

February 15, 2023

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County held their regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 9:00 a.m. on February 15, 2023.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director and Kim Alexander, Finance Director-Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer were given.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

John Frost and Jo Spry-Virgo of Richland Township were present to inquire about abandoning a portion of Lincoln Street. Once the attorney answers the question of the public area in the swampy area, Pat will get back with them.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve and sign the following contracts:

Eureka Township

- Tree removal on South County Line Road from the Flat River Bridge to Berridge Road - \$13,850

Montcalm Township

- Design engineering for deck replacement on Dickerson Lake Road Bridge over the Flat River - \$13,423

Winfield Township

- Remove and replace the Masters Road Bridge over the tamarack Creek under the Local Bridge Program - \$44,167.21

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to accept and put on file the following bids: Bituminous Cold Patch, Carbide Bits, Concrete Construction, Corrugated Metal Culverts, Corrugated Plastic Culverts, Eureka Township Tree Cutting, Gravel Resurfacing, Gravel Resurfacing – Limestone, Overband Crack Sealing, Pavement Corrugations and Tree Cutting. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the bid renewal for Roadside Park Maintenance from LS Landscaping at the same price as last year. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve out of state travel for two mechanics to attend Etnyre training. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- I am signing a three-year contract with Republic Services for our dumpster/trash service. Monthly savings will be substantial.
- We bladed some roads yesterday and will continue to blade as weather permits. The upcoming snow is not going to help us.
- Weight restrictions began Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 a.m.
- EGLE's 30 day comment window is open on the proposed changes to the way we apply brine in the summer and winter. This change will not allow us to use mineral oil brine within 100 ft of open water. This includes water in ditches. We are monitoring the situation and will report back if there are any changes. The changes go into effect on April 1, 2023.
- The second round of meetings with townships is complete. The engineering employees are working on measuring roads and estimates for the work so townships will receive contracts for their March meetings.
- Our second truck should be delivered to Truck & Trailer at the end of the week.
- The new truck garage is scheduled to be cleaned on March 6<sup>th</sup> and we should get occupancy immediately after.
- Preschooler's will be here Friday.
- Al Roden from CRASIF was here last Friday for a training session.

Engineer's Report

- The Masters Road bridge over Tamarack Creek project has begun.
- We have been in the field estimating primary and township roads for projects. Our goal is to have all contracts to the townships by their March meeting.
- Bids have been opened for the following materials:
  - Bituminous Cold Patch
  - Carbide Bits
  - Concrete Construction
  - Corrugated Metal Culverts
  - Corrugated Plastic Culverts
  - Eureka Township South County Line Tree Cutting
  - Gravel Resurfacing
  - Gravel Resurfacing – Limestone
  - Overband Crack Seal
  - Pavement Corrugations
  - Tree Cutting

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the January 26, 2023, bills totaling \$180,257.03, the February 9, 2023 bills totaling \$761,006.76, Payroll #2 totaling \$121,781.37 and Payroll #3 totaling 140,537.67. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk