

December 14, 2022

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County held their regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 9:00 a.m. on December 14, 2022.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director, Pat Denton, Assistant Engineer 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 November 16, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Scott offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves Contract No. 22-5529 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation for:

Hot mix asphalt resurfacing, shoulder widening and paving, aggregate shoulder, guardrail and sinusoidal shoulder corrugations along North Federal Road (County Road 599) from Howard City north city limits to M-46, including permanent signing and pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mark Christensen, Manager and Kim Alexander, Finance Director-Clerk, are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

Supported by Commissioner Brundage. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton.

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

Montcalm Township

- Design engineering for deck replacement on Dickerson Lake Road Bridge over the Flat River - \$13,423

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve and sign the Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME Local 1071.3 regarding summer help. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton.

Commissioner Scott offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County has received a petition seeking the abandonment of a portion of the right-of-way of Tamarack Road between Sections 07 & 18, T12N, R10W, Reynolds Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, a 66-foot-wide public right-of-way under the Road Commission's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS the petition has been duly signed by seven freeholders of Reynolds Township;

WHEREAS an on-site review of said right-of-way was performed by the Road Commission for Montcalm County; and

WHEREAS, that portion of said rights-of-way are not used for road purposes and is not maintained as a road by the Road Commission; and

WHEREAS the Road Commission finds that abandonment of the portion of the road right-of-way is in the best interest of the public; and

WHEREAS, all other requirements of the statute, being MCL §224.18, have been satisfied; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that:

A. The Board of County Road Commissioners of the Montcalm County Road Commission determines that it is in the best interest of the public to abandon the portion of the right-of-way of Tamarack Road between Sections 07 & 18, T12N, R10W, Reynolds Township, Montcalm County, Michigan described as follows:

Tamarack Road, Commencing at the ¼ Corner between Section 07 & 18, thence Easterly along the Section Line between Sections 07 & 18 to the Southeast Corner of the Southwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 07, T12N, R10W, Reynolds Township, Montcalm County.

B. The portion of the right-of-way of Tamarack Road described above in Section A is hereby absolutely abandoned and discontinued; **provided, however, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County specifically reserves an easement for public utility purposes within the right-of-way being abandoned and discontinued.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be published in a newspaper printed and circulated in this county, once each week for three successive weeks, a copy filed with the Montcalm County Register of Deeds, a copy forwarded to the Reynolds Township board, and the Michigan Department of Transportation and a copy of the same placed on file at the Road Commission office. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

The first three meetings for 2023 were set. The dates are January 18, 2023, February 15, 2023 and March 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. We will present a full year schedule at the January Organizational Meeting.

#### Manager's Report

- Gravel roads are in good shape after blading and in good shape heading into winter.
- The first snowfall clean up went well and we are in full winter mode with our equipment
- We are working on tree cutting in between snow and blading
- MTA meeting last week went well, and many called or text to express their appreciation
- Our engineering department deserves kudos for the work they put in on gathering the data for our township meetings.
- Liquid route is going well. We are working on blends to see which one works the best
- Building progress meeting is today at 10:00 a.m. They are still on schedule for a March 1<sup>st</sup> move in date
- Meeting on Monday with Kent CRC and the liquid division head of Michigan Paving and Materials to talk about emulsion concerns and thoughts
- Met with LS Engineering staff and Engineering to discuss projects past and present
- Will be bidding road materials in January

#### Engineer's Report

- We will be working on measuring roads and gathering information for township estimates.
- Working on a list of primary road projects for 2023

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the December 1, 2022, bills totaling \$159,915.56, the December 15, 2022 bills totaling \$865,673.84, Payroll #24 totaling \$143,208.05 and Payroll #25 totaling 122,761.70. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

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Chairperson

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Clerk