

April 1, 2015

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 April 1, 2015.

Present: Commissioners Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director, Pat Denton, Engineering Tech, and Kim Alexander, Finance Director-Clerk.

Absent: Commissioner Linton.

The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer were given.

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

Moved by Scott seconded by Brundage to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves Contract No. 15-5086 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation for:

PART A – BHO 59018; JOB #118532A; BHO 15599002); RT 0104

Rehabilitation work for the structure B01 of 59-18-04 (#7523), which carries Douglass Road over the Pine River, Sections 13 and 14, T12N, R5W, Richland Township, Montcalm County, Michigan; including hot mix asphalt resurfacing, expansion joint replacement, riprap, approach, and maintaining traffic work; and all together with necessary related work.

PART B – BHO 59007; JOB #118533A; BHO 1559(003); RT0105

Rehabilitation work for the structure B01 of 59-07-22 (#7497), which carries Miller Road over the Flat River; Section 20, T11N, R7W, Douglass Township, Montcalm County, Michigan; including hot mix asphalt resurfacing, deck hardware repair, approach, and maintaining traffic work; and all together with necessary related work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Robert Brundage, Vice Chairman, and Kim Alexander, Finance Director-Clerk, are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

Supported by Commissioner Brundage.

Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott. Absent: Linton

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

Belvidere Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$23,287

Douglass Township

- One application of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$9,898
- Three applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$29,694

Eureka Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$15,375

Evergreen Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$28,892

Ferris Township

- Two applications of chloride on local roads at 1,250 gpm - \$14,592
- One application of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$9,631
- Gravel resurface Vickeryville Road from McBride Road to Kendaville Road (1 mile)(Split cost with Day Township) - \$6,383

Home Township

- Four applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$30,519
- Salt stabilize Peoples Road from Cutler Road south (.25 mile) - \$508
- Gravel resurface Tamarack Road from Deja Road east (.5 mile) - \$6,235

Montcalm Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$16,438

Pierson Township

- Four applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$33,208
- Overband crack seal locations to be determined - \$8,625

Pine Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads at 2,000 gpm - \$21,836

Winfield Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads at 2,000 gpm - \$35,535

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

WHEREAS, Michigan drivers deserve a safe and reliable road and bridge network. Investing more in our roads will improve safety, giving residents peace of mind that roads will see their families safely to work and school; and

WHEREAS, 38 percent of Michigan's state-and locally-owned urban roads and 32 percent of the state's state-and locally-owned rural roads are in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has relied on Band-Aid, short-term fixes for our roads instead of investing enough money to fix our roads for the long term; and

WHEREAS, Michigan invests less per capita in transportation than any state in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Every \$1 invested today to keep our roads in good condition will save \$6 to \$14 later as conditions deteriorate. The longer we wait to fix Michigan's roads, the more it will cost; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's roads are vital to business and economic development, to families and schools, to public safety and health care, to agriculture and tourism, and to every aspect of our lives; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot would provide sorely needed revenue to fix roads with funds that politicians can't divert somewhere else – while also supporting Michigan's long-term future by investing in our public schools and local communities. Every penny paid at the pump for taxes will be guaranteed in the constitution to go to transportation.

WHEREAS, The Montcalm County Road Commission will receive \$7,584,015.00 in new revenue within three years if Proposal 1 is adopted by Michigan voters.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; The Montcalm County Road Commission resolves to support Proposal 1, a broad-ranging road funding proposal that goes before Michigan voters on May 5, 2015.

Supported by Commissioner Brundage.

Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott. Absent: Linton

Manager's Report

- Countywide the Spring break up isn't too bad. Gravels are better than normal for this time of year.
- Weight restrictions are still in effect. We will look at how things are progressing at the end of next week.
- Foreman meeting this afternoon to work on spring plans.
- Auction items set for the spring auction in May.
- Snow Show day passes will be here Friday or Monday for the mid-April show in Grand Rapids if interested.
- Ten hour days start Monday, April 6th.
- Posting Cato Township Truck Driver position next week
- There is an interest being shown by urban road commissions to purchase federal aid dollars from smaller, rural organizations. This is in the concept stage-will keep you up to date when more information becomes available.
- Pat and I are finishing up township contract work.

- Proposal one work is ongoing between Mark and Pat...both attending meetings together and separately.
- Commissioner Code of Conduct-this was part of the CRASIF board member packet. We tweaked it a bit to fit our board. Please make comments if necessary and we will look at it at the May meeting.
- Accident Prevention Plan....look at it and let me know if there are any concerns. Will get printed and put in each truck if all are comfortable with it.
- Two trucks are done and in the garages. Will pick up the last truck at the end of the week at Truck & Trailer.
- Received correspondence from Mike Cavanaugh regarding Maurer's.
- Leelanau County is asking \$50,000 for their used chip seal equipment. We will be purchasing it with the remainder of our capital budget. With coming auction and the sale of our old equipment it will not effect our capital budget negatively. Michigan Cat will deliver for around \$700 freight. The equipment is larger, which will make the process more efficient and require less trips.

Engineer's Report

- CR 522 (Stanton Road) - M-91 to Lake Road. Proposed start is May 29. Open to traffic date is June 30.
- CR 585 (Derby Road) from Spruce Drive to CR 522 (Stanton Road) will be let on April 3. Earliest start date is April 27 with an open to traffic date of August 15.
- Douglas Road bridge over the Pine River and Miller Road bridge over the Flat River rehabilitation projects will be let April 3. Earliest start date is May 4 with an open to traffic date of August 14.
- CR 599 (Federal Road) / Almy Road intersection safety upgrade will be let on May 1.
- CR 510 (Sidney Road) chip seal from M-91 to Ferris Road will be obligated soon.
- Sign safety upgrade is waiting for obligation.
- Guardrail safety upgrade along CR 599 (Federal Road) will be let in July and constructed in August.
- CR 582 (Howard City / Edmore Road) bridge over Tamarack Creek rehabilitation will be let in August with a September construct date.
- CR 530 (Kendaville Road) from CR 599 (Federal Road) to CR 601 (Bailey Road) may be a July let but probably won't be let until August with a September start. This is due to the federal government funding.
- CR 510 (Sidney Road) bridge over the Flat River in Gowen will be a September obligation, October let and an April 2016 construct.
- Looking at a college intern to help out in engineering for the summer.

Clerk's Report

- 2nd Quarter Financial Statement is in your Dropbox. Please look over and let me know if you have any questions.
- Expecting our 2015/16 health insurance renewal rates sometime in April. Hopefully will present at May meeting

Moved by Scott seconded by Brundage, to approve the March 18, 2015 bills totaling \$239,390.34, April 1, 2015 bills totaling \$330,616.98, Payroll #6 totaling \$83,207.82, and payroll #7 totaling \$80,922.41. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Scott. Absent-Linton. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk