

May 3, 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 May 3, 2023.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director, Pat Denton, Assistant Highway Engineer and Kim Alexander, Finance Director/Clerk. There were also several residents present.

The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer were given.

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

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve and sign the following contracts. Motion carried.

Belvidere Township

- Spray brush along local roadsides - \$2,000
- Forty hours ditching along local roads - \$5,000
- Overlay Derby Road from M-46 to Fleck Road - \$75,180
- Gravel resurface Edgar Road from Lake Road to Hillman Road - \$17,243
- Overlay Hillman Road from Tamarack Road to Cutler Road - \$132,329
- Gravel resurface Miles Road from M-46 to Cutler Road - \$25,865
- Overlay Holland Road from Cutler Road to North County Line Road - \$107,272
- Three applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm on local roads - \$34,082.98

Winfield Township

- Install 600 gallon dry well and pipe from existing structure on the corner of Winona Lane and Arbogast Road to the east for drainage improvement - \$3,153
- Limestone resurface Blackfoot Trail, Seneca Court and Seneca Drive - \$26,554
- Spray brush along local roadsides - \$2,000
- Three applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm on local roads - \$39,258.45

Maple Valley Township

- Gravel resurface with limestone, Amble Road from Waterwheel Road to Lake Montcalm Road - \$26,912
- Spray brush along local roadsides - \$2,000
- Forty hours of ditching along local roads - \$5,000
- Overlay Cannonsville Road from Bailey Road to Amble Road - \$110,481
- Overlay on Masters Road from Coral Road to Waterwheel Road - \$102,918
- Overlay on Masters Road from Waterwheel Road to Lake Montcalm Road - \$57,121
- Gravel resurface with limestone, Kendaville Road from Bailey Road 0.5 miles west - \$26,912
- Overband crack seal local roads - \$8,775
- Three applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm on local roads - \$34,563.38

Sidney Township

- Gravel resurface Holland Road from south township line to County Farm Road - \$8,638
- Gravel resurface Brown Road from south township line to County Farm Road - \$8,638

Manager's Report

- If it looks like the MTF is down this month, it's due to the Marijuana Tax distribution being distributed differently from last year.
- Gravel roads are not too bad. We start chloride applications on the 15th.
- Berms are pulled on all regravels projects and should be done today on all roads with paving projects.
- One summer help employee started today with the rest to start next week. We have two retirees that will be mowing in June, July and August.
- Fisher Transportation has been here for three weeks doing regravels. They plan on returning and having natural gravels done by June 1st.

- Yellow Rose Transport will be here next week to start limestone graveling.
- The rotomill company finished up last night on crush and shape projects.
- Federal Road is being milled and we will be paving next week on the first leg of the project.
- Central Asphalt paved Musson Road last week. They are working on Wyman Road today.
- I will be at the Manager's Retreat this Thursday afternoon and Friday morning and the Finance and HR Conference next Tuesday.

Engineering Report

- The Masters Road bridge over Tamarack Creek project is progressing. The concrete railing is being poured today. The approach work is the majority of work left.
- The Dickerson Lake Road bridge over the Flat River is also progressing. The asphalt pavement was placed last week. The guardrail was placed yesterday. Pavement Markings are scheduled for today and then the bridge should be open to traffic.
- All townships have submitted their contracts. This will be our largest paving year to date.
- The rotomill contractor will be done today next week. We have 8.5 miles of rotomill at this time.
- The cold mill contractor began on May 1 on CR599 (Federal Road). They should be done on Friday.
- The paving contractor is scheduled for the second week of May to start on CR599 (Federal Road). Musson Road in Douglass Township was paved on Monday. CR571 (Wyman Road) is scheduled for paving today and tomorrow.
- An application for Federal Safety funds has been submitted. We are applying for funds on CR510 (Sidney Road) from Miller Road to Nevin Road (the same as we submitted last year).

Clerk's Report

- The Priority Health rates effective 7/1/23 are up anywhere from 5% - 9% depending on the age banding. Individual rate changes are going out to the employees in this week's payroll. It is still the best rate when compared to a similar plan with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. There will be more options available to us next renewal when we change to large group.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the May 4, 2023, bills totaling \$446,029.53, Payroll #9 totaling \$130,526.22. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Chairperson

Clerk