

NOVEMBER 15, 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 November 15, 2006.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of November 1, 2006 as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of F) Little Whitefish Woods, Phase II. Motion carried.

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

WHEREAS, the Pierson Township Board has submitted a request to the Road Commission for Montcalm County to add a portion of Whitefish Woods Drive, Blue Heron Drive, and Quail Court, 66-foot wide public rights-of-way, located in the Little Whitefish Woods Phase II site condominium development, Section 7, T11N, R10W, Pierson Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, to the Local Road System; and

WHEREAS, the east 125 feet of Whitefish Woods Drive, the 954.15 feet of Blue Heron Drive, and the 498.79 feet of Quail Court have been constructed in accordance with the Road Commission's road standards,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Road Commission for Montcalm County has reviewed and approved the request for the addition of the above-listed roads to the Local Road System;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said roads would add an additional 0.30 mile to the Local Road System.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Reynolds Township Board has submitted a request to the Road Commission for Montcalm County to add Lindsey Court, Olivia Lane and Brianna Way, 66-foot wide public rights-of-way, located in the Viking Ridge Plat, Section 33, T12N, R10W, Reynolds Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, to the Local Road System; and

WHEREAS, the 445.44 feet of Lindsey Court, the 1,558.42 feet of Olivia Lane, and the 685.44 feet of Brianna Way have been constructed in accordance with the Road Commission's road standards,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Road Commission for Montcalm County has reviewed and approved the request for the addition of the above-listed roads to the Local Road System;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said roads would add an additional 0.51 mile to the Local Road System.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the Website Maintenance Agreement with Jack Johnson, effective January 1, 2007, and authorize the Chairman to sign said agreement. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to offer the Superintendent's position to Mark Christensen, currently the Greenville Area Foreman, with an annual salary of \$50,000 plus overtime at the straight time rate on weekends only and double time on recognized holidays with performance and wage review to be done after six months. In addition, employee will receive 40 hours of vacation in addition to what he is now eligible for. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Manager's Report

- Discussed mutual aid agreement between surrounding counties.
- Discussed meeting scheduled for tomorrow between area Amish and Old Order Mennonite farmers and the Ionia County Road Commission, and Ionia County and Montcalm County Sheriffs' Departments regarding the illegal use of steel-wheeled farm equipment on county roads.

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Clerk's Report

- Spoke with attorney Michael Cavanaugh regarding Carolyn Kane's question at the last board meeting regarding the injunction on Vickeryville Road north of M46. Mike advised that according to the legal documents the Road Commission and the Erhards entered into a stipulated set of facts, i.e. the facts have been established and the injunction is permanent. It would be very difficult and costly to go back and try to change the established facts.
- The GI for the Heartland Trail, Phase VI, from Village of McBride to Village of Edmore, was held here last week. This is an earmarked project—totally federal dollars—MDOT will pay the contractors and bill the Road Commission for the 20 percent match. The match money, which will be provided by the Meijer Foundation and/or the Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail, will be deposited with the Road Commission prior to the start of the project, and we will administer the paperwork regarding the project. The project is scheduled for a March 2007 letting.

Discussed whether or not we should sell our allocated 2007 Federal Aid funds to the state as we have done for the past two years. Due to changes regarding Federal "D" funds, and possibly State "D" funds, the Board decided that it would not sell its Federal Aid funds this year.

Commissioners' Comments

Dale Linton suggested setting up an employee meeting. It was decided that the Board would meet with all employees at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2006, prior to the regular board meeting.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, that due to Randy Stearns' return to full-time work, the Board hereby rescind the motion made on October 3, 2006 naming Jack Johnson as Interim Managing Director in Randy Stearns' absence. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 11/15/06 bills totaling \$212,931.46 and Payroll #23 totaling \$66,357.00. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

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

Chairman

Clerk