

SEPTEMBER 1, 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 September 1, 2004.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of August 18, 2004 as presented. Carried.

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

Jack Walters, a resident of Pierson Township, came before the Board to discuss the location of Amy School Road on the south side of the intersection at Lake Montcalm Road. Mr. Walters stated that the west side of the road is offset 40 feet and is outside of the right-of-way approximately 17 feet on his property. Now that the road has been milled and before it is re-paved, Mr. Walters is asking if the road can be realigned and put back in the right-of-way. There is a moderate 'S' curve at this location on Amy School Road, which is the through road at this intersection; traffic stops on Lake Montcalm Road. If the south side is relocated the intersection going north and south will be offset and a four-way stop will probably be needed. The Board suggested that an on-site meeting be set up, which should include the Pierson Township and Reynolds Township supervisors.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the purchase, by Alan Moore and the Road Commission, of five years of generic service credit under the MERS retirement plan. Carried. Ayes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to schedule a public hearing at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2004 to review the proposed fiscal year 2005 General Appropriations Budget and the proposed Fee Schedule, with the regular Board meeting to follow. Carried.

Manager's Report

- Halliday Sand & Gravel was recently in the county and set up a gravel stockpile at the Braman Pit. He advised me that the pit is pretty much worn out and this will probably be the last year that they can make gravel at this location. The gravel was tested and passed
- I spoke with Jack Young today, and Central Asphalt has us scheduled for paving starting September 16th or earlier if possible.
- We're going to take bids on pickup trucks to compare prices with the State's bid price. Dealers are looking to move some of their stock, and we may be able to get a better deal.

Superintendent's Report

- Discussed putting chloride on gravel shoulders. The chloride would tighten down the gravel and help to hold the shoulders up against the pavement. Jack stated that some people have grass right out to the edge of the road; can foresee some problems if we kill someone's grass. Jack stated the foremen would like to wait until after the sod is pulled in the spring. Per the Board, do what can be done this fall—especially the Federal aid projects that were done last year and this year—there shouldn't be any grass growing yet.
- All of the townships have been scheduled for their last application of chloride except for Maple Valley Township, which cancelled its last application.

Engineering Report

- Except for the west end of Lake Street, all of the curb and gutter has been installed in Crystal. The base course of asphalt has been put down, except for the west end of Lake Street.
- Attended a construction meeting yesterday; the contractors for the WalMart project plan to start roadwork on M57 and Satterlee Road next Tuesday with an expected completion in three weeks.
- The Federal aid projects on Crystal Road north of M46 and Sidney Road east of M91 have been completed.
- The project to replace the bridge deck and rails on Pine Grove Road north of M46 is completed.
- All curb and gutter projects have been completed.
- Discussed KBH Homes site condo project, Little Whitefish Woods, Phase I. The Board has concerns about the length of the roads in the project and the lack of alternative ingress/egress to the project. Bob will advise the developer of the Board's concerns.

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Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 9/1/04 bills totaling \$283,772.40 and Payroll #18 totaling \$71,606.14. Carried. Ayes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk