

August 25, 2008

The Board of County Road Commissioners for Montcalm County held a meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 3:00 p.m. on August 25, 2008.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Donald McCracken; Mark Christensen, Superintendent; and Karen Swan, Finance Director-Clerk. Absent: Randy Stearns, Managing Director.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of August 6, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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

#### Day Township

- Replace culvert on Briggs Road east of Deja Road - \$1,056.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve writing off the following uncollectible accounts receivable: Account 040-26113 - \$327.97; Account 077-004 - \$73.07. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Reviewed the proposed compensatory time policy; the Board members stated they would like to review the policy further and then discuss it at the next board meeting.

#### Superintendent's Report

- Central Asphalt is scheduled to be in the county next week; Paving on Condensery Road should be done next Thursday and Friday. We have about four more days of paving to do.
- Fisher Transport has three more days of graveling to finish up.
- Michigan Chloride should be done with the last applications of chloride next week.
- Seal coating projects are done, and it was a job well done. Our crew did good, quality work and the roads that were done look nice—probably the best I've seen. We tried a different emulsion this year, and it seems to hold the stone better—very little loose stone—we'll see how it looks in the spring after plowing snow all winter.
- The new salt shed in Greenville is going well; our portion of the work is done other than a little grading on the east end. The rest of the building is supposed to be here in early September and the contractor will finish that part.
- The bridge deck on Wise Road, just east of Shearer Road, and the bridge deck in Six Lakes will be paved Tuesday.
- If everything goes as planned, the project on Sloan Road bridge south of Crystal Road should be done Friday.
- Discussed October meetings with townships. Meetings will be held the weeks of October 20<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup>. Need to review and update Local Road Policy and notify townships of the meetings.

#### Clerk's Report

- Discussed Priority Health's insurance proposal for employees and non-Medicare retirees. The Board stated that due to various circumstances, at this time no change will be made from the current Blue Cross-Blue Shield plan.
- Advised the Board that the Superintendent's maintenance gravel plan, which was implemented this year on local roads, has saved \$17,000 just in material costs compared to the same period last year. That number does not include labor and equipment costs or fuel savings.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the 8/25/08 bills totaling \$471,094.70 and Payroll #17 totaling \$72,469.67. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk