

**WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
VIRTUAL WORKING SESSION MINUTES OF  
June 15, 2021**

**Present:** Road Commissioners Barbara Fuller – Chair, Rodrick Green – Vice Chair, Douglas Fuller, Gloria Llamas, Jo Ann McCollum

**Staff Present:** D. Ackerman, E. Kizer, M. MacDonell, N. Peterson, C. Quinter, S. Siddall, E. Stewart

**Others Present:** J. deSpelder – CRASIF, T. Johnson, J. Sawyer

Roll Call of Attendance:

Barbara Fuller, Chair – remote from Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan  
Rodrick Green, Vice Chair – remote from Superior Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan  
Douglas Fuller, Member – remote from Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan  
Gloria Llamas, Member – remote from Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan  
Jo Ann McCollum, Member – remote from Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan  
Sheryl Siddall, Managing Director  
Matt MacDonell, Director of Engineering/County Highway Engineer  
Jim Harmon, Director of Operations – absent  
Dan Ackerman, Director of Finance & IT

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public comment.

**Overview of CRASIF**

Sheryl Siddall, Managing Director, introduced CRASIF Administrator, Jim deSpelder, who provided an introduction presentation on CRASIF. CRASIF is the County Road Association Self Insurance Fund. Jim provided an overview of CRASIF workers compensation coverage, background information on the organization, and benefits.

The CRASIF mission statement “is to reduce the potential for employee injury and to provide a comprehensive disability management program for employees eligible for workers compensation.” Jim went on to explain the different reasons why CRASIF is the best choice for road commissions. The reasons were cost, expertise, value propositions, true partnership, and control.

CRASIF claims are handled through a third-party claim’s administrator, Mackinaw Administrators. Jim stated CRASIF acts as a “One Stop Shop” where they only use one adjuster for lost wages, medical claims, and to return to work. They also utilize multiple preferred providers and bill review networks to help reduce medical costs.

Jim shared that as of October 31, 2020, there have been 518 claims and 10 litigated claims filed since WCRC joined CRASIF in 2001. WCRC’s lowest year for claims was between 2014-

2015 totaling \$29,501; the highest year was between 2011-2012 totaling \$616,256. Jim mentioned that CRASIF has provided WCRC with an estimated 200 hours of training.

Sheryl Siddall, Managing Director, extended her thanks to Jim for his informative presentation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

J. McCollum moved; R. Green seconded to adjourn the June 15, 2021, Working Session at 10:06 a.m.

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: B. Fuller, D. Fuller, R. Green, G. Llamas, J. McCollum

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion Carried.

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Barbara Ryan Fuller, Chair  
Washtenaw County Board of County Road Commissioners

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Sheryl Soderholm Siddall, Deputy Clerk  
Washtenaw County Board of County Road Commissioners