

June 9, 2021

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 9, 2021.

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 May 17, 2021 and May 26, 2021 meetings as presented. Motion carried.

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

Belvidere Township

- Wedge and seal Robin Drive from Caroline Drive to North County Line Road - \$11,781
- Wedge and seal Ferris Road from Church Road north 1 mile - \$41,984
- Gravel resurface Lake Montcalm Road from Musson Road east 1 mile (Split with Douglass Township) - \$8,419
- Gravel resurface Lake Montcalm Road from M-66 west 1 mile (Split with Douglass Township) - \$8,419
- Overlay on Daniels Street from N. Railroad Street to Fleck Road – \$9,483
- Spray brush along local roadsides to be determined - \$2,000

Douglass Township

- Gravel resurface Lake Montcalm Road from M-66 west 1 mile (Split with Belvidere Township) - \$8,419
- Gravel resurface Lake Montcalm Road from Musson Road east 1 mile (Split with Belvidere Township) - \$8,419

Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail

- 6” pavement marking edge lines on Peck Road from the FMHT to Lake Road and Lake Road from Peck Road to the FMHT - \$1,596

Bloomer Township

- Seal coat with fog seal Miner Road from Fenwick Road to M-57 - \$25,839

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to have no opposition to the request made by Gordon Bassett Jr. to abandon a portion of Fogison Drive in Maple Valley Township. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to vote for Tony Casali from the Isabella County Road Commission, for the 2-year Northern Representative to the MCRCSIP Board of Directors. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to vote for Robert Laitinen, from the Chippewa County Road Commission, for the At-Large representative to the MCRCSIP Board of Directors. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. 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. 21-5184 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation for:

PART A – JOB # 210237CON; 21A0545

Hot mix asphalt cold milling and resurfacing, trench widening, drainage, concrete curb and gutter, signing and pavement markings along Howard City

Edmore Road at Amy School Road; and all together with necessary related work.

PART B – JOB # 210243CON; 21A0546

Hot mix asphalt pavement removal, cold milling and resurfacing, trench widening, should corrugations, signing and recessed pavement markings along Federal Road from Pierson Road to north of Cannonsville Road; and all together with necessary related work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mark Christensen, Manager and Kim Alexander, Finance Director-Clerk, are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

Supported by Commissioner Brundage. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

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

Manager's Report

- There is a lot of work going on throughout the county. The day-to-day coordination of the heavy workload is a challenge.
- First round of chloride is finished. There were a few issues with the contractor missing some roads, but we filled in and helped out where necessary. The second round of applications will start on June 21st.
- We have begun mowing primary roads and township black tops.
- Chip sealing will start next week on primary roads with Lakeview the following week.
- We finished up with the sign truck design yesterday with Dan from Truck & Trailer. It is on the schedule for a fall build.
- We have made two internal changes. Rob Putnam will be the new Utility Foreman and Lane Ledford will be the Sign Crew Leader. Once all postings are signed, we will start the process of hiring two truck drivers in July.
- There is no new Covid-19 funding news as-of-yet. We are staying on top of it and are waiting for better guidance that will hopefully come soon.
- Joe and I will be meeting with Tom Johnson of Weidman. He builds custom brush chippers and we will be looking at his options.
- We closed on the property at 611 W. Main Street and have possession.

Engineer's Report

- The West County Line bridge project is progressing. The north and south abutment walls are in place. The beams are scheduled to be set on Friday. The Newaygo bridge over the Little Muskegon River (part of this project) is scheduled to start this week.
- Paving has begun on CR506 (County Farm Road). The base course is being placed with the top course scheduled for June 17th through the 23rd.
- Paving is scheduled next week in Maple Valley, Pierson and Douglass Townships.
- The asphalt skip paving contractor continues to make progress with a July 1 completion deadline for the roads that will be chip sealed.

- The CR582 (Howard City/Edmore Road) and CR599 (Federal Road) safety projects were let through MDOT June 4. Central Asphalt was the low bidder @ \$492,674.46 which is 12.82% under engineers estimate.

Clerk's Report

- The CRASIF refund this year is \$18,937.13. There will be a credit of \$11,664.51 on our premium and a check for \$7,272.62.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the May 20, 2021 bills totaling \$828,302.87, and Payroll #9 totaling \$102,908.68. 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 9:40 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk