

June 20, 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 June 20, 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 June 7, 2006 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Mark Rambo, Village Manager of Howard City, came before the Board to discuss the cancelled project on Maple Hill Road (Sycamore Street) between Church Road and Chestnut Street, which is located on the dividing line between the village and Reynolds Township. After much discussion, it was agreed that rather than a reconstruction project the road would be graveled, shaped and paved with valley gutters with the Road Commission providing the labor and equipment to prepare the road for paving and to oversee the paving. The Village and Township will share the cost of materials; a revised contract will be prepared for the village and the township.

Tom Todd came before the Board to request that a permit application to install 200 feet of culvert in the ditch along his property on Vickeryville Road just north of Vickeryville be approved by the Board. Bob Buckowing stated that if the Board approves the permit, it will be stated in the permit requirements that Mr. Todd will be responsible for keeping the full length of the culvert cleaned out in order to allow proper drainage and that if the culvert does not drain properly and results in damages to the road, Mr. Todd would be liable for the cost of repairs. Mr. Todd agreed to the requirements.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the permit application by Tom Todd to install and cover 200 feet of culvert in the ditch along his property on Vickeryville Road contingent upon Mr. Todd being responsible for keeping the full length of the culvert cleaned out and being responsible for any road damages that may occur if culvert does not drain properly. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve and sign the following township contracts. Motion carried.

#### Eureka Township

- Place a 265# bituminous mat on Sage Drive from Fairview Drive north to the end - \$14,063.

#### Home Township

- Machine wedge and seal Cedar Lake Road from M46 south to end of pavement - \$4,843.

#### Clerk's Report

- Received the new Blue Cross rates, which are effective September 1, 2006. Rates will increase 4.3% for a single person, 6.2% for two persons, and 8% for a family. The rate changes will add \$35,000 to the Road Commission's annual cost.
- Since we are looking at other plans with Blue Cross, does the Board want to look at MERS Premier Health again? Yes.
- The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Union have asked if the Board would consider closing the Road Commission on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and let employees take the day without pay. The Board stated that employees get personal and vacation days and can use either of those if they wish to take the day off on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Manager's Report

- Terry Materials, Inc. has agreed to make a presentation regarding FiberSeal at the next 7 County Council meeting, which we are hosting on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Paving on Vickeryville Road is completed; we are in the process of placing and compacting the aggregate shoulders and should be done tomorrow as long as it doesn't rain. The company doing the pavement marking plans to do the road on Friday or Saturday if the shoulder work is done.
- Pavement Recycling is crushing McBride Road between Grow Road and Musson Road today and should be done tomorrow.

#### Superintendent's Report

- The second round of chloride applications started today; weather permitting 11 townships should be completed before July 4<sup>th</sup>, eight townships after July 4<sup>th</sup>, and one township signed a contract for just one application and that has been done.
- Salt stabilization projects should be completed tomorrow.

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Engineer's Report

- The shouldering that has been completed so far on Vickeryville Road looks good—our people are doing a really nice job.
- The township projects on Jones Road and Kimball Road in Pierson Township have been completed.
- Reviewed road plan, in particular the entrance, for a proposed site condominium project located off Berridge Road just south of M57 in Eureka Township.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 6/20/06 bills totaling \$367,865.91 and Payroll #13 totaling \$73,262.68. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk