

October 14, 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 October 14, 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 presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

#### Cato Township

- Drainage corrections on Lakeshore Drive east of Cherry Drive - \$4,000

#### Evergreen Township

- Replace existing culvert with a 48" x 60" culvert on Tow Road at the Mud Lake Drain - \$2,921

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the 2021 bid renewal from The Dalton's for brush spraying at the 2020 bid prices. Motion carried. 3-0

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the 2021 bid renewal from Michigan Chloride Sales for winter brine at the 2020 bid prices. Motion carried. 3-0

#### Manager's Report

- Will be attending the Bridge Council this morning at 10:00 am via Zoom. We hope to pitch funding the Dickerson Lake Road Bridge but don't have our hopes too high.
- We are in the process of hiring the 2<sup>nd</sup> truck driver position. We invited back two applicants for interviews yesterday.
- Gravel roads are in good shape as we are grading today and tomorrow. Hopefully the rain this week doesn't undo all we have accomplished.
- We did a lot of shoulder work on state road the last few weeks. They are in better shape than they have been in years.
- The shop is working on winter equipment.
- Liquid truck is about two weeks out. The position has been posted.
- The Engineering Technician position has been advertised for and resumes are due on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Will need to decide how and when we are going to hold township meetings. We can make the decision at the next board meeting to give us time to send out a letter.

#### Engineering Report

- Work is being done on the South County Line tree removal project.
- Pavers should be back in the county next week.
- Pat M. is in the field measuring and prepping for next year's projects.

#### Clerk's Report

- New software is up and running. The conversion to Precision has gone well and we are learning every day.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the October 8, 2020 bills totaling \$971,358.00, and Payroll #21 totaling \$97,174.87. 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 9:38 a.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk