

FEBRUARY 21, 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 February 21, 2007.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve the minutes of February 7, 2007 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Reviewed the 2007 Cash Budget; discussed concerns about CRAM's MTF revenue predictions for remainder of 2007 and proposed for 2008.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve the warranty deed for the sale of the Road Commission's property located south of Sidney Road and west of Johnson Road in Section 19 of Montcalm Township to the County of Montcalm and authorize the Chairman to sign said deed. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve and sign the following agreement between the Road Commission and the County of Montcalm:

In consideration of the County funding the Road Commission's portion of the at-large assessment, the Road Commission agrees to continue maintaining bridges and culverts and performing other drain maintenance within the road right-of-ways, which are under the Road Commission's jurisdiction.

The Parties agree that this arrangement will continue at least through December 31, 2017. Either the Road Commission or the County may terminate this arrangement after that time, provided it provides the other party at least sixty days written notice.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County has received a petition to discontinue and abandon the following public right-of-ways under the Road Commission's jurisdiction:

- a. A strip of land five feet in width located between the South line of Lot 7 and the North line of Lot 8 of Block D and between the South line of Lot 4 and the North line of Lot 5, Block A, bounded on the West by the shore of Big Whitefish Lake, in Skinner's Resort Plat, a recorded plat, Section 20, T11N, R10W, Pierson Township, Montcalm County, Michigan; and
- b. A strip of land five feet in width located between the South line of Lot 9 and the North line of Lot 10, of Block D and between the South line of Lot 6 and the North line of Lot 7, Block A, bounded on the West by the shore of Big Whitefish Lake, in Skinner's Resort Plat, a recorded plat, Section 20, T11N, R10W, Pierson Township, Montcalm County, Michigan; and
- c. A strip of land designated as Oak Street located adjacent to and between the West line of Lots 4 and 5 of Block E and the East line of Lots 7 through 10 of Block D, in Skinner's Resort Plat, a recorded plat, Section 20, T11N, R10W, Pierson Township, Montcalm County, Michigan; and
- d. A strip of land designated as Lake Street located adjacent to and between the West line of Lots 7 through 10 of Block D and the East line of Lots 4 through 7 of Block A, in Skinner's Resort Plat, a recorded plat, Section 20, T11N, R10W, Pierson Township, Montcalm County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the petition to vacate the above-listed public right-of-way was signed by all of the abutting property owners;

WHEREAS, an on-site review of said right-of-ways was done by the Managing Director of the Road Commission and it was determined that said right-of-ways are unimproved and not open to pedestrian or vehicular traffic; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is determined by the Board of County Road Commissioners that it is in the best interest of the public that jurisdiction of the above-described road right-of-ways be discontinued and abandoned by the Road Commission; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be published in a newspaper printed and circulated in this county, once each week for three successive weeks, a copy forwarded to the Montcalm County Register of Deeds, the Pierson Township Board, and the Michigan Department of Transportation and a copy of same be placed on file.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to appoint Randy Stearns as the designated voter on the CRAM Policies at the upcoming annual highway conference in Lansing. Motion carried.

Reviewed correspondence from Lakeview District Fire Department regarding the intersection of Tamarack Road at Bale Road in Cato Township.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to authorize Mark Christensen, Superintendent, as a signatory on payroll and vendor checks, when needed and in the absence of the Finance Director or Managing Director. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to reschedule the March 7, 2007 board meeting to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2007, due to the annual CRAM Highway Conference being held in Lansing on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve the Performance Resolution for Governmental Bodies pursuant to the Michigan Department of Transportation's Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations within State Trunkline Right-of-Way for 2007 and to authorize Randy Stearns, Managing Director, and/or Mark Christensen, Superintendent, as authorized applicants for the permit. Motion carried.

#### Manager's Report

- An employee has expressed a concern about fixing the garage floor to make it safer for changing blades on the trucks. The floor is quite rough and the creeper doesn't roll very well. We have looked at the area and think the concrete could be fixed relatively inexpensively once the weather permits. The Board agreed that the repairs should be made.
- The last truck to have a patrol wing installed is back from Truck and Trailer.
- Spring weight restrictions go into effect on county roads at 6 a.m. on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### Superintendent's Report

- We have been anti-icing this week in preparation for this weekend. You could see a difference the last two mornings with the frost situation. We should have a lot of the township blacktop roads done by Friday afternoon and two applications on the state trunklines.
- Continuing to meet with John Joyce from MDOT every other week; he is very pleased with how things are going.
- Took truck #45 to Ionia County Road Commission this morning, because they wanted to look at the wing. If we get some snow, I may take it down there again so they can see what it does.
- Have made contact with 16 of the 20 township supervisors and/or road liaisons; have heard a lot of good comments.
- Working with Randy on the salt storage for Greenville; putting some numbers together and checking into chloride tank.

#### Commissioners' Comments

- Bob Brundage stated that he would like to know what the cost of crushing and dust control throughout the summer on a mile of road would be versus the cost to keep a badly deteriorated blacktop road patched. Mark will put some numbers together for the next board meeting.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve the 2/21/07 bills totaling \$91,224.79 and Payroll #4 totaling \$98,713.14. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk