

MARCH 1, 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 March 1, 2006.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve the minutes of February 15, 2006 as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to amend the agenda to add Fairview Drive in Eureka Township. Motion carried.

Randy Stearns advised the Board that Doug Hinken, Greenville City Engineer, contacted him today and asked the Board to review plans for Fairview Drive at M91 and get back with him by 4 p.m. today. The City plans to build an access road off Greenville West Drive to Fairview Drive and Sage Drive, and they need to know if the Board would prefer to close Fairview Drive at M91 and build a turnaround, which would require buying right-of-way or leave Fairview Drive open at M91. The Board stated that if Fairview Drive was closed at M91, fuel trucks delivering to the Admiral station would not be able to pull in or out onto M91. It is the Board's feeling that Fairview Drive at M91 should remain open after the new access is constructed and both roads should be posted "No Trucking". The Board also discussed a developer's request, as shown on the plan, to relocate Sage Drive in order to provide room to subdivide the land into several lots. The relocated road would be on the developer's property. The Board stated it had no objection to the developer's proposed plan; however, if it is done, it will be at absolutely no cost to the Road Commission.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve Scott Civil Engineering Company's proposal for bridge designs for a concrete bridge on Federal Road over Rice Creek and a timber bridge on Sloan Road over Fish Creek. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to accept and place on file the Paving and Skip Paving bids for the 2006 construction season. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to request that attorney Michael Cavanaugh review and answer the Complaint and Petition to Vacate Road in the Goodell's Grove Plat, said road described as the unimproved portion of Grove Street, a private road, located between Lots 21 and 22. Furthermore, the Road Commission has no jurisdiction over this private road and has no objection to the request to vacate the road. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Linton.

On behalf of Bob Buckowing, Randy Stearns asked once more if the Board would be willing to participate in the cost to rebuild the intersection of Cannonsville Road at Federal Road, and the Board reiterated that there is nothing wrong with the current intersection. The Board stated that the Road Commission's budget is limited; and if the waste hauling trucks are having problems when turning onto Cannonsville Road it only makes sense that the funds to reconstruct the intersection should come from the tipping fees collected by the County from the landfill.

#### Manager's Report

- Weight limits will go into effect at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The Solid Waste Committee will be holding its annual hazardous waste and electronics clean-up at the Road Commission on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- CRAM's annual Highway Conference will be held next week in Lansing.
- Discussed estimate from Consumers Energy to install a flashing yellow/red light on West County Line Road at Kendaville Road in Pierson Township. Decision postponed until next regular board meeting in order for Randy Stearns to discuss possibility of Newaygo County Road Commission participating in the cost.

#### Superintendent's Report

- Reviewed report to the Board regarding the recent ice storm on February 23rd, problems Jack had with MDOT because he had ordered putting up 4-way stop signs at traffic lights that were out due to the storm, and continuing clean-up from the storm. Jack advised the Board that our employees did a great job—everybody pitched in and by Friday night all public roads had been cleared of major debris and were open to traffic.
- Discussed the need to install a larger capacity generator at the Stanton garage—one that will run both the garages and the office. The two existing generators, which will not run both areas, could then be moved to the outside garages, where they only need to run the overhead doors and furnace.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve the 3/2/06 bills totaling \$129,412.06 and Payroll #5 totaling \$86,382.10. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk