

December 13, 2017

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 December 13, 2017.

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 November 22, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to accept the renewal of the 2017 bid price from Haynes Masonry for concrete construction for the 2018 season. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott accept the renewal of the 2017 bid price from Michigan Pavement Marking for line painting for the 2018 season. Motion carried.

Bids are being accepted through Friday, December 15, 2017 for a used motorgrader. Bid specs are online and were advertised in the Grand Rapids Press.

A retirement lunch will be held on December 22nd at 1:00 p.m. for Greg McCracken and Scott Kelly. Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to purchase \$100 gift cards for the retirees. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- Winter operations are in full gear. We had freezing rain on Sunday and Monday that were a challenge.
- The new x-military truck that we had built seems to be performing well. We need a good snow day to test it.
- The next truck will be ready Friday or Monday and be in Bushnell Township.
- Purchased a portable generator for Howard City/Greenville to share as needed.
- Rural Task Force meeting in Big Rapids yesterday went well.
- Truck we purchased in Virginia is waiting to be loaded for delivery.
- Working on fuel station options with Dave from MCES. Looks like there is potential to save \$0.10-\$0.12 per gallon for diesel and \$0.20 per gallon for gasoline. More details to come as they are available.
- Working on a day to interview potential truck drivers. There are strong candidates and we are interviewing six.

Engineer's Report

- There is a pre-construction meeting next week for the County Farm and Stanton Road tree cutting projects. Heinz Tree Service is the contractor and they will probably get started soon.
- Pat, Pat and Mark will be working on bid renewals after the township meetings.
- Attended Right-of-Way workshop last week in Mt. Pleasant.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the December 7, 2017 bills totaling \$198,992.25 and Payroll #25 totaling \$87,092.17. Roll Call: Yes – Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk