

July 23, 2013

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County held a regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 9:09 a.m. on July 23, 2013.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director, Pat Denton, Engineering Technician and Kim Alexander, Finance Director-Clerk.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott seconded by Brundage to approve and sign the following township contracts: Motion carried.

Village of Howard City

- Wedge, seal coat and fog-seal up to 24,925 syd of streets, including Sycamore, Hemlock, Alder, Williams, Sherman, Park, Locust, Poplar, Orton and Washburn.

Bushnell Township

- Paint centerline and edge lines on Staines Road from Sessions Road to Condensery Road.

Motion by Brundage seconded by Scott to accept the bid from Wilson's Cleaning Service in the amount of \$13,442.15 for fifty two weeks. Motion carried. Roll call- Brundage, Scott and Linton.

Manager's Report

- Meeting with Bill Clanche tomorrow to discuss his short term disability and return to work.
- Posted the mechanic position in all garages. This would be to replace Bob Tooker, who plans on retiring at the end of the year.
- The chip sealing is ongoing but we are on the downhill slide. Hope to be wrapped up some time next week with 599 being done last.
- Fog sealing started yesterday and will continue with Greenville being done next week.
- The one-ton truck is ready in Grand Rapids. Mark and Joe plan on picking the truck up Wednesday or Thursday.
- Three townships are scheduled for chloride next week. They are: Pine, Pierson and Home Townships.
- Musson Road and Colby Road were paved last week.
- The Board needs to decide whether or not they are attending the Superintendent's Conference in Manistee. The hotel usually fills quickly and we would like to book the rooms next week.
- Hardway vs MCRC is in the pool's hands. There hasn't been any movement on it lately.
- Casair is questioning the permit fees that we charge. They consulted with an attorney who believes that we can only charge a maximum permit fee of \$500 due to the Metro Act. Our attorney is looking into the Metro Act and will give us a legal opinion this week.
- October 15, 2013, is the next Seven County Council Meeting. We are hosting and are checking into the availability of the Turk Lake Restaurant banquet facility. JX Peterbilt will be doing a presentation for the morning session. We'll have more information in the future.
- Andy is back from vacation and we will begin working on the Union Security clause portion of the union contract.

Engineering Report:

- The Fenwick Road Bridge over Dickerson Creek is open.
- The Carlsen Road Bridge over Dickerson Creek is open but waiting for surface coating.
- The Stanton Road project began last week. The curbs are poured and they are expected to begin milling on Thursday.

- The Federal Aid project at Deja Road and Edgar Road started on July 15th. They are excavating earth.
- The Sidney Road Bridge over Fish Creek project is slated to begin on August 5th.
- All the wedging for the chip seal project is complete.
- Township paving is fifty percent complete.

Commissioner Brundage asked about the Road Commission's business relationship with Casair and where we are with the Wi-Fi upgrade. Casair gives technical computer support and also supplies the Road Commission with internet service. They are looking into Wi-Fi for all three locations but Greenville and Howard City do not currently have internet service.

Mark will look into key swipe locks and security cameras in the fall when things slow down for him.

Kim will contact contractors and get prices for installing a security window for the front desk area.

Moved by Scott seconded by Brundage to approve the July 23, 2013 bills totaling \$561,866.77 and payroll #12, totaling \$86,005.38. Motion carried. Roll call- Brundage, Scott and Linton.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk