

August 2, 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 August 2, 2023.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director 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 Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to vote for the three incumbents, Tom Doty, Ken Hulka and Beth Hunt on the CRASIF ballot. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

After a positive performance review, moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to sign the Superintendent/Manager Employment Agreement as presented. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

After a positive performance review, moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to sign the Finance Director/Clerk Employment Agreement as presented. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

After a positive performance review, moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to sign the Assistant Highway Engineer's Employment Agreement as presented. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- Roadwork is ongoing and busy; we are getting tons done and kudos to the crew.
- Chip seal will be done next week with fog sealing finishing right behind. The chip looks great.
- Limestone resurfacing will be done next week. Gravel resurfacing is done countywide.
- We had some damage after Friday night's storm. Some crew worked most of the day on Saturday cleaning up. We are still working on some areas.
- Wise Road milling will start next Wednesday with paving the following week.
- We are looking at using Oxcart for right-of-way permitting. This will require a fee structure change and public hearing. More to come.
- We will be doing six miles of chip seal in Barry County in two weeks.
- The last chloride application for the year will start on August 17th.
- Will be on a committee meeting with EGLE regarding best practices for chloride application.
- SW Council meeting on the 14th in Allegan.
- Will need to know Northern Conference attendance numbers at the next meeting.
- The six-bridge maintenance project is ongoing. They will finish up Baker Road Bridge and move on to the Sidney Road Bridge in Gowen.

Clerk's Report

- Will be receiving \$1,477,876 from the State Pension Grant program. This money will be paid by the state directly to MERS by August 31, 2023.
- The MCRCSIP refund is \$28,186 this year. Information is in the drop box.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the July 27, 2023, bills totaling \$983,598.49 and Payroll #15 totaling \$141,021.06. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Chairperson

Clerk