

March 22, 2017

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County held a regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 9:00 a.m. on March 22, 2017.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director, Pat Denton, Engineering Technician 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 February 15, 2017 and March 2, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to open a public hearing to consider the request of Trent Hilding to abandon and vacate public right of way in Section 31 of Richland Township at 9:02 a.m. Motion carried.

The proposed roads to be abandoned are: Church Road, lying east of W. Vickeryville Road to the point the road ends and intersects with N. Pine Grove Road; and Pine Grove Road, south from E. Church Road to E. Lake Montcalm Road.

Mr. Hilding stated that there have been numerous trespassing issues on the proposed abandonment site. All property owners except the DNR have signed the petition. He would be providing all property owners with an easement for access if the abandonment is approved.

Richland Township Supervisor, Dennis Wright was present along with Calvin Callison, Richland Township Fire Chief. The Township wants to be sure they aren't responsible to improve the road to current standards if someone requests it to become public again in the future and the Fire Department has concerns about the drive having a locked gate that could hinder fire department operations.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to close the public hearing at 9:13 a.m. Motion carried.

Commissioner Scott offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE MONTCALM COUNTY ROAD  
COMMISSION ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY  
OF CHURCH ROAD AND PINE GROVE ROAD IN RICHLAND TOWNSHIP,  
MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, a petition has been filed seeking the abandonment of a portion of the right-of-way of Church Road and Pine Grove Road in Richland Township, Montcalm County, Michigan;

WHEREAS, the petition has been duly signed by seven freeholders of Richland Township and the petitioners have furnished the required certified, true and correct list of the names and mailing addresses of the occupants of each parcel of land abutting the portion of the road to be abandoned;

WHEREAS, all other requirements of the statute, being MCL §224.18, have been satisfied;  
and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission finds that abandonment of the portion of the road right-of-way is in the best interest of the public;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that:

- A. The Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County Road Commission determines that it is in the best interest of the public to abandon the portion of the right-of-way of Church Road and Pine Grove Road in Richland Township, Montcalm County, Michigan described as follows:

Church Road, lying East of W. Vickeryville Road to the point the road ends and intersects with N. Pine Grove Road; and

Pine Grove Road, South from E. Church Road to E. Lake Montcalm Road.

B. The portion of the right-of-way of Church Road and Pine Grove Road described above in Section A is hereby absolutely abandoned and discontinued; **provided, however, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County specifically reserves an easement for public utility purposes within the right-of-way being abandoned and discontinued.**

The Montcalm County Road Commission and Richland Township will not be responsible to improve the roads to certification standards in the future if requested to recertify the roads as public.

Recorded easements for abutting property owners will be executed by Mr. Hilding upon abandonment being approved.

Seconded by Brundage. Roll call: Yes- Brundage, Scott, Lincoln. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the following township contracts: Motion carried.

#### Montcalm County Emergency Services

- Removal of existing asphalt and disposal. Tree and stump removal for additional parking. Basins, drain pipe and edge drainage installation. All work including materials for new asphalt placement. 330# asphalt mat with pavement markings, concrete sidewalk and placement of topsoil with seeding - \$81,076.00

#### Bushnell Township

- Brush spray local roadsides – locations to be determined - \$2,000
- 200# overlay in Bennett Park - \$7,989
- Machine wedge Townhall Road from Condensery Road to Sessions Road. (1.0 mile) - \$8,069
- Machine wedge Townhall Road from Sessions Road to Station Road and Station Road from Townhall Road to Townhall Road (0.75 mile) - \$24,207
- Machine wedge Townhall Road from M-57 to Station Road (0.50 mile) - \$12,188
- Gravel resurface Boyer Road from Staines Road to Stevenson Road (1.0 mile)- \$15,637
- Three applications of chloride on local roads @ 1,650 GPM - \$31,332.78

#### Douglass Township

- Seal coat with fog seal North Shore Drive south of Briggs Road (0.38 mile) - \$6,680
- Machine wedge and seal Musson Road from Kendaville Road to Lake Montcalm Road (1.0 mile) - \$29,852
- 180# overlay on north half of West Shore Drive @ Lake Stanton (0.30 mile x 20 ft. wide) - \$29,162
- Overband crack seal – locations to be determined - \$8,625
- Gravel resurface Nevins Road from Klees Road to dead end north (0.50 mile) - \$7,924
- Brush spray local roadsides – locations to be determined - \$2,000
- Three applications of chloride on local roads @ 1,650 GPM - \$31,726.86

#### Home Township

- Overband crack seal – locations to be determined - \$8,625
- Machine wedge and seal Cedar Lake Road from M-46 (Howard City/Edmore Road) to Edgar Road (1.0 mile) - \$27,281
- 180# asphalt overlay on Neff Road starting at Tamarack Road going north 1,200 feet - \$17,309
- Three applications of chloride on local roads @ 1,650 GPM - \$24,455.79

#### Evergreen Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads @ 1,650 GPM - \$30,869.17

#### Crystal Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads @ 1,650 GPM - \$35,721.69

#### Bloomer Township

- Four applications of chloride on local roads @ 1,650 GPM - \$22,047.56

#### Winfield Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads @ 2,000 GPM - \$36,850.80

#### Maple Valley Township

- One application of chloride on Briggs Road between Marble Road and the township line @ 5,000 GPM- \$1,013
- Three applications of chloride on local roads @ \$1,650 GPM - \$28,170.45

#### Belvidere Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads @ 1,650 GPM - \$24,880.78

#### Eureka Township

- Four applications of chloride on local roads @ 1,650 GPM - \$21,903.33

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the following Temporary Traffic Control Order:

### **TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER**

**59-01-2017**

**March 22, 2017**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Montcalm County Road Commission by 1931 PA 328, MCLA 750.497, Section 497 of the Michigan Penal Code and 1974 PA 162, MSA 9.2328, Michigan Vehicle Code Section 628, we hereby order that there shall be NO PARKING IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY on both sides of B Street from Second Street to Fourth Street in the Village of Trufant, Township of Maple Valley, County of Montcalm. All police agencies having jurisdiction therein shall enforce said parking restriction when official traffic control signs conforming to the mandate of this order have been erected. This order is in effect from April 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017.

Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the bid of the G.W. VanKeppel Company for a used 3500 gallon oil distributor and truck for \$197,825, delivered. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

Mark and Pat presented two year plans for Federal Aid primary road projects and Non-Federal Aid projects.

#### Engineer's Report

- Six Lakes Bridge over the Flat River project will be let in May with a July construction date
- Township contract estimates are finished except for a few stragglers

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to meet in closed session under Section 8c of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement at 9:39 a.m. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 10:00 p.m.

Moved by Brudage, seconded by Scott to agree to the union's request for a two percent raise and the same signing bonus as last year but add a .5% increase in the hourly employee's MERS contribution. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

#### Manager's Report

- This week will be spent patching potholes and grading gravels. Next week we will concentrate on equipment with rain in the forecast. Will be spending a lot of my time meeting with townships to help them through the contracts.

- Weight restrictions will be removed on Monday, March 27, 2017 @ 6:00 a.m.
- The CRA Conference was last week. A lot of good information was shared.
- Al Roden will be here in the morning with MIOSHA and forklift training.
- Joe and Kevin will be attending Etnyre training at the factory for a few days at the end of the month
- Rural Task Force meeting will be in April
- Night patrol will be done on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Chuck will be back on days on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The night mechanics will be switching to days after Easter for a smoother transition.
- We will be switching to ten hour days starting April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will then work 4 eight hour days the next week due to Good Friday and then back to four ten hour days the following week for the remainder of the season.
- Requests for a salt shed in Howard City and repairs to the salt shed in Stanton have been submitted to MDOT
- Seven County Council meeting is in Greenville at Flo's on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- The Marlin employee communication system we are demoing is up and running in the Stanton break room.
- Was contacted by St. Clair County regarding our interest in joining the 3 counties in the thumb area who pay for Ron DeCook's services as a lobbyist. We can have Ron come to a future meeting to discuss his services if the board is interested.

#### Clerk's Report

- An updated estimate from MDOT is in the dropbox. The new estimate is a bit higher.
- Working on a budget amendment for one of the April meetings
- Updated Employee Policy Manuals were handed out this week

Moved by Brundage seconded by Scott, to approve the bills totaling \$737,068.43 and Payroll #5 totaling \$88,102.12 and Payroll #6, totaling \$93,023.83. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk