

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2023 MEETING**

Committee Chair Lovell called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm at the Livingston County Highway Department

Present: Lovell, Runyon, Blackard, Myers (4:00 pm), Vitzthum, Weller
Absent: Ambrose
Other Board Members Present: Earing, Carley
Others Present: Metcalf, Schwahn

Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Blackard, second by Vitzthum. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Motion by Runyon, second by Vitzthum to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Bridge Petition: Owego Road District – Replace existing culverts along 2000N from 1800E to 2100E. Estimated Cost = \$50,000. Section 23-19000-01-AB

Motion by Weller, second by Blackard to recommend full board approval of the county board action item. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FY24: The committee went through the preliminary budget and discussed any major changes in the line items. Motion by Blackard, second by Weller to forward a copy of the preliminary budget to the Finance Committee. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

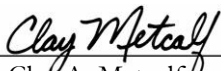
NEW MAINTENANCE BUILDING: Vissering's subcontractors have been mostly working in the building on electrical runs, water lines, air lines, breakroom cabinets, and overhead doors. The mezzanine steps and railing have been installed and painted. Several other miscellaneous items scheduled to be completed over the next two months. We finished installing all of the foundation blocks for the new salt storage building with our own crew. The area inside and in front of the salt storage has been paved. Paving has also been completed up to the new fence line at the main entrance. Freedom Buildings should be completing the salt shed within the next month.

OTHER ITEMS: Metcalf shared the letter received from IDOT regarding the Planning study being conducted. There will be a public meeting held at the Pontiac Recreation Center, 900 N. Elm Street on August 31, 2023 from 4 pm to 7 pm. This will be posted on the County's website as well as the Facebook page. IDOT has provided a Public Comment Form for anyone who wishes to submit one. Meeting attendance is not required to fill out the comment form. Anyone that is interested in making Route 66 from Pontiac to Chenoa safer and ride better should attend the meeting and/or fill out a Public Comment Form.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Weller asked about the status of the Road Use Agreement (RUA) with EDF. Metcalf shared that it is currently still being negotiated but there has been some recent push back with the proposed widths of some roads to be upgraded. It was explained that the proposed widths the Townships and County are asking for are identical to the widths we currently build roads to now and the past 40 years. Nearly every road that has been reconstructed with local funds by the Township or County requires widening, so this request does not appear unreasonable.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Runyon, second by Weller to approve the bills. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion to adjourn the meeting by Myers, second by Blackard. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.



Clay A. Metcalf,
County Engineer