

July 17, 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 July 17, 2008.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of July 2, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve and sign an Order to Remove Encroachment to Louis Bott for an encroachment parked in the public road right-of-way along Sidney Road located in the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 21, T10N-R6W, Evergreen Township, Montcalm County. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Manager's Report

- Miller Development has completed its part of the project on the Sloan Road Bridge. Isabella Corporation should be in next week to do the dirt work.
- We are mowing roadsides along county primary roads at this time.
- Regarding the salt storage building at Greenville, the footings have been poured and the forms for the sidewalls are being put up. Andrews Concrete is hoping to pour concrete tomorrow or Friday.
- We have been able to secure 12,000 tons of salt for this winter. As far as supply goes we should be in good shape. The price will be \$45.90 per ton, which is an 18 percent increase or \$7.00 per ton more.
- Central Asphalt paved in the Greenville area last week. Fisher Transportation is graveling in Bloomer Township this week.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to appoint Randy Stearns as voting delegate and Karen Swan as alternate voting delegate for the annual County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund (CRASIF) annual business meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to appoint Randy Stearns as an officer delegate and Donald McCracken as the alternate officer delegate for the annual Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) meeting. Motion carried.

Commissioners' Comments

- In response to Sandra Raines' question to Dale Linton at the recent candidates' forum held at the VFW in Sheridan, as to why 114 gallons of fuel had been charged in one day to Randy Stearns' road commission vehicle, the Board asked Karen Swan to give an explanation. Karen explained that she had received a FOIA request from Sandra Raines for copies of the past three years of road commission fuel bills. After reviewing the bills Mrs. Raines found one fuel card transaction charged to Randy's road commission vehicle (#335) on February 5, 2008; the transaction showed 114 gallons for one fill-up. For one thing this would be impossible because there is a 35 or 40-gallon limit on the vehicle card for this vehicle; the pump would shut off after reaching this amount and if Randy started pumping again, it would show as a second transaction marked with an asterisk to indicate two transactions to the same vehicle in one day. The actual amount pumped into Randy's vehicle was 28.6 gallons not 114 gallons. Randy's vehicle was not the only one on that invoice that showed unusually high amounts; there were several other vehicles that had high amounts too. The local vendor stated there was a problem with their fuel card system between the pump and the computer that calculates their invoices. The amount on the pump showed correctly at the time it was pumped; however, on the invoice the amount had quadrupled. The vendor did not know there was a problem until a customer who purchases a very small amount of fuel each month received his February 14th invoice and called the vendor to tell him there was a problem. The vendor corrected his customers' invoices for their February 15 through February 29 transactions before they were sent out and issued credits for the invoices covering the February 1 through February 14 transactions.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 7/16/08 bills totaling \$641,419.60 and Payroll #15 totaling \$71,294.27. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk