

MARCH 3, 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 March 3, 2008.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of February 20, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to contract the Weigh Masters from Kent County Road Commission to patrol public roads in Montcalm County during spring weight restrictions and as needed throughout 2008 and to authorize said Weigh Masters to enforce the weight limits in Montcalm County. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to set a public hearing at 3:00 p.m. on April 2, 2008 for the purpose of reviewing a request to abandon and vacate the unimproved public road right-of-way for Deja Road between Briggs Road and Cannonsville Road and on the section line between Sections 22 and 23, T11N, R6W, Day Township, Montcalm County. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- Advised the Board that the County's Solid Waste Committee reviewed and denied the Road Commission's recent request for financial assistance from the tipping fees collected by the county from the Pierson Landfill.
- The new pre-trip and post-trip truck inspection books are here; we will have a supervisors' meeting to go over the new procedures before handing them out to the drivers and advising them what their responsibilities are.
- Discussed this morning's meeting at Duthler Truck Center with representatives from Sterling Truck and Eaton Corporation to try to resolve the AutoShift10 problems. Sterling and Eaton offered to replace the wiring harnesses and sensors and to recoat everything at no cost to the Road Commission. Trucks will go down to Duthler, one at a time, to have this done. Also, Eaton is scheduling a class for mechanics and we will participate.

Superintendent's Report

- Contacted property owners at Tamarack Road and Bale Road intersection. They have agreed to allow us to remove the trees and hedges located east and west of the intersection to improve visibility of oncoming traffic.
- Presented petition received from Pierson Township residents regarding the condition of several local and primary roads in the township. Petition will be placed on file.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 3/3/08 bills totaling \$101,345.13 and Payroll #5 totaling \$91,789.43. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk