

June 3, 2020

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 June 3, 2020.

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 Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Phillip and Jeanne Bigler of Fitzner Road in Montcalm Township were present to discuss the water issue on their property. The neighbor has built up his fields so the culvert is not able to drain onto his property. It is flooding the Bigler's basement and caused a crack in the basement floor. Mark and the board explained that this is a civil issue between two neighbors. We cannot do work outside of the right of way. Mark will make a call to the Drain Commissioner to see if he will look at it and meet with Mr. and Mrs. Bigler.

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

Home Township

- Brush spray along local roads – locations to be determined – \$2,000
- Seal/fog seal Peoples Road from M-46 south 0.50 mile – \$9,835
- Overband crack seal – locations to be determines – \$8,325
- Wedge/seal Deaner Road from Wyman Road to 5th Street (0.25 mile) – \$14,966
- Gravel resurface with limestone Peoples Road from Deaner Road south 0.25 mile – \$9,753
- Wedge/seal Neff Road from Deaner Road to M-46 (1 mile) – \$38,388

Carson City

- Wedge Mercantile Street south of Walnut Street to end – \$5,121
- 330# asphalt mat on the alley north of M-57 between Mercantile Street and Division Street – \$25,325
- Cold mill with 165# overlay on Division Street from M-57 north to the city limits – \$81,366

Bloomer Township

- Brush spray local roads – locations to be determined – \$2,000
- Wedge/seal East County Line Road from Boyer Road to Carson City limits – \$16,183
- Seal/fog seal East County Line Road from Fenwick Road to Boyer Road – \$21,825
- Wedge and seal East County Line Road from Snows Lake Road to Fenwick Road – \$22,124
- 180# asphalt overlay on Miner Road from Fenwick Rd to Boyer Road (1 mile) – \$92,789
- 180# asphalt overlay on Miner Road from Boyer Road to M-57 – \$91,398

Winfield Township

- Gravel resurface Masters Road from Cutler Road to North County Line Road (0.90 mile) – \$16,374
- Gravel resurface 4 locations to be determined by the township and the road commission – \$15,539

Village of Sheridan

- Seal/fog seal Oak Street from Fargo Street to St. Clair Street (0.33 mile) – \$8,377

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

WHEREAS, Public Act 152 was passed by the State Legislature, designed to lessen the burden of employee healthcare costs on public employers;

WHEREAS, road commissions are given three options for complying with the requirements of the Bill, depending on the impact of the Bill on the employees of each public employer;

WHEREAS, those three options are as follows:

- 1) Apply the Hard Cap (capped dollar amount each government employer may pay towards an employee's healthcare costs);
- 2) Adopt by majority vote the 80%/20% cost-sharing model;
- 3) Elect not to follow the statute/non-compliance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Montcalm County Road Commission elects to comply with the requirements of Public Act 152 by adopting the 80%/20% cost sharing model set forth in Section 4 of Senate Bill 7. Supported by Commissioner Scott. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the purchase of two 2021 Peterbilt 367 trucks from JX Peterbilt in the amount of \$273,992.00. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the variance (right-of way encroachment) for a garage to be built at 2805 S. Shore Drive in Crystal. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

The Board suggested that Mark contact Maple Valley Township and offer to continue to rent the Coral fire barn for storage through 10/31/20 and ask for first right of refusal when they consider selling as there is potential to make an offer using capital outlay from the 2021 budget.

Manager's Report

- We had some storm damage last night. Crews were out all night cutting and removing trees.
- The last of the first round of township chloride will be done this week.
- Gravel roads are in good shape around the county.
- Fisher Transportation is done with all current re-gravel contracts. If we get more township contracts they will come back when they have a break.
- Our entire staff should be commended for the amount of work that has gotten done so far this spring. It is nice to be this far so early in the year.
- There are a few high water areas in the county and we are working thru them.
- Will be meeting with MDOT in July to work on a plan for the MDOT pilot liquid program.
- Purchased a used 2016 Chevrolet pick-up with 8,000 miles on the government surplus site for \$10,300. This will be used in engineering this summer and as a spare the rest of the year.
- The office will be opened to the public starting Monday. We will supply masks and sanitizer at the door. We will also be keeping a log of visitor's names and addresses. We are going to keep the garages separate as possible to stymie any potential outbreaks.
- MDOT contract negotiations are ongoing. We are meeting via phone for the time being.

Engineer's Report

- The CR506 (County Farm Road) project has begun. The asphalt surface was cold milled last week. All concrete curb is in place. The paving contractor will be here next week to start paving.
- Preparation work continues on projects. The crews are pulling berms, replacing culverts and addressing drainage issues.

Clerk's Report

- Delta Dental issued a credit for the May premium and Priority Health will be issuing a premium credit for May and June. We will be crediting the employee's deduction to show their portion of the rebate on the second pay period in June.
- Will have a budget amendment at the July 2nd board meeting.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the May 21, 20 bills totaling \$734,486.88, June 4, 2020 bills totaling \$605,328.05 and Payroll #11 totaling \$99,714.29, Payroll #12 totaling \$107,398.11. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk