

DECEMBER 6, 2007

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 December 6, 2007.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton and Robert Brundage; Randy Stearns, Managing Director; Thomas Mayan and Carol Smith, Consulting Engineers and Karen Swan, Finance Director-Clerk.
Absent: Donald McCracken, Commissioner and Mark Christensen, Superintendent.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve the minutes of November 21, 2007 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve the following 2008 township contracts. Motion carried.

Bushnell Township

- Four applications of chloride at a rate of 1,000 gpm - \$23,519.

Eureka Township

- Three applications of chloride at a rate of 1,650 gpm - \$15,834.

Douglass Township

- Three applications of chloride at a rate of 1,650 gpm - \$29,471.

Sidney Township

- Three applications of chloride at a rate of 1,650 gpm - \$28,566.

Manager's Report

- Jerry Byrne from Kent County Road Commission and I recently met with the National Weather Service in Grand Rapids to discuss a new service that they now provide to municipalities whereby important, detailed, up-to-the-minute information for upcoming serious weather events can be discussed with the NWS meteorologists via a conference call. We participated in just such a call earlier this week, and it was very interesting and helpful for planning purposes.
- We have had several complaints from residents about the Board's mailbox replacement policy. The residents had installed expensive mailboxes and are not satisfied with the Road Commission's policy of replacing damaged mailboxes with a standard metal post and mailbox or a payment of up to \$25 towards the purchase of a new mailbox after we receive proof of said purchase. These residents feel they should be fully reimbursed no matter what the cost. The Board members stated that they choose to set a reasonable limit, and they feel \$25 is a reasonable amount for a mailbox and post—if a resident wants to put up an expensive mailbox right by the road where they know our trucks have to push heavy snow, slush and ice off, that is their choice.
- Shook Asphalt has provided a written offer to extend its current price for skip paving to the 2008 construction season.
- Reviewed list of drivers' and mechanics' recommendations regarding float trucks. Discussed demo trucks that were brought to the Road Commission this week.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to accept Shook Asphalt Company's offer to extend their current bid price for skip paving to 2008. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Linton.

Engineers' Report

Tom Mayan

- Rich Buskirk made a good call by changing the Blackmer Road bridge plans and having the contractor move the culvert further down the road and remove and dispose of the stumps along the road, which eliminated a safety hazard. The whole project looks very good.
- Notices for Safety Funds just came out—projects up to \$400,000 are eligible with a 20 percent local match. High Risk Rural Funds are another funding source; however, there aren't as many funds available.

Carol Smith

- We are working on the final plans for the Sloan Road bridge; the bid letting should be in March.
- The grade inspection for the bridge on Federal Road over Rice Creek will be in January with the bid letting probably in June.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve the 12/6/07 bills totaling \$198,045.01 and Payroll #25 totaling \$82,163.70. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk