

AUGUST 17, 2005

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 17, 2005.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of August 3, 2005 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the following township contract. Carried.

Eureka Township

- Remove vegetation, rocks and dirt from center of cul-de-sac at east end of Woodvale Court and replace with gravel - \$180.

Reviewed letter from William Cook requesting that the Road Commission consider crushing and repaving Hathaway Drive and Grosvenor Drive located in the Baldwin Woods Plat. The Board directed that a letter be sent to Mr. Cook explaining the local road policy and suggesting that the residents approach their township board and request the township to set up a special assessment district whereby the residents would pay for the improvements as these are dead-end roads, the general public does not use these roads, and it primarily benefits the property owners.

Clerk's Report

- The August MTF check is down \$39,604 (7.31%) from the August 2004 check; year-to-date MTF is down \$155,483 (2.95%) compared to last year at this time.
- Discussed lack of an adequate turnaround at the east end of West Suwanee Drive ever since Chris Chase built a barrier across the road. Attorney Mike Cavanaugh suggests that Randy Stearns contact Chris Chase and explain that under the Highway By User statute, the Road Commission has the right to continue using the entire portion of the road that is outside the platted area; however, it would be willing to build an adequate turnaround directly outside the end of the plat. Mike Cavanaugh stated that if Mr. Chase is not willing to discuss this, the Board should then send an Encroachment Removal Order to Mr. Chase, allowing him 30 days, as required by law, to remove the barrier that he has constructed at the east end of West Suwanee Drive. If Mr. Chase still doesn't comply, Mike will become involved at that time. The Board agreed to pursue this based on Mike Cavanaugh's directions.
- Discussed correspondence from Mike Cavanaugh regarding Spring Grove Road in Sidney Township. Based on Mike's recommendation, the Board is in unanimous agreement to pursue making this a public road under the Highway By User statute.
- Discussed increasing the part-time clerical position's wage from \$10 per hour to \$12 per hour effective August 25, 2005. The Board unanimously agreed to the increase.

Superintendent's Report

- Repairs to the County Farm Dam crossing have been completed.
- Sealcoat operations are up and running. We had a setback the first day, but everything is going well now. We hope to be done next week.

Commissioners' Comments

- Construction signs are still up on Sidney Road. Per Jack, I believe there is still some work to be done behind the curbs but will check in the morning.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 8/18/05 bills totaling \$734,425.84 and Payroll #17 totaling \$117,711.46. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk