

September 5, 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 September 5, 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 presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Dan Caverly, resident of Ferris Township was present. He commented that he likes the forward thinking of the MCRC and especially was impressed with the military trucks that were purchased at a large discount and turned into plow trucks.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to accept the bids for the fuel station and place them on file. Roll call: Yes: Brundage, Scott, and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the request of Doug and Terri Hill for an encroachment in the right of way at 1253 North Shore Drive, Crystal. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- The rain has made things a little crazy. We have had numerous trees down and washouts that we have taken care of in the county.
- We have three large culvert jobs to do and are waiting on the water levels to lower a bit before we proceed.
- All contracted gravel resurfacing was finished up last Friday. They are ahead of our time requirements which gave a deadline of September 10th.
- Dalton's has 40% of the county brush sprayed. He will have two crews out this weekend and hope to finish it up next week.
- Will have more information on CAT Finance for the loader at the next meeting.
- This round of chloride has been a challenge due to the rain. We hope to finish up in the next couple weeks.
- We have one day of chipping left in Newaygo County and one day of fog sealing in Ionia County and then CJ will move to Newaygo County to finish up fog sealing.
- We will have a dry ice blaster demo later today. It will clean the tar trucks effectively without chemicals.
- We have three MDOT jobs to start and finish in September on the trunklines.
- The truck rodeo is in Norton Shores on October 10th if anyone is interested in attending. We will have Jake Sias and Kyle Main representing Montcalm County.

Engineer's Report

- The CR 522 (Stanton Road) project from Clifford Lake to Stanton is beginning today. The contractor will be here to grade for curbs. Curbs will be poured toward the end of the week. Rotomilling will begin next week.
- The property owners at 1253 N. Shore Drive in Crystal Township have requested a permanent encroachment in the right-of-way for the construction of a house. There is an existing house that is 33' from the center of the road. They are asking for a 5' variance to be 28' from the centerline of the road.
- The MDOT paving project on M-46 between M-91 and Miles Road will begin next week. The Road Commission is preparing a passing flare at the Lake Road intersection in conjunction with this project. This will improve safety when vehicles are waiting to turn north on Lake Road.
- We have submitted an invoice to the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission for reimbursement for the culvert data collection project. It covers the cost of start-up equipment and training plus \$30.00 per mile of data collected. We covered 758.95 miles. The invoice is for \$32,672.30. We anticipate more of these type of projects in the future as the government is investing in data collection of infrastructure.

- Fitzner Road from Dickerson Lake Road to Pakes Road will be getting an ultra-thin overlay by Central Asphalt this week at their expense. The road was beginning to crumble and come apart in places and they believe this fix will help with the problem.
- The roto-mill will be in the county next Tuesday to mill Neff Road and Schmeid Road.

Clerk's Report

- We received a refund from MCRCSIP for \$23,159 yesterday.
- Reminder that the budget hearing is at the next meeting on the 26th. You should have an amended budget for 2018 in your dropbox next week.
- Seventeen employees signed up for the Health Care Savings Plan. This is all but two who were eligible. The OPEB savings will be significant. I'm going to schedule another OPEB actuarial in the coming weeks. These actuary numbers are necessary to put together our CAP for Treasury. Sue agrees it is a good idea to have the report re-done when it will significantly impact our liability.
- All township chip seal invoices were emailed last week. Jenna did a nice job getting them out quickly and efficiently. The updated township billing spreadsheet is in your dropbox.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the August 30, 2018 bills totaling \$331,426.76 and Payroll #18 totaling \$104,985.99. Roll call: Yes: Brundage, Scott, and Linton. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk