

MARCH 19, 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 19, 2008.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of March 19, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Paul Titus and Stanley Simon, who both own properties adjacent to the unimproved portion of the Owosso Street right-of-way, which is platted right-of-way located north of Sidney Road (North Shore Drive) that runs to the water's edge of Crystal Lake in Crystal, came before the Board to discuss their concerns about back-lot owners and other township residents living up to a quarter-mile away setting docks and boat hoists in the lake and mooring boats in the lake at the end of the right-of-way and then storing the docks, boat hoists, fishing shanties, and boats in the right-of-way during the off-season. Mr. Titus and Mr. Simon stated that there is a dedicated public access on Crystal Lake, so residents and non-residents have a place to launch boats or take fish shanties onto the ice. They further stated that they have no problem with people using the Owosso Street right-of-way to access the lake for swimming. They are requesting that the same sign that was installed on the Thelma Drive right-of-way east of Strait Tow Boulevard be installed at the Owosso Street right-of-way. The Board stated that its understanding is that the Board's authority ends at the water's edge, so anything in the lake would be under the DEQ's jurisdiction; however, the public does not have the right to place encroachments in the road right-of-way—even unimproved road right-of-way—without the Road Commission's consent.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to authorize the installation of a sign regarding encroachments not being allowed in the road right-of-way on the unimproved portion of Owosso Street north of Sidney Road (North Shore Drive) in Crystal. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to accept Sanisweep's offer to extend its 2007 bid for street/intersection sweeping to the 2008 season. Motion carried.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to accept and place on file the bids for emulsion. Motion carried.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve Pierson Township's request to install a sign stating "No Trucks Allowed Except Local Deliveries" on Ashley Court in Pierson Township. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to accept Solid Concrete Company's bid for the installation of concrete curb and gutter during the 2008 construction season. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

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

Eureka Township

- Salt stabilize South County Line Road from M91 to Berridge Road - \$4,600.
- Salt stabilize Berridge Road from South County Line Road to Fenwick Road - \$4,600.

Superintendent's Report

- Attended the chip-seal seminar in Lansing yesterday; there was a lot of good information. Spoke with a representative from Superior Chip Sealing; he said they charge \$1.10 per square yard, which includes labor, equipment, materials and pre- and post-application sweeping.
- Mike Phillips will be here on April 10th to do employee safety training.
- Working with John Joyce to get more maintenance money from MDOT for the trunklines.
- The first truck went down to Duther Truck to have the AutoShift10 problem worked on.
- The pre-con meeting for the Sloan Road bridge project was held this week; Miller Development was awarded the bid, which was \$356,575 and is approximately \$89,000 under the engineer's estimate. Miller plans to start work May 1st.
- The weigh master has written five tickets and made numerous stops.
- We have the approved engineer's plan for the Greenville salt shed. Met with several vendors and reviewed the plans. Randy will have to review the plans next Monday before they go to Lansing.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, that due to safety concerns at the following locations and a lack of funding to provide needed upgrades and improvements, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby requests the Michigan Department of Transportation to provide funds for the following safety projects under the Local Agency Safety Program:

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- Sidney Road at College Drive – Construct passing flare and improve intersection
- Stanton Road at Wyman Road – Construct passing flare
- Stanton Road at Nevins Road – Construct passing flare and improve intersection
- Upgrade guardrail along Stanton Road at Dickerson Lake outlet
- Upgrade guardrail along Johnson Road south of Sidney Road along Flat River
- Upgrade guardrail along Pierson Road west of US131 along Spring Pond

The Road Commission for Montcalm County hereby agrees that if any of the above projects are approved for safety funds, the Road Commission will provide the local match based on 20 percent of the construction cost in addition to the cost of design and construction engineering.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 3/19/08 bills totaling \$270,986.29 and Payroll #6 totaling \$76,640.54. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk