

August 22, 2018

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County held a regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 9:00 a.m. on August 22, 2018.

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.

The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer were given.

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

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Bill Tingley of Tingley & Associates presented potential changes to the Bass Beach Plat.

Mr. Paul Houghtaling of Montcalm Township was present to ask for a speed limit reduction on Vining Road between Pakes Road and Colby Road. Mark will notify the MSP Trooper in charge for our area and start the process.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the Consumers Energy Resolution authorizing changes to the lighting service as provided by the Standard Lighting Contract. Roll call: Yes: Brundage, Scott, and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton to name Mike Scott as voting delegate and Mark Christensen as alternate voting delegate at the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commission's annual meeting. Motion carried.

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

Belvidere Township

- Replace existing culvert with a 75" x 112" elliptical corrugated metal culvert on Deaner Road over Penny Creek - \$7969.00

Richland Township

- Replace existing culvert with a 36" corrugated metal culvert on Edgar Road over the Galvin Drain - \$1,411

The Working Budget Worksheet was reviewed and explained by Kim. This is an informal look at the budget in detail. The General Appropriations Budget will be added to the Drop Box by month's end in preparation for the 2019 Budget Hearing at the end of September.

Commissioner Brundage offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Public Act 152 was passed by the State Legislature, designed to lessen the burden of employee healthcare costs on public employers;

WHEREAS, road commissions are given three options for complying with the requirements of the Bill, depending on the impact of the Bill on the employees of each public employer;

WHEREAS, those three options are as follows:

- 1) Apply the Hard Cap (capped dollar amount each government employer may pay towards an employee's healthcare costs);
- 2) Adopt by majority vote the 80%/20% cost-sharing model;
- 3) Elect not to follow the statute/non-compliance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Montcalm County Road Commission elects to comply with the requirements of Public Act 152 by adopting the 80%/20% cost sharing model set forth in Section 4 of Senate Bill 7. Supported by Commissioner Scott. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- Final chloride applications will be finishing up this week, next week and after Labor Day
- Fisher is in the county and hope to finish up gravel resurfacing before Labor Day
- Areas of the county received 3-4" of rain this week causing quite a few washouts that are being repaired
- Hope to be done chipping in Newaygo County early next week with fog sealing to start after Labor Day
- Ordered 4,200 tons of salt yesterday receiving last year's pricing. This is all that we can hold and will be a substantial savings as this year's salt prices are up.
- Bid packets and advertisements for the fuel station will be done this week
- Received correspondence from the attorney of the residents at Crystal Lake regarding the fence removal. They are on vacation until the end of September and will deal with the issue upon their return
- Sandyland Farms sent a generous donation of \$5,000 to help with the project on Gravel Ridge Road.

Engineer's Report

- CR 522 (Stanton Road) project from Clifford Lake to Stanton preconstruction meeting is scheduled for August 23. We will receive a progress schedule from the contractor at that time.
- Waldron Road in Bloomer Township is scheduled has been paved. Still need to place shoulder aggregate and pavement markings.
- 4 of the 5 Carson City roads were rotomilled and paved.
- Bass Beach in Cato Township

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the August 16, 2018 bills totaling \$635,183.75 and Payroll #17 totaling \$105,909.22. Roll call: Yes: Brundage, Scott, and Linton. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk