

AUGUST 18, 2004

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 August 18, 2004.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Donald McCracken; Randy Stearns, Managing Director; Jack Johnson, Superintendent; and Karen Swan, Finance Director-Clerk.
Absent: Bob Buckowing, County Highway Engineer.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of August 4, 2004 as presented. Carried.

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

Reviewed brush chipper bids, which were opened on August 17, 2004. The Fleet Superintendent has checked the bids against the bid specifications, and Bandit Industries' bid is the only one that meets all of the required specifications. The Fleet Superintendent and the Managing Director suggest that the Board accept Bandit Industries' bid with the heavier duty John Deere engine rather than the optional Caterpillar engine.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to accept Bandit Industries' bid of \$30,438.69 for a Bandit brush chipper with a John Deere engine as bid. Carried. Ayes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Manager's Report

- Randy and Dale met with the county's Solid Waste Committee last week to discuss using a portion of the landfill tipping fees collected by the county to pave 3.1 miles of Federal Road from Kendaville Road to Lake Montcalm Road. This road is a major haul route to Central Landfill. The average daily traffic count is 6,333 vehicles per day, and Central Landfill estimates that 65 waste collection trucks use this road each day—325 trucks per five-day week. Based on this year's material prices, the estimated cost for this project is \$255,755; the Solid Waste Committee approved the request and will take it to the County Commissioners at next week's meeting for their approval. If the request is approved, Randy and the Board would like to get this project completed this year due to the anticipated rise in next year's asphalt prices.
- The contractor has completed the aggregate shoulders on Sidney Road east of M91, and guardrail has been installed. Seeding and pavement marking still need to be done.
- The contractor has completed paving Crystal Road north of M46; shoulders, seeding and pavement marking still need to be done.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to accept and place on file the blade quotes and to direct the Fleet Superintendent to order 6-foot blades to be used countywide on all float trucks. Carried.

Superintendent's Report

- The catch basin located just east of Pine Grove Road on the north side of North Shore Drive in Crystal has been uncovered and an additional catch basin has been installed in the curb line.
- All of the townships have been scheduled for their last application of chloride.

At 4:00 p.m. the members of the Union's negotiating committee presented the Board with its proposals for the upcoming labor agreement negotiations.

Commissioners' Comments

- Dale stated that years ago the Road Commission used to brine the gravel shoulders on some of the more heavily traveled primary roads...should we consider doing the shoulders on some of our recently improved roads which have good, compacted shoulders? The Board agreed that we should see if Michigan Chloride or some other vendor could do this.
- Dale stated that he made an on-site inspection of the Howard City ambulance base, and Randy and Jack have also looked at it. There is a lot of damage and the moisture in the garage walls is drawing a lot of ants to the building. In addition, the cost to dismantle and dispose of the building would not be worthwhile.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 8/18/04 bills totaling \$441,356.03 and Payroll #17 totaling \$106,617.68. Carried. Ayes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk

