

OCTOBER 19, 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 October 19, 2005.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve the minutes of October 11, 2005 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Discussed a plan for proceeds from the possible sale of the Road Commission's property on Johnson Road in Montcalm Township. The Finance Director requested that the Board consider placing a portion of any proceeds in a contingency fund to be used for unexpected or emergency expenditures that have not been budgeted. Discussed the need to crack seal and/or seal coat paved primary roads to help preserve pavement and also the need to gravel resurface some gravel primary roads.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve and sign the Independent Contractor Agreement with Carl Hartman for beaver control services for the period November 15, 2005 through November 14, 2006. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to deny Veldra Raines' request for the Road Commission to participate in the purchase of five years of generic service from the Municipal Employees' Retirement System. At the October 11, 2005 board meeting the Board passed a motion to no longer participate in the purchase of service except for those employees who had current, unexpired estimates from MERS or being calculated by MERS as of October 11, 2005; and according to MERS, Mr. Raine's request for an estimate was received on October 13, 2005 and is therefore denied. Motion carried.

#### Manager's Report

- Received two grievances from the Union yesterday—one regarding lunch breaks and the other regarding the Board's decision to discontinue participation in the purchase of service credit for MERS. I was advised that the Union was not satisfied with the recent written reply that I gave them regarding lunch breaks. Both of the grievances have been forwarded to Michael Kluck.
- We've received numerous inquiries regarding the sale of the Johnson Road property—seems to be a lot of interest.
- The pavement failure on Wyman Road by the guardrail north of M46 has been repaired; whether or not it's permanent remains to be seen.
- Paving of the front parking lot will be completed tomorrow.

#### Clerk's Report

- Kemp Insurance Company called and requested that Roger Lyndrup's performance bond for the Station Road entrance to the Green Timbers development be released. Bob Buckowing stated that he made an on-site review earlier today, and everything looks okay. The Board gave its approval to allow the release of the performance bond.

#### Engineer's Report

- As Randy stated, the area on Wyman Road north of M46 has been repaired. Rich Buskirk and I are going to take shots and set up a grid to keep track of any possible settling and shifting to see what transpires.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 10/19/05 bills totaling \$96,548.14 as presented. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk