

October 13, 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 October 13, 2021.

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 29, 2021, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

WHEREAS, the Montcalm County Road Commission recognizes the need for profile milling and resurfacing overlay on Youngman Road from M-57 to Wise Road and Chase-Harlow Road from Youngman Road to Greenville West Drive, Greenville small urban area;

WHEREAS, MDOT has Small Urban funds available in the amount of \$385,000 and Small Urban COVID Funds in the amount of \$40,000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners for the Montcalm County Road Commission will obligate the \$96,250 local match.

Seconded by Commissioner Brundage. Roll call: Brundage – yes, Scott – yes and Linton – yes. Motion carried.

The truck garage was discussed at length. Hobbs and Black supplied a site plan and building plans with many more details. While the board supports the project, they need more information to proceed. Further financial information will be provided before the next board meeting.

Manager's Report

- Our two new truck drivers are working out well and catching on quickly.
- Most of the summer construction projects are wrapping up.
- We are working on gravels when weather permit.
- Shoulder gravel will be placed on Stanton Road on Monday.
- The Gradall/Ditching crew are working hard and starting on 2022 projects.
- We will begin pulling berms for next years construction project as weather permits.
- Superintendent's Conference was well attended last week in Manistee.
- Attended a CRA Board meeting on Monday. We are going to begin work on electric vehicle fees and the impacts.
- The Dickerson Lake Bridge received funding from the Small Bridge Council in 2024. We are going to try and move it up to 2023 and push back the Master's Road Bridge to 2024.
- Kent CRC Slag bids came in real close to last year.
- Our team of Lee Lund and Justin Doolittle came in 8th place at the Truck Rodeo!
- November 4th week will be our final week of 10-hour days.
- All summer help will be finished for the season on October 28th.

Engineering Report

- The Federal Aid Safety Project on CR582 (Howard City/Edmore Road) is complete except for pavement markings. They will be applied on Thursday, weather permitting.
- The Federal Aid Safety Project on CR599 (Federal Road) will begin on Monday, October 18, 2021.

- CR582 (Howard City/Edmore Road) from the Federal Aid Safety Project east to the Village of Howard City limits was paved. Shoulder gravel will be done today, and pavement markings scheduled for Thursday.
- Paving has begun on CR522 (Stanton Road) from M-91 (Greenville Road) to CR595 (Gravel Ridge Road) plus three locations on CR5995 (Gravel Ridge Road). This project is partially funded by MDOT for them to use as a detour route when the Langston bridge over the Flat River is closed for work next year.
- Paving is 93% complete.
- The CR607 (West County Line Road) bridge over Tamarack Creek is complete and open. The Newaygo County bridge over the Little Muskegon River is scheduled to be open in the next week or two.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the September 30, 2021, bills totaling \$521,510.42, October 7, 2021, bills totaling \$342,769.21 and Payroll #20 totaling \$111,355.01. 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 10:14 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk