

May 17, 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 May 17, 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 McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of May 2, 2006 as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of D) Pine Township – Cannonsville Road. Motion carried.

Ed Hansen, Pine Township Supervisor, came before the Board to request that the Board reconsider salt stabilizing Cannonsville Road (CR530) from M91 east to Backus Road this year. Dale Linton advised Mr. Hansen that because of decreased funding the Board made the decision to cancel all proposed salt stabilization projects on primary roads this year; however, the Board plans to revisit this again later in the year if funding allows.

John Berchtold, County Administrator, along with several members of the county's Parks Commission, came before the Board at 3:15 p.m. to ascertain if the Board had made a decision to offer a three-year, or preferably, a five-year option to purchase the Road Commission's property located on Johnson Road in Section 19 of Montcalm Township. The County and the Parks Commission wish obtain the property in order to develop a county park, campground or natural area; and it needs the option to develop the County's five-year plan. Mr. Berchtold advised the Board that Don Cooper, Drain Commissioner and member of the Parks Commission, made a presentation at last night's Montcalm Townships Association (MTA) meeting regarding the County's parks and also discussed the possibility of obtaining the Johnson Road property from the Road Commission to develop it for recreational or natural area purposes. The MTA was supportive of the Parks Commission obtaining the property from the Road Commission and offered a resolution urging the Road Commission to provide a three-year or five-year purchase option to the Parks Commission. Carl Paepke, County Commissioner, stated that township board members feel it is necessary to preserve open space where it can be done. With the area growing so fast, it is getting very hard to find such a nice piece of riverfront property—everything around this property is being built on, and with rising gas prices they feel it would be beneficial to have this available to the public.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners of Montcalm County has approached the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County to express its desire to acquire a parcel of the Road Commission's property, described as the "Johnson Road Property", for the purpose of developing a county park, campground or natural area; and

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners of Montcalm County has requested a five-year option to purchase the "Johnson Road Property";

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves a five-year lease or purchase option, commencing this date, with the Board of County Commissioners of Montcalm County for the Road Commission's approximate 49-acre parcel of land, described as the "Johnson Road Property", located in Section 19, T10N, R8W, Montcalm Township, Montcalm County, Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby agrees to further negotiate with the Board of County Commissioners of Montcalm County for a decision acceptable to both parties.

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

George Bosanic, City Manager of Greenville, and Doug Hinken, City Engineer, came before the Board to discuss Fitzner Road north of County Farm Road in Eureka Township. Mr. Hinken outlined the site plan and asked, on behalf of United Solar Ovonics, if the Road Commission would be willing to transfer jurisdiction of the north 3,268 feet of Fitzner Road from the north township line south to Julie Terry's north property line. Ms. Terry, who was also present, stated that it had been her understanding that Fitzner Road would not be paved by her house but that now she is under the impression that the city wants to take over jurisdiction of the entire road and they plan to pave it—she does not want the road paved and feels like she is stuck out there; her home will be an island in the middle of all this development and she has no one to turn to for help. Doug Hinken advised Ms. Terry and the Road Commission that the City is only asking for jurisdiction of the portion north of Ms. Terry's property—not the entire road. George Bosanic stated that the City would not take jurisdiction of the remainder of

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the road unless it is first built to the City's road standards by either Eureka Township or the Road Commission. Mr. Bosanic explained that the south portion of Fitzner Road where the City constructed and paved an entry to the industrial park last year remains under the Road Commission's jurisdiction because the Federal grant received to do the work did not require a transfer of jurisdiction. The grants the City received this time are very complicated and were negotiated from a different pool of funds; the Michigan Economic Development Corporation prefers that the north section be under the City's jurisdiction—the City has no preference one way or the other regarding the approximately 1,200-foot long portion from the Terry's north property line south to the existing pavement. Greenville's primary focus is to get United Solar Ovonic's up, running and creating jobs. Les Lillie, Eureka Township Supervisor, who was also present, stated that he and Mr. Bosanic had a conversation about the city taking over jurisdiction of the entire road and about building it to the City's specifications; however the township does not want to spend the money to build the road and then give it away—if the City wants to take it over as is and maintain it, I have no objection. Mr. Bosanic reiterated his statement that they don't have a position one way or the other regarding the 1,200-foot section by the Terry's property. Mr. Bosanic stated that as a good will gesture they would be willing to plow the snow during the winter when they are plowing the rest of the roads in the industrial park, but they have no desire to maintain a gravel road the rest of the year.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, that effective immediately the Road Commission hereby transfers jurisdiction to the City of Greenville the 66-foot wide right-of-way for Fitzner Road commencing at the north township line between Eureka Township and Montcalm Township then south 3,268 feet along the section line between Sections 2 and 3 of Eureka Township and ending at Mark and Julie Terry's north property line (6692 S. Fitzner Road). It is agreed that the City of Greenville will realign intersections and install concrete curb and gutter at the north and south ends of the approximate 1,200-foot long gravel portion of Fitzner Road at the time the northern portion of Fitzner Road is constructed and paved. The City of Greenville agrees to plow snow for the entire length of Fitzner Road from County Farm Road (Van Deirse Street) north to the township line during the winter, and the Road Commission will be responsible for maintenance of the 1,200-foot long gravel portion of the road during the remainder of the year. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Henry Petersheim came before the Board to ask that the Board allow him to install a gravel driveway rather than a commercial driveway with concrete curb and gutter and a paved approach to his sawmill operation located on Backus Road north of Cannonsville Road in Pine Township. Backus Road and Cannonsville Road are both gravel roads and Mr. Petersheim feels a paved approach from a gravel road into a gravel parking area would be excessive and unnecessary. The Board agreed with Mr. Petersheim. Bob Buckowing advised Mr. Petersheim that he would still be required to install a culvert wide enough to accommodate truck traffic; this will be spelled out on the permit.

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

Belvidere Township

- Salt stabilize Derby Road from M46 south to Deane Road - \$2,800.
- Seal Lake Montcalm Road from Hillman Road to Miles Road - \$2,880.
- Machine wedge/seal Miles Road from m46 to Cutler Road - \$19,659.
- Crush/shape/220# mat on North County Line Road from Hillman Road west to end of pavement - \$34,656.
- Crush/shape/220# mat on Musson Road from Lake Montcalm Road to Church Road; install curb and gutter at Lake Montcalm Road intersection - \$30,748.

Bushnell Township

- Machine wedge/seal Staines Road from Sessions Road to Condensery Road - \$11,882.
- Gravel Staines Road from Snows Lake Road to Fenwick Road - \$10,655.
- Gravel Sessions Road from Staines Road to Stevenson Road - \$13,319.
- Gravel Sessions Road from Stevenson Road to Townhall Road - \$10,655.

Cato Township

- Salt stabilize Lake Montcalm Road from M91 to Lake Road - \$4,380.

Day Township

- Salt stabilize Klees Road from Neff Road to Cedar Lake Road - \$2,920.
- Seal Epley Road from Kendaville Road to Lake Montcalm Road - \$7,615.
- Crush/gravel/salt stabilize Peoples Road from Cannonsville Road to Coral Road - \$29,041.

Douglass Township

- Seal Lake Montcalm Road from Hillman Road to Miles Road - \$2,880.
- Salt stabilize Lake Road from Stanton Road to Briggs Road - \$1,460.
- Salt stabilize Hillis Road from M66 to Musson Road - \$5,840.
- Seal Hillman Road from Kendaville Road to Waterwheel Road - \$5,759.

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Douglass Township

- Seal Hillman Road from Stanton Road to Briggs Road - \$11,452.
- Seal Waterwheel Road from Hillman Road to Lake Montcalm Road - \$3,807.
- Gravel Nevins Road from Stanton Road to Klees Road - \$12,181.
- Gravel Miller Road from Hillis Road to Cannonsville Road - \$8,012.
- Gravel Klees Road from Grow Road to Musson Road - \$18,272.

Eureka Township

- Salt stabilize Shearer Road from city limits to Wise Road - \$2,482.
- Split cost with RCMC for 2,000 cyd 23A maintenance gravel - \$6,100.
- Centerline/edge line marking on South County Line Road from West County Line to M91 - \$1,438.
- 180# mat on Arloa Drive - \$11,743.
- 180# mat on Lynwood Drive - \$3,121.
- 180# mat on Satterlee Road south of Baldwin Road - \$11,037.
- 180# mat on Hathaway Drive - \$14,293.
- 180# mat on Grosvenor Drive - \$6,122.
- 180# mat on Fairview Drive from M91 to Sage Drive - \$7,448.
- 180# mat on Fletcher Road from 100' east to 100' west of railroad crossing - \$2,637.

Evergreen Township

- Gravel Townhall Road from Muskrat Road to Holland Lake Road - \$11,229.
- Gravel Townhall Road from Beardsley Road to Muskrat Road - \$5,615.
- Gravel Townhall Road from Condensery Road to Beardsley Road - \$5,615.
- Gravel Pakes Road from Cedar Lake Road to Vickeryville Road - \$11,229.

Maple Valley Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm - \$28,452.

Pine Township

- Salt stabilize Lake Montcalm Road from M91 to Lake Road - \$4,380.
- Salt stabilize Lake Road from Stanton Road to Briggs Road - \$1,460.
- Paint centerlines on Briggs Road from M91 to Lake Road - \$1,700.
- Machine wedge/seal Briggs Road from M91 to Backus Road - \$12,608.
- 250# mat on middle section of Willard Rd between Johnson Rd and Gravel Ridge Rd - \$12,326.

Reynolds Township

- Salt stabilize Gordon Road from Cutler Road to North County Line Road - \$2,920.
- Salt stabilize Gates Road from West County Line Road to Amy School Road - \$8,760.
- Seal Tamarack Road from Amy School Road to Maple Hill Road - \$8,786.
- Seal Amy School Road from Lake Montcalm Road to M82 - \$8,376.
- Ditch/shape/gravel/250# mat on Maple Hill Road from Church Road to Chestnut Street - \$10,919.

Village of Howard City

- Ditch/shape/gravel/250# mat on Maple Hill Road from Church Road to Chestnut Street - \$10,919.

Manager's Report

- Dale and I had a meeting with Senator Cropsey and Representative Emmons the other morning. They understand decreased funding and increased fuel cost issues that road commissions are facing; however, they don't see any relief in sight.
- Received a letter from Dixie Ward; the Solid Waste Committee is meeting tomorrow afternoon to discuss funding of project requests. It does not sound like the committee has much in the way of funding this year. Dale Linton will attend the meeting to discuss the Road Commission's funding requests and to provide estimated costs to pave the driveways and parking areas at the county's roadside parks.

Reviewed MDOT contract for a new salt storage building at the Greenville garage site.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve MDOT Contract No. 2006-0168 for the construction of a concrete wall type bulk chemical storage facility at the Road Commission's Greenville garage site with said facility having a capacity of approximately 3,000 tons for the storage of bulk chemicals (road salt) to be used on state trunkline highways and county roads in Montcalm County and to authorize Dale Linton, Chairman, to sign said contract. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Linton, to authorize Randy Stearns as voting delegate and Dale Linton as alternate voting delegate at the annual business meeting of the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool to be held on July 20, 2006. Motion carried.

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Superintendent's Report

- Rain has caused rescheduling of chloride applications for some townships.
- Salt stabilization projects have started—the townships are doing a lot of them this year.

Engineer's Report

- Reviewed the engineer's estimate received from Scott Civil Engineering for the Blackmer Road bridge south of Condensery. Bob will send a letter to the township board advising them of their share of the estimated cost to replace the bridge.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 5/17/06 bills totaling \$203,129.09 and Payroll #10 totaling \$72,712.44. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk