

May 20, 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 May 20, 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 May 7, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Owosso Street at Crystal Lake. Motion carried.

Reviewed Complaint and Petition to Vacate Road received this date. Complaint requests that the Circuit Court vacate the unimproved right-of-way for Owosso Street in the Plat of Durkee's Lakeside Park. The right-of-way runs north from South Shore Drive to the water's edge at Crystal Lake. The right-of-way has been used by back lot property owners to access the lake for many years, and the Board stated it is not in favor of vacating the right-of-way.

Moved by McCracken, seconded Brundage, to advise the Circuit Court that the Road Commission is not in favor of vacating the unimproved public right-of-way for Owosso Street from South Shore Drive to the water's edge of Crystal Lake. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

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

Belvidere Township

- Machine wedge and seal remaining roads in Schmeid Park - \$25,986.

Crystal Township

- Gravel Senator Road from Colby Rd north to pavement - \$3,365.
- 180# bituminous overlay on Myers from Lake south to Elm, west on Elm to Grove, south on Grove to Lakeview, west on Lakeview to Sweet, south on Sweet to Belding, and west and south on Belding to South Shore Drive - \$35,546.

Day Township

- Install rumble strips on north and south approaches of Neff Rd in advance of McBride Rd - \$2,000.
- Machine wedge and seal Epley Rd from Stanton city limits to Klees Rd - \$3,471.
- Machine wedge and seal Peoples Rd from Klees Rd to Briggs Rd - \$12,856.
- Machine wedge and seal Klees Rd from M66 to Peoples Rd - \$12,856.
- Salt stabilize Klees Rd from Neff Rd to Cedar Lake Rd - \$1,840.

Eureka Township

- Install curb and gutter at intersection of Wildwood Drive and Youngman Rd - \$1,190.
- Install curb and gutter at intersection of Chase Rd (Harlow) and Youngman Rd - \$1,190.
- Install curb and gutter at intersection of Johnson Rd (south) and Wise Rd; pave approach - \$2,490.
- Install curb and gutter at intersection of Johnson Rd and Harlow Rd; pave approach - \$10,176.
- Machine wedge and seal Baker Rd from M91 to River Rd - \$6,886.
- 165# bituminous overlay on Velma Dr and Durwood Dr - \$13,570.
- 165# bituminous overlay on Chase Rd (Harlow) from Youngman Rd east to city limits - \$15,628.
- 180# bituminous overlay on Wildwood Dr from Youngman Rd to Debbie Dr - \$21,533.
- 180# bituminous overlay on Stakes Rd from Baker Rd to end of pavement - \$41,565.

Evergreen Township

- Gravel Senator Rd from Colby Rd north to pavement - \$3,365.

Fairplain Township

- Gravel Russell Rd from County Farm Rd to Kent Rd - \$11,159.
- 180# bituminous overlay on Miller Rd from Boyer Rd south 0.5 mile - \$27,481.

Maple Valley Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm - \$28,452.
- Gravel Briggs Rd and Black Rd from Kohler Rd to Hillis Rd - \$8,800.
- Gravel Cannonsville Rd from Arbogast Rd to west township line - \$11,733.
- Machine wedge and seal Gravel Ridge Rd from Stanton Rd to South County Line Rd - \$6,798.

Montcalm Township

- Salt stabilize Holland Lake Rd from Johnson Rd to Monroe Rd - \$2,760.
- Paint centerline and edge lines on various roads - \$4,026.
- 180# bituminous overlay on Monroe Rd and Muskrat Rd from Peck Rd north 0.5 mile - \$24,882.

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Pierson Township

- Salt stabilize Lake Montcalm Rd from US131 to West County Line Rd - \$1,840.
- Salt stabilize Cannonsville Rd from Bass Lake Rd west to end - \$920.
- Salt stabilize Kimball Rd from West County Line Rd to Whitefish Rd - \$1,748.
- Salt stabilize Jones Rd from South County Line Rd to Stanton Rd - \$2,760.
- Salt stabilize Henkel Rd and Wood Lake Rd from Kendaville Rd to Federal Rd - \$4,048.
- Gravel Henkel Rd from South County Line Rd to Kimball Rd - \$10,671.
- Gravel Paepke Rd from Stanton Rd north to the township line - \$10,671.
- Cut berms, shape crown and gravel Trufant Rd from Federal Rd to Maple Hill Rd - \$11,952.
- Cut berms and gravel Cannonsville Rd from Federal Rd east to end - \$13,038.
- 250# bituminous mat on Dagget Rd from Kimball Rd to Stanton Rd - \$35,325.
- Salt stabilize Lake Montcalm Rd from US131 to West County Line Rd - \$1,840.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to authorize Randy Stearns and Karen Swan as the persons authorized to discuss private/personal workers compensation issues including settlement with the CRASIF Administrator or Treasurer. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to name Dale Linton as the voting delegate and Robert Brundage as the alternate delegate for the annual Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool meeting to be held on July 17, 2008. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- The grade inspection meeting for the proposed Federal Road bridge project is scheduled for June 2nd.
- Bids for the Greenville salt shed will be opened on June 17th.
- The first course of asphalt has been put down on Briggs Road and Amble Road from Bailey Road to Stanton Road.
- Culverts are going in on Condensery Road between Vickeryville Road and Crystal Road.
- Started working on next year's Federal Aid package.
- MDOT was in and met with Mark, Karen and I. The summer budget has been cut somewhat—right now it looks like there will only be one mowing on the trunklines.
- Purchased a used chip spreader for \$2,500 from Barry County Road Commission. It's better than what we have now and only takes one operator instead of two. Also, it's 13 feet wide instead of 12 feet wide, so on a 24-foot wide road we only have to make two passes instead of three.

Superintendent's Report

- Seven townships have received their first application of chloride; one township had to be cancelled last week due to rain.
- We currently have four days of paving to do; we did compaction tests on the culverts to make sure it is okay to pave.
- Curbing on Condensery Road will be done next week; it will be at least a month before we pave it.
- Seventy-five percent of the salt stabilization projects are done; should finish in early June.
- Shook Asphalt will be wedging tomorrow and Thursday.
- LD Carey will start graveling on Thursday.

Clerk's Report

- I checked with our bond attorney to see if we should consider redemption of the last five years of our bond to see if we could save some money with a lower interest rate. The attorney advised me that the existing notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. He stated that is why we were able to get such low interest rates in the first place, and that even if we could, our interest rates are so low the current rates would not make it worthwhile.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 5/20/08 bills totaling \$326,826.00 and Payroll #11 totaling \$67,011.10. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Chairman