

May 18, 2022

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County held a closed session during their regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 8:30 a.m. on May 18, 2022.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director, Pat Denton, Assistant Engineer 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 amended. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Kevin Smith of River Road was present to ask about restoration of the right of way along his property on River Road. He would like to see topsoil rather than gravel shoulders. It was explained that gravel shoulders protect the new pavement and stop the edges from breaking off better than topsoil. Mark will look at his concerns and contact him.

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

Maple Valley Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads @ 1,650 gpm - \$32,194.80
- Forty hours ditching on local roads - \$5,000
- Spray brush along local roadsides - \$2,000
- Overlay First Street from Second Street to A Street - \$39,402
- Pave Grant Street from Mill Street to Bailey Road - \$4,836
- Overlay Black Road from Cannonsville Road to McBride Road - \$88,397
- Limestone resurface Kendaville Road from Bailey Road to Amble Road - \$48,652

Belvidere Township

- Gravel resurface Lake Montcalm Road from Nevins Road to Musson Road (Split with Douglass Township) - \$9,717

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Bushnell Township

- Overlay Vickeryville Road from Fenwick Road to Boyer Road - \$82,263

Village of McBride

- Chip/fog seal Montcalm Street from Division Street to end of pavement - \$1,254
- Chip/fog seal D Street from First Street to Division Street - \$2,618
- Chip/fog seal C Street from First Street to Division Street - \$2,684
- Chip/fog seal Ridge Street from Division Street to Depot Street - \$5,896
- Wedge/seal Main Street from west end to Division Street - \$7,318

Cato Township

- Overlay Bale Road from Tamarack Road to Cutler Road - \$105,639
- Wedge Youngman Road from area south of Paden Road - \$3,047
- Seal/fog seal Schmeid Road from N. Backus Road to Hickory Drive - \$13,429
- Wedge/seal Tamarack Road from Lakeview village limit to Bale Road - \$18,880

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to sign, and submit the Engineering Reimbursement form to MDOT in the amount of \$10,000. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

A letter from the Montcalm Economic Alliance was discussed. No action was taken.

Manager's Report

- We are blading and brining this week. Next week all townships should be wrapped up. Rain would help us out as the gravels went from muddy to extremely dry quickly.
- The Sidney Township Truck Driver position has been offered to an individual. We are awaiting a pre-employment physical and drug test.
- Will be interviewing internal candidates for Howard City Foreman in the next few weeks.
- Need to start think about hosting a retirement dinner for the recent retirees.

Engineering Report

- The paving contractors will be here all week and part of next week. We are paving West County Line, Howard City and Reynolds Township.
- Two of the five bridge preventative maintenance projects have started.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to enter closed session pursuant to Act 267 of 1976, 15.268 Section (c) for a strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement at 9:12 a.m. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 1:21 p.m.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the May 19, 2022, bills totaling \$348,892.31, and Payroll #10 totaling \$110,082.60. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk