

NOVEMBER 5, 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 November 5, 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 October 15, 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.

Ferris Township

- Remove topsoil and gravel parking area at township hall - \$2,545.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve Independent Contractor Agreement for Beaver Control Services with Carl Hartman. Motion carried.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to offer the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves Contract No. 08-5424 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation for the removal and replacement of the structure B01 of 59-15-01, which carries Old Highway US-131 (Federal Road) over Rice Creek, in Section 2, T12N, R10W, Pierson Township, Montcalm County; the reconstruction of the approaches to the structure for approximately 179 feet southerly and 179 feet northerly of the structure; and altogether with necessary related work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dale Linton, Chairman, and Karen Swan, Clerk, are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

Motion carried. Roll call: Yes—McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve and sign the “Compensatory Time” Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME Local 1071.07. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes—McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Manager’s Report

- Purchased 75,000 gallons of diesel fuel and locked in price.
- Opened bids for the lease-purchase of a loader. Michigan CAT was the only bidder.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the loader bid, the trade-in versus sale of the current loader and the trade-in offered for the scraper, the Board was undecided about accepting or rejecting the bid and asked the Managing Director to gather some more information before making any decisions.

Superintendent’s Report

- All township projects are completed.
- Prep work, e.g. ditching and culvert replacements, is done on Stanton Road between West County Line and Dagget Road. This is all that will be done for now until next construction season.
- The annual winter maintenance meeting with county officials is next Wednesday.
- Concerns brought up by the townships during last month’s meetings have been or are being addressed. Dale Linton—What about crowning roads? Some gravel roads are in good shape with a few spots that need to be improved. Roads in the Greenville area look good. In general, gravel roads are in pretty good shape but some do need some work.

Clerk’s Report

- A salaried employee has asked if compensatory time will apply to salaried employees too—will it? Not at this time.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 11/5/08 bills totaling \$762,640.76 and Payroll #23 totaling \$69,034.64. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes—McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk