

August 7, 2019

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 7, 2019.

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.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

Pierson Township

- Seal coat with fog seal Lindy Sue Lane from Cannonsville Road to end - \$21,670

The board directed the Manager to proceed with Attorney Cavanaugh's suggestions regarding the encroachment on Fenwick Road if there is no action to remove the encroachment in the next week.

Manager's Report

- Things are still busy around the county with a lot of work getting done.
- Mowing is about 80% complete countywide. With the rain in the early spring, we will try to go back and get the high traffic primary roads a second time.
- We have been grading gravels in between breaks in other work. The last round of chloride will start August 19th and continue through month's end, so grading will continue in preparation of brine application.
- Finished chip sealing in the county last week, will be done in Newaygo County this week and will finish up Ionia County next week. Fog sealing is about one week behind the chip seal. The crew has done a great job with the work that they have done this summer.
- Fisher will be here to work on re-gravels for four days in Pine, Crystal and Douglas Townships.
- Next Tuesday and Wednesday we will be working on a large culvert on County Farm Road.
- Truck and Trailer has started work on the first military truck and the second truck was brought down to them this week. Hopefully have them back sometime in October.
- Working on the Capital Outlay list for next year.
- Will have the information at the next meeting for a CAT loader purchase.

Engineer's Report

- The Wise Road bridge project is progressing. The deck has been poured. Asphalt paving is scheduled for tomorrow, August 8. The project will probably open to traffic on August 23 which is one week late.
- All concrete should be poured at the fuel station by the end of this week. Our crews will do prep work next week for the asphalt paving.
- Work in Carson City and Stanton has been completed.
- A few township projects remain.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the August 1, 2019 bills totaling \$699,589.85 and Payroll #16 totaling \$111,125.44. 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 9:34 a.m. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

The board returned from closed session at 10:35 a.m.

The Manager was given a positive review and the board members agree the organization is heading in the right direction.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve and sign Mark Christensen, Superintendent/Manager's Employment Agreement as presented. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve and sign Kim Alexander, Finance Director/Clerk's Employment Agreement. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk