

August 18, 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 August 18, 2021.

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 presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2021, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve and sign the Superintendent/Manager's Contract. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

William and Tara Johnson were present to ask about the uncertified right of way in Richland Township on Derry Road. They purchased a parcel with no access to their property. Their deed reads that they have access from Bass Lake Drive, which is a private road, but Equalization will not issue an address as the plat that includes Bass Lake Drive states it is for the use of the plat owners only. They were advised to pursue a prescriptive easement by the road commission's attorney. They will attempt to obtain it and will get back with Mark if it isn't a possibility.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to vote the NMARC ballot as presented. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes, and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- With the summer coming to a close, we are in good shape workwise. The crew has done a tremendous job this year.
- We will finish up chip and fog sealing today county-wide with only Greenville fog seal left. This will be done after the Danish Festival.
- The final round of chloride will be applied beginning Monday.
- Pavement marking of chip sealed roads will start Monday.
- Dalton's will be in the area beginning Monday for herbicide applications.
- The MTA meeting was well attended last night in Lakeview.
- Soil borings, a topo survey and an engineer assessment of the truck garage will take place in the next 2 weeks.
- Covid update - we will continue to take care of our employees with Covid related issues. We are not requiring masks currently. If the rules change, we will re-evaluate.
- Trucks, trailers and pick-ups continue to be a challenge to order or purchase.
- We will be chip/fog sealing M-50 for MDOT with Ionia County Road Commission helping load slag, doing traffic control and sweeping.
- They are forming the rails on the West County Line Bridge and the base is ready for pavement.
- The 582-Safety Project will start after Labor Day with milling scheduled for September 15th.
- Maple Valley Township will be sending us a rental invoice for 12 months for the Coral Fire Department building.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the August 12, 2021, bills totaling \$752,383.17, and Payroll #16 totaling \$112,365.06. 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 9:56 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk