officials and the media. Reservations are to be made by June 11. It was also decided to use an Adrian school bus rather than a Hustle Bus. A motion was made by Commissioner Godfrey, supported by Commissioner Harris and carried to invite the current candidates for County Commissioner seats. All who are going on the tour to meet in the County Building Conference Room at 8:30 o'clock; coffee and doughnuts will be served while the group is assembling.

A report was given by Commissioner Spalding on the June 2nd meeting on Solid Waste Disposal.

It was reported by Mr. Mitchell that he had discussed some personnel classifications with the Personnel Committee.

The next meeting of this Committee would fall on July 4th; therefore, it was moved by Commissioner Godfrey, supported by Commissioner Brown and carried to waive the June bills directly to the Ways and Means Committee and the July meeting of the Physical Resources Committee be postponed one week.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. to meet next on July 11th at 1:15 p.m.

Dale Storrer, Chairman

Marian Ehlert, Secretary