

JULY 3, 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 July 3, 2007.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of June 20, 2007 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to open the public hearing, at 3:04 p.m., in regard to a request to abandon unimproved public right-of-way for Division Avenue in Sunny Side Terrace Plat located in Section 9 of Montcalm Township. Motion carried.

Steve Simon and George Burhance, who both own property adjacent to the subject right-of-way, came before the Board to discuss Mr. Burhance's request for abandonment. Mr. Simon stated that most of the property owners living on Sunny Drive use the unimproved right-of-way as a shortcut to get to Turk Lake. Mr. Simon stated that he is not in favor of closing the 24-foot wide right-of-way and that he would be willing to work with Mr. Burhance to address some of Mr. Burhance's concerns without abandoning the right-of-way. Mr. Burhance stated that he would like the right-of-way to be abandoned and the property divided between himself and Mr. Simon. Mr. Burhance stated, and Mr. Simon confirmed, that Mr. Simon's house is only two feet from the property line at the right-of-way and that if the right-of-way was abandoned, Mr. Simon would acquire 12 additional feet between his house and his property line. Mr. Simon stated that he doesn't care about the additional footage and doesn't want to pay more property tax. The Clerk stated that the Board could abandon the east 12 feet of the right-of-way on Mr. Burhance's side and leave the west 12 feet as a public walkway on Mr. Simon's side. The Board suggested that Mr. Simon and Mr. Burhance get together to discuss the situation and further stated that the Board would postpone the abandonment request until the September 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

The public hearing closed at 3:29 p.m.

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

#### Cato Township

Place a 200# bituminous mat with valley gutters where needed on Tamarack Road from Satterlee Road east to Lakeview's village limits - \$17,212.

#### Douglas Township

Ditch, gravel and place a 250# bituminous mat with valley gutters on Lake Road from Stanton Road north 500 feet - \$2,512.

#### Pine Township

Ditch, gravel and place a 250# bituminous mat with valley gutters on Lake Road from Stanton Road north 500 feet - \$5,025.

#### Sidney Township

Place a 180# bituminous overlay on existing pavement on Spring Grove Road east of Derby Road (contingent upon remainder of Spring Grove Road being paved at property owners' expense) - \$8,596.

#### Superintendent's Report

- The contractor is graveling in Evergreen Township this week and Fairplain Township next week. L & D Carey should be done soon.
- The second applications of chloride on local roads are done in almost all townships.
- The pavement-marking contractor is working on the west side of the county this week.

#### Engineer's Report

- The permit for work along and in Fitzner Road north of County Farm Road by the City of Greenville has been approved and sent to the City. All of our requirements were spelled out on the permit.
- Rich Buskirk and I have staked all of the reference points for the Critical Bridge project on Blackmer Road just north of Condensery Road.
- Wyman Road north of Edmore has shifted a little bit; possibly due to the dry weather and hydraulics. We will keep monitoring it.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to name Randy Stearns as Officer-Delegate and Karen Swan as Officer-Alternate for the annual MERS meeting to be held in mid-September. Motion carried.

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Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to reschedule the July 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. due to the annual MCRCSIP meeting being held in the afternoon on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 7/3/07 bills totaling \$230,065.83 and Payroll #14 totaling \$68,567.37. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk