

August 19, 2015

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 19, 2015.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director, Pat Denton, Engineering Technician and Kim Alexander, Finance Director-Clerk.

Absent: Commissioner Bob Brundage.

The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer were given.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Linton, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Ed Hansen and Lynwood Cannon of the Pine Township Board and Dave Bean and Robert Gilpin of McBride Road in Pine Township were present to discuss the hazards of Durdle Hill.

Mr. Bean is concerned for the residents of the area and driver safety. He feels like the watchdog of the hill. He has pulled numerous cars from the ditch and cars stuck on the shoulder of the road. He would like to see a permanent solution to the problem before someone is hurt or killed.

Mr. Gilpin also is concerned with resident and driver safety. He would like to see the speed limit lowered on the road and a four way stop at the McBride Road and Backus Road intersection.

Many options were discussed such as “local traffic only” or “road closed to thru traffic” signs. Also, knocking down the hill to change the grade or closing the road altogether. Mark will meet with the State Police traffic safety officer when he is in the county and look at different options. Mark will notify all concerned once he meets with MSP.

Moved by Scott seconded by Linton to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott seconded by Linton to approve and sign the following contracts. Motion carried.

City of Stanton

- 180# overlay on Quarterline Street from M66 west to end - \$13,910
- 250# overlay on Vine Street at the south end paving north 600 feet - \$11,128
- 180# overlay on Lake Street east of M66 – \$6,359
- 180# overlay on West Bellevue Street west of Court Street – \$3,577
- 180# overlay on Lincoln Street between Summit Street and Bellevue Street - \$5,167
- 180# overlay on Crawford Street from Railroad Street to Mill Street - \$8,744
- 180# overlay on Day Street between M66 and First Street - \$8,419
- 180# patch with valet gutter on the inside of the curve on Day Street at Third Street - \$1,987

Evergreen Township

- Rotomill and pave Dorothy Bowen Drive from Holland Lake Road south to the end - \$79,747
- Replace 60 Lft culvert on Sessions Road between Brown Road and Holland Road - \$1,447

Manager's Report

- Chip and fog seal is finished countywide. Efficiency is up and cost per square yard is down.
- A couple more days are needed to finish the chip sealing in Newaygo County
- Roadside mowing will be done this week
- The last township chloride applications will be applied in the next few weeks
- Fisher has 1/3 of the graveling work done and should be here next week to finish up
- The new trucks are on schedule for an October delivery
- Greg McCracken signed the Sign Shop Helper posting and will start that job approximately a week before Al Moore retires.

- Pat Moeggenberg started Monday as summer help in Engineering.

Engineer's Report

- Derby Road is open. There were some washouts due to the heavy rain last Friday. The contractor is out today making repairs
- Federal/Almy intersection is open. Have spoken to the contractor about removing the signs
- Douglas Road Bridge over the Pine River in Richland Township will be finished next week
- Miller Road Bridge over the Flat River in Douglass Township is open and the project is complete
- RMD Holdings was the low bid at 5% below estimate on the guardrail upgrade on Federal Road from Sand Lake to Kendaville Road. This project should begin in October.
- The 582 Bridge over the Tamarack Creek came in 21% over engineer's estimate and is expected to be approved with a fall construction date.
- Sidney Road Bridge over the Flat River is slated to begin next April (weather dependent) and be completed by Memorial Day.

Clerk's Report

- Revised copy of the budget is in the Dropbox. We will discuss at the next meeting. If there are any questions, please let me know.

Moved by Scott seconded by Linton, to approve the August 19, 2015 bills totaling \$425,894.73 and Payroll #17 totaling \$89,845.65. Roll call: Yes-Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk