

JANUARY 18, 2006

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 January 18, 2006.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of January 4, 2006 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the installation of streetlights by Consumers Energy at the following locations: 1) Church Road at Bailey Road, 2) Vickeryville Road at Fenwick Road, 3) Blackmer Road at Fenwick Road, 4) Lake Road at Stanton Road, and 5) Neff Road at Stanton Road. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-01, Placing Existing Public or Private Road Right-of-Way on Certification.

Existing Public Road Right-of-Way

When individuals request the Road Commission for Montcalm County to place an uncertified section of roadway on state certification, and where evidence exists from research and/or other physical indications that a public right-of-way had been previously granted and continues to exist, the Road Commission will place said section of roadway on state certification provided same is first improved to Road Commission for Montcalm County standards. ***All work and/or cost of improvements to be borne by others at no expense to the Road Commission for Montcalm County.*** In addition, the individual owners must obtain a permit, from the Road Commission, to work in the road right-of-way. There is no cost for this permit. The property owners must provide either a bond or an irrevocable letter of credit in an amount equal to the estimated cost to construct the road. All of the abutting property owners must provide a written easement recognizing the 66-foot right-of-way. The Road Commission has the right to perform inspections, as needed, during construction.

Existing Private Road Right-of-Way

When individuals request the Road Commission for Montcalm County to place private road right-of-way on state certification, the Road Commission may consider such request only if the following requirements are first met. The road must meet Road Commission for Montcalm County standards. If road requires improvement to meet the standards, ***all work and/or cost of improvements shall be borne by others at no expense to the Road Commission for Montcalm County.*** If property is occupied or to be occupied prior to completion of road, the property owners must provide either a bond or an irrevocable letter of credit in an amount equal to the estimated cost to construct or improve the road. The Road Commission has the right to perform inspections, as needed, during construction. In addition, the requesting party must provide a survey, indicating the road right-of-way as public, along with a written centerline description of the road right-of-way, prepared by a registered land surveyor. All abutting property owners must provide warranty deeds, deeding the road right-of-way to the Road Commission, and must have said deeds recorded with the Register of Deeds. The property owners must then request their local township board to place the road on the local road system, and the township must provide a written resolution to the Road Commission requesting that the road be placed on the local road system.

Motion carried: Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-02, Certification of New Roads.

The Board, ***at its discretion***, may accept a new road into the County's public road system if the road is built in accordance with the construction plans approved by the Board and if in the judgment of the Board the road fits into and augments the existing public road network and provides an additional route to facilitate the movement of traffic.

All of the following requirements must be met before the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County will consider accepting new roads into the County's public road system:

Roads within a newly approved Plat:

- 1) The roads are included in a Plat approved and signed by the Board.
- 2) The roads are constructed in accordance with the Board's Plat Standards.
- 3) The roads are designated as public roads.

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New Roads not within an approved Plat (e.g. site condos, etc.):

- 1) The roads must be constructed in accordance with the Board's specifications as stated in the Road Commission's current "Road Standards Policies and Guidelines".
- 2) The developer or property owners provide a survey showing the road right-of-way and a centerline description of the road right-of-way from a registered land surveyor;
- 3) The developer or property owners provide a warranty deed conferring the road right-of-way to the Road Commission for Montcalm County and have said deed registered with the Montcalm County Register of Deeds.
- 4) Receipt of written approval from the County Drain Commissioner stating the construction complies with applicable standards and requirements under his jurisdiction.
- 5) Receipt of the Township Board's resolution requesting certification of the roads.

Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Manager's Report

- The grievance arbitration that was scheduled yesterday regarding the Ethics and Fraud policies was cancelled due to the icy conditions; the arbitration has been rescheduled to March 23rd.
- Met with Al Isola of MDOT last week to discuss a new salt shed for the Greenville garage. MDOT wants to construct a 3,000-ton capacity shed with enclosed tanks for anti-ice and pre-wet. Mr. Isola estimates the cost at \$500,000; based on the percentage of the salt that is used on county roads, the Road Commission's portion of the cost would be \$220,000. Mr. Isola stated that if we don't construct a new shed next year, we would have to at least construct a runoff containment system.
- Barber Creek Sand and Gravel has put up two piles of gravel—39,000 yards of 23A and 18,000 yards of 22A on property north of Anderson's Orchards. Isabella Corporation is looking at buying the property and gravel and wants to know if we are interested in purchasing the gravel.
- Sandyland Farms called about getting Deaner Road paved. I was informed that the USDA has money available (low-interest loans) for upgrading and paving roads that serve agriculture-related businesses. We'll do some checking into this.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to rescind Policy No. 2005-03, Ethical Standards and Standards of Conduct, and Policy No. 2005-04, Fraud. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Superintendent's Report

- Discussed anti-icing before freezing rain—the first freezing rain event we had a 30° temperature and the anti-icing we had done prior to the storm definitely helped. The second freezing rain event we had a 28° temperature and it did not work; however, I think when we did start salting it helped the salt to start working sooner.

Engineer's Report

- Today I received a revised plan from Roosien & Associates for the Pine Valley Site Condominium project in Eureka Township. They are now showing additional access to Kay Drive, which is a public road. Dale Linton asked if the sight distance on Youngman Road was checked; Bob stated he had checked it and it does meet the standards.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the preliminary plan for Pine Valley Site Condominium, Section 8, Eureka Township, as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 01/18/06 bills totaling \$194,173.87 and Payroll #2 totaling \$78,833.44. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk