

July 15, 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 July 15, 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 amended. Motion carried. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Mary Kindred of Crystal Township was present regarding a variance for a driveway permit on Colby Road between Senator Road and Strait Tow Road. The board will allow a permit to be issued if neighboring property owners sign statements of support for the placement of the driveway.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Brundage:

WHEREAS, property owners adjacent to the portion of Ivason Street lying east of Reid Street in the plat of O'Brien's Addition to Dickerson Lake, Douglass Township, Montcalm County, Michigan are seeking to vacate said portion of Ivason Street and the same adjacent property owners have requested the Road Commission for Montcalm County to relinquish jurisdiction of that portion of Ivason Street to Douglass Township;

WHEREAS, that portion of Ivason Street is not used for road purposes and has not and is not maintained as a road by the Road Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to relinquish jurisdiction over that portion of Ivason Street to Douglass Township;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby relinquishes jurisdiction to Douglass Township the portion of Ivason Street described as follows:

Part of the Southwest ¼ of Section 32, T11N, R07W, Douglass Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, described as: Said portion of Ivason Street lying East of a line extending from the Northwest corner of lot number 7 to the Southwest corner of lot number 5 in the Plat of O'Brien's Addition to Dickerson Lake, Section 32, T11N, R07W, Douglass Township, Montcalm County, Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be published in a newspaper printed and circulated in this county, once each week for three successive weeks, a copy forwarded to the Montcalm County Register of Deeds, the Douglass Township Board, and the Michigan Department of Transportation and a copy of same be placed on file at the Road Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Road Commission reserves an easement for public utility purposes within the abandoned portion of Ivason Street.

Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- It is still crazy busy and a lot of work is being done throughout the county.
- We started chip sealing last Monday and fog sealing yesterday. Everything looks good that has been done so far and by the end of next week we should be in Greenville.
- We are mowing somewhere in the county every day now.
- We are half way through with Township ditching projects.
- A mower tractor was hit by a car last week. Minimal damage.

- The chloride tank in Howard City ruptured last week. The liquid all leaked into the containment system. Will have to replace before winter.
- There was a cab fire in a one-ton pick up inside of the Greenville garage. Luckily the fire snuffed out before had a chance to do more than melt the headliner and seat of the truck. It will be sent for repair at Cusak's Body Shop.
- We will be sending information to Michigan Works this week for the three positions that are opening. All applications will be reviewed by Michigan Works.

Engineer's Report

- We are paving Miles Road tomorrow.
- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week we are milling Edgar Road, in the Village of Lakeview and the Village of Howard City with paving to follow next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the July 16, 2020 bills totaling \$242,823.64, and Payroll #15 totaling \$102,446.68. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.268(a)) as requested by Mark Christensen, for a periodic personnel evaluation at 9:52 a.m. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

The Board returned from closed session at 11:31 a.m.

The Manager received a positive review and the board is happy with the direction that the organization is heading under Mark's leadership.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk