

August 5, 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 August 5, 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 15, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

Reynolds Township

- Asphalt wedge on Blue Fox Lane to repair damaged area - \$3,947

Pierson Township

- Replace existing culvert with a 66" x 51" elliptical corrugated metal culvert on McBride Road between Jones Road and Paepke Road at the Nix Drain – 3,942
- Asphalt mat on Whitefish Road from Kingswood Lake north to end - \$9,382

Ferris Township

- Gravel resurface Blackmer Rd from Stanton Rd to Klees Rd - \$14,762
- Gravel resurface Bollinger Rd from Kendaville Rd to Lake Montcalm Rd - \$14,762

Montcalm Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads @ 1,650 gpm - \$18,688.49

Maple Valley Township

- Remove asphalt approach to the fire barn and repave to correct drainage - \$3,286

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to vote for the four candidates on the CRASIF ballot. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to authorize the Chairman and Finance Director to sign the Public Act 51 Annual Certification of Employee-related conditions. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- Congrats to Dale for being re-elected during last night's primary.
- Things are still very busy around the county. We should be done with chip sealing, weather permitting, early next week with fog sealing about a week behind the chip crew.
- We have around four miles of shoulder gravel to be placed on roads that will start after chip seal when drivers free up.
- There is 80 miles of pavement markings to be applied county wide.
- The last round of chloride applications are scheduled to start next week and the week after.
- We received 11 applications for the truck driver position from Michigan Works. Only 8 had the proper CDL. We will start interviews when the Foremen free up after chip and fog sealing.
- I will be sending an update letter to all townships in the near future to keep them updated on what is going on since we last met.
- Plan on moving forward with selling our federal aid to Kent County next year.

Engineer's Report

- We had 40,934 tons of asphalt scheduled to be placed this year. We have 80% complete, 15% on hold and 5% to complete yet.
- Gravel shoulders will be placed at various locations next week.

- The pavement marking contractor will be here next week. There are 80+ miles of pavement markings to be placed.
- We worked with MDOT to build 4 truck turnouts on M-82 at US 131. They were milled and paved. We will chip seal / fog seal M-82 over US 131 and Northland Drive in Mecosta County at Morley Stanwood High School.
- CR540 (Edgar Road) between M-46 (HC/Edmore Road) and CR599 (Federal Road) has been milled at each end. Concrete curb & gutter will be placed at CR599 (Federal Road), Reed Road and the J & H Truck Stop driveway. This is scheduled for next week.
- Preliminary bridge plans for the CR607 (West County Line Road) bridge construction in Reynolds Township were submitted to MDOT. This is a bridge build to replace culverts at Tamarack Creek. It will be packaged with Newaygo County's bridge rehab at the Little Muskegon River crossing to the north.

Clerk's Report

- We are moving forward with Precision Software. The timeline calls to go live for the first payroll in October. Our current hardware is compatible so there will be no need to purchase computers, etc.
- The 2021 budget will be in the dropbox by the August 19th meeting. Our budget hearing is scheduled for September 30th.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the July 30, 2020 bills totaling \$567,771.92, and Payroll #16 totaling \$104,218.61. 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, to finish his periodic personnel evaluation at 10:06 a.m. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 10:31 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk