

May 7, 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 7, 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 Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of April 16, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Ken Hall came before the Board to give the annual Weigh Master's report to the Board. According to Ken the weigh masters made 38 traffic stops and issued 11 tickets, eight of which were for overweight trucks and most of those were over twice the legal weight limits.

Pat McShosh, Bill Bowes and Bill Powell, Crystal Township Supervisor, came before the Board to discuss the sign installed last year on the unimproved portion of Thelma Drive, which ends at the water's edge of Crystal Lake. According to Mrs. McShosh and Mr. Bowes there are 23 back lot property owners who would like to build a dock at the end of the road right-of-way and want to know if the Road Commission would permit it. Dale Linton advised them that the back lot owners and the general public can use the right-of-way to access the lake, but they cannot build a dock in the road right-of-way, which ends at the water's edge. They then asked if they could build a dock a foot or two out in the water off the right-of-way and the Board stated that the Road Commission does not have jurisdiction outside the road right-of-way and that it does not have the authority to say yes or no to the installation of a dock outside the right-of-way—this is probably a question for the DEQ.

Pat McShosh asked about getting help with a drainage problem on the improved portions of Katherine, Mildred and Thelma streets. Mrs. McShosh stated that it has been an ongoing problem, which the Road Commission and Drain Commission have addressed to some degree but it needs more attention. Mrs. McShosh stated that the biggest problem area is from the golf course to Mildred Street and that she feels there is too much gravel on the road and that the road needs to be lowered so there isn't so much water coming off the road into residents' yards. It was pointed out to Mrs. McShosh that where the water runs is a low, natural waterway, and she was asked if the street wasn't there where would the water go, to which she stated it would run where it does now. Nevertheless, she thinks if the road was lowered a couple inches residents would get much less water in their yards. Mark Christensen advised Mrs. McShosh that he would come out and take a look at the area to see what, if anything, can be done.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve and sign the contract with Andrews Materials Testing Services, Inc. for materials testing during the 2008 construction season. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve Permit No. 08-030 for a permanent encroachment along the North Shore Drive right-of-way located in Section 7 of Crystal Township; said permit contingent upon property owner providing proper drainage and making parking apron contiguous with adjacent property owner's area to alleviate any chance of erosion as directed on the permit. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

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

#### Eureka Township

- Gravel Berridge Road (CR591) from South County Line Rd north to pavement (share cost with RCMC) - \$11,693.

#### Evergreen Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm - \$23,243.
- Gravel Muskrat Rd from Lund Rd to Townhall Rd - \$8,369.
- 165# bituminous overlay on Holland Lake Rd from Tow Rd to Vickeryville Rd - \$21,235.

#### Home Township

- Salt stabilize Deaner Rd from Deja Rd to Cedar Lake Rd - \$1,840.
- Salt stabilize Deaner Rd from Cedar Lake Rd to Vickeryville Rd - \$1,840.
- Wedge/seal Neff Rd from Deaner Rd to M46 - \$12,856.
- Gravel Schmeid Rd from Wyman Rd to Neff Rd - \$11,327.
- Gravel Peoples Rd from Edgar Rd to Tamarack Rd - \$11,327.
- Wedge/seal Deaner Rd from Wyman Rd to 5<sup>th</sup> St - \$5,953.

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Pine Township

- Salt stabilize Lake Rd from Briggs Rd to Hillis Rd - \$230.
- Salt stabilize Lake Rd from Briggs Rd south to pavement - \$828.
- Salt stabilize McBride Rd from Backus Rd to Lake Rd - \$1,840.
- Salt stabilize Cannonsville Rd from M91 west to turnaround - \$1,840.
- Gravel Satterlee Rd from Waterwheel Rd north to end of turnaround - \$3,693.

Reynolds Township

- Install concrete curb and gutter at intersection of Reed Rd and Almy Rd - \$2,650.
- Salt stabilize Whitefish Rd from M82 to Lake Montcalm Rd - \$1,840.
- Salt stabilize Gordon Rd from North County Line Rd to Cutler Rd - \$1,840.
- Salt stabilize Reed Rd from Yankee Rd to North County Line Rd - \$2,760.
- Salt stabilize Gates Rd from Amy School Rd to West County Line Rd - \$5,520.

Richland Township

- One application of chloride at 1,650 gpm - \$7,063.
- Two applications of chloride at 1,000 gpm - \$10,701.
- Paint centerlines and edge lines on various local roads - \$7,101.
- Salt stabilize Almy Rd from Pine Grove Rd to Vickeryville Rd - \$1,380.
- Salt stabilize Pine Grove Rd from Yankee Rd to Schmeid Rd - \$1,840.
- Salt stabilize Yankee Rd from Pine Grove Rd to Vickeryville Rd - \$1,840.
- Salt stabilize Sanders Rd from Crystal Rd to Waldron Rd - \$1,840.
- Salt stabilize Edgar Rd from Crystal Rd to Douglas Rd - \$3,680.
- Gravel Gates Rd from East County Line Rd west .5 mile - \$5,615.
- 180# bituminous overlay on 3<sup>rd</sup> St from Avenue C to Caris Rd - \$22,532.

Sidney Township

- 180# bituminous overlay on Nevins Rd from Sidney Rd to Lakeside Dr - \$75,801.
- 180# bituminous overlay on Nevins Rd from Lakeside Dr to Stanton Rd - \$75,801.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve adjustments totaling \$335,672 to the 2008 Cash Budget as presented. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Superintendent's Report

- Township contract work has started; salt stabilization projects in Reynolds Township and Richland Township have been completed.
- County Road 601 (Briggs Road and Amble Road from Bailey Road to Stanton Road) is scheduled for the first course of pavement tomorrow—weather permitting.
- County Road 591 (Berridge Road south of Fenwick Road) is being graveled this week.
- Culvert replacements on County Road 506 (Condensery Road east of Vickeryville Road) should be completed by the end of next week. Culverts are being compacted; the road won't be paved till later this summer to give the culverts some time to settle.
- Chloride applications start next week. Weather permitting, all of the first applications of chloride should be done by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Spoke with MDOT; they will be approving a Transportation Work Authorization for AMZ patching.

Manager's Report

- Mark, Karen and I will be meeting with MDOT on May 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the state trunkline budget and what they want us to do on the trunklines this summer.
- Applied for a grant through the APWA to upgrade some of our signs on primary roads with prismatic materials and received word that it was approved for \$1,919.
- Berm cutting is almost completed; patching is ongoing.
- I know it's early, but with funding the way it is I just want to remind Board members that you need to start thinking about next winter's maintenance procedures. If we're going to make any changes or cutbacks we need to plan ahead.
- What does the Board think about having an employees' appreciation lunch as a thank you for all of the employees' hard work and many long hours worked during the past winter. The Board members agreed.
- New two-way radios will start to be installed on Friday.
- Andy Ilieff of MDOT will be up tomorrow to go over the salt shed bid specifications.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve an increase of \$10,000 to the original contract with LS Engineering for FY2008 engineering services. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

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Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEAREAS, the Road Commission has two bridges that are in need of replacement due to poor physical condition, and these bridges are:

Grow Road over Dickerson Creek, Sections 32/33, Fairplain Township  
Sidney Road over Flat River, Sections 18/19, Montcalm Township

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County has reviewed the application requesting funds for the construction cost of replacing said bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County understands that they:

- Must pay five percent of the as-bid construction cost and the entire cost of all engineering services and right-of-way.
- Must agree to have sufficient funds to pay their share of the costs for construction in fiscal year 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Road Commission for Montcalm County hereby approves the filing of the said application with the Michigan Department of Transportation requesting funds through the Local Bridge Program for the replacement of the above-listed bridges and further that we are actively seeking their participation in the replacement of the bridges.

Motion carried.

Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Clerk's Report

The May MTF check is down 11.41 percent (\$47,817) compared to the May 2007 check.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the 5/7/08 bills totaling \$211,207.58 and Payroll #10 totaling \$71,156.12. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk