

SEPTEMBER 6, 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 September 6, 2005.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of August 17, 2005 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the following township contract, which is being accepted after the deadline due to the township's late summer sidewalk project affecting the paved portion of the road. Motion carried.

#### Richland Township

- Place a 265# bituminous mat on Main Street from C Avenue to B Avenue in Vestaburg - \$5,550.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to set a public hearing to review the FY2006 General Appropriations Budget at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to reschedule the October 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2005. Motion carried.

Discussed 10-hour day schedule. The Board stated that the Road Commission would go back on the 8-hour day schedule starting Monday, October 10, 2005.

#### Manager's Report

- What level of winter maintenance does the Board want us to provide this winter? With declining MTF revenues (down about 3% as of August) and increasing fuel costs (up about 35% as of mid-August), where do we draw the line? Do we continue to provide the service we have provided the last few years, or do we work on state trunklines and heavily traveled primaries only on weekends? Per the Board, let's keep an eye on MTF and fuel prices for the next month or two and see where things are headed—we can make a decision then.
- Seal coating was completed today.
- Gravel resurfacing projects and paving projects are completed.
- We're sending out 40 tires to be recapped. It is just about impossible to get new tires and the prices are going up—new grader tires have gone up about \$1,000 each. According to the vendors the demand in China is causing these problems.

#### Superintendent's Report

- Installed a "service request" page on the website; hopefully it will be one more way to make it easier for residents to contact us with service requests.
- I requested MIOSHA to come in on August 25<sup>th</sup> to go over our program; the representative spent most of the day here. Everything looks good; there were only three recommendations.
- The last application of chloride for this year will be done on September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The turnaround on the end of West Suwanee Drive at Indian Lakes is just about completed; Mr. Chase had the trees and stumps removed; we provided the gravel. Mr. Chase will provide a deed for the right-of-way.

#### Engineer's Report

- Local road projects on Jones Road and Kimball Road in Pierson Township have not been completed yet. Meeting with the contractor after today's board meeting.
- Received a letter from M&M Wrecker on Wyman Road in McBride requesting an extension of time to complete the commercial driveway approach on Wyman Road. The Board agreed to a six-month extension from the deadline date on the permit.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 9/7/05 bills totaling \$365,773.41 and Payroll #18 totaling \$77,501.47. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk