

**Rural Task Force #3 Meeting**  
**November 7, 2022**  
**Kalamazoo County Road Commission**

**Members in Attendance:**

Josh Grab	MDOT SW Region Planning
Jay Miller	Branch County Road Commission
Ryan Minkus	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Garrett Myland	St. Joseph County Road Commission
Kristine Parsons	Calhoun County Road Department
Jake Welch	Chair - Barry County Road Commission, Chair

**Others in Attendance:**

Jim Hoekstra	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Brian Kernstock	Calhoun County Road Department
Don Mayle	MDOT – Rural Task Force Program Manager
Sean McBride*	Kalamazoo Metro
Fred Nagler	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study/SMPC

**Call to Order**

Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. The meeting was held at the offices of the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County.

**Approval of the November 7, 2022 Meeting Agenda**

MOTION by Minkus, SUPPORT by Parsons, **“to approve the agenda as presented.”** Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of January 26, 2022 Rural Task Force #3 Meeting Minutes**

MOTION by Parsons, SUPPORT by Minkus **“to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2022 RTF #3 meeting.”** Motion approved unanimously.

**Review of 2023 – 2026 Projects**

Prior to the review of projects, Don Mayle indicated that the deadline for acceptance of requests for the federal aid buyout program was extended, as the required minimum amount of funding requests has not been met. Chair Welch proposed proceeding with the review by having each county present their proposed changes in turn. Motions were presented as follows:

**St. Joseph County**

MOTION by Myland, SUPPORT by Parsons and unanimous approval by all voting members to approve the following changes for St. Joseph County:

- **2023: Add a project for an HMA overlay on Klinger Lake Road from Timm to Banker using \$310,903 in STBG funding and \$153,897 in local match**
- **2024: Add \$153,00 in STBG funding to the North Angling project, JN 216317, along with the minimum required local match**

**Kalamazoo County**

MOTION by Minkus, SUPPORT by Parsons and unanimous approval by all voting members to approve the following changes for Kalamazoo County:

- **2023: Add \$157,312 in STBG funding to Metro's bus purchase project, JN 205146**
- **2024: Add \$133,000 in STBG funding with required local match to JN 216404, and change the project location to Mercury Drive, MN to E Michigan and MN, 42<sup>nd</sup> to Mercury Drive**
- **2025: Add \$22,000 in STBG funding to Metro's Van Purchase project, JN 216408**
- **2025: Add \$114,000 in STBG funding and the required local match to the Road Commission's JN 216407 and change the project location to G Avenue, Gull Road/M-43 to M-96**
- **2026: Add \$23,000 in STBG funding to Metro's Van Purchase project, JN 216415**
- **2026: Add \$116,000 in STBG funding and the required local match to JN 216414 and change the project location to Douglas Avenue, B Avenue to D Avenue**

**Branch County**

MOTION by Miller, SUPPORT by Minkus ***"to approve adding \$289,402 in STBG funding and the required local match to the Road Commission's 2023 Countywide Maintenance project, JN 206971."*** Motion approved unanimously.

**Barry County**

MOTION by Welch, SUPPORT by Parsons and unanimous approval by all voting members to approve the following changes for Barry County:

- **2023: Add \$187,976 in STBG funding and Reduce HIP/COVID funding to \$123,024 for the Road Commission's Countywide Pavement Marking Project, JN 215633**
- **2024: Add \$174,000 in STBG funding, \$148,748 in HIP/COVID funding and the required local match to the Road Commission's Countywide Preventive Maintenance project, JN 216333**
- **2025: Reduce the Road Commission's Countywide Preventive Maintenance project, JN 216334 to \$640,000 in STBG funding with \$160,000 in local match**
- **2025: Add a Countywide Pavement Marking project using \$350,000 in STBG funding**

**Public Comment**

No public comment was offered

**Other Business**

Don Mayle said that an offer has been made to the successful interviewee for the position of Rural Task Force Coordinator, but it has not been accepted yet.

Myland inquired about the possibility of using federal funding for one section and local funding for another on one road. After discussion on how such a project might need to be structured, bid and awarded, Mayle and Grab indicated that they believed it can and has been done in the past. Mayle said he would look into the matter and get back to Myland

Minkus inquired whether the CRA should put out a one-sheet summary of how the federal aid buy-back project compares with the local federal fund exchange program. Welch indicated that his director is on the CRA board and believes that such a document will be forthcoming.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

**Minutes approved: April 4, 2023**

*Questions or comments on these minutes can be directed to:*

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