

June 7, 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 June 7, 2006.

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

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Linton, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of G) Petition to Vacate Newcomb Road west of Douglas Road, Section 14, Pierson Township. Motion carried.

Don Stearns, a member of the Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail, came before the Board to ask if in the future the Board would consider using non-motorized funds to pave wide shoulders on certain roads so they could be used for bicycle paths. Mr. Stearns thanked the Board for being the only governmental entity in the county that had the foresight and was willing to apply for the Federal Enhancement Grant funds to build the various phases of the Heartland Trail constructed thus far and for administering the projects.

Bob Golm, the Road Commission's agent with Blue Cross-Blue Shield, and Wanda Winfield, the Road Commission representative at Blue Cross-Blue Shield, came before the Board to discuss Health Savings Accounts and the Flexible Blue Plans as a way to provide health insurance that is comparable to the current plan yet would provide substantial savings.

Wes Thresher and Elwyn Joslin of AFLAC came before the Board to request that the Board consider setting up a Section 125 Plan so that employees, those who already have AFLAC insurance and those who may decide to apply in the future, can have their payroll deductions done on a pre-tax basis. Mr. Thresher stated that AFLAC would set up the plan at no charge to the Road Commission.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to allow AFLAC to set up a Section 125 Plan effective July 1, 2006. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to accept Isabella Corporation's bid, on behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation, to repair catch basins on M57 in Carson City. 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 Blackhawk Trail, Hummingbird Court and Falcon Trail, 66-foot wide public rights-of-way, located in the Timberland Estates Plat, Section 14, T12N, R10W, Reynolds Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, to the Local Road System; and

WHEREAS, Blackhawk Trail, commencing at the end of the non-platted portion of Blackhawk Trail and running westerly a distance of 1,592.05 feet; Hummingbird Court commencing at Blackhawk Trail and running southerly 662.69 feet; and Falcon Trail commencing at Blackhawk Trail and running northeasterly 1,529.92 feet have been constructed in accordance with the Road Commission's Plat 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 will add an additional 0.72 mile to the Local Road System.

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

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

Bloomer Township

- Four applications of chloride at 1,000 gpm - \$12,847.

Cato Township

- Gravel and place a 250# bituminous mat on Satterlee Road from Cutler Road to North County Line Road; place an additional 80# on Satterlee Road from Cutler Road north to just past the gravel pit. - \$79,644.

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- Place a 180# bituminous mat on Cherry Drive between Oak and Walnut - \$3,245.
- Place a 180# bituminous mat on the extension of Honeymoon Drive - \$1,823.

Montcalm Township

- Split cost with Road Commission for 2,000 cyd 23A maintenance gravel - \$6,000.
- Salt stabilize Holland Lake Road from Johnson Road to Monroe Road - \$3,796.
- Hand patch and seal Turk Lake Drive between M91 and Colby Road - \$1,513.
- Install catch basin, culvert and concrete curb and gutter at intersection of Holland Lake Road and Johnson Road and pave a 50-foot approach on Holland Lake Road - \$5,122.
- Place a 180# bituminous mat over the bridge deck located on Colby Road over the Flat River - \$3,956.
- Place a 180# bituminous mat on Berridge Road from Dickerson Lake Road to Pakes Road - \$46,088.

Pierson Township

- Ditch and gravel in preparation for paving on Dagget Road from Stanton Road to Kimball Road, west on Kimball to Dagget and south on Dagget to South County Line; reshape intersection at Kimball and Dagget - \$42,765.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the request for reimbursement in the amount of \$10,000 from the Michigan Department of Transportation for payments made during the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 to licensed professional engineers. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to set a public hearing at 3:00 p.m. on July 5, 2006 for the purpose of considering a request to vacate and abandon the public road right-of-way for Newcomb Road from Douglas Road west 0.30 mile, which is located in Section 14 of Ferris Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to appoint Randy Stearns as an Officer Delegate and Don McCracken as an Officer Alternate to the annual MERS meeting to be held September 20-21 in Grand Rapids. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- Mowing on state trunklines and county primary roads is ongoing.
- At this time MDOT is unwilling to sign the salt shed contract for the Greenville facility due to the change that we and other road commissions are making regarding MDOT's stipulation that they have the right to continue to use the salt storage facility for 30 years if for some reason the state maintenance contract between the county and MDOT is cancelled. This is new language to the salt storage contracts; some road commissions are refusing to sign the contract and some, like us, are changing it to five years. There is some ongoing discussion in Lansing in this regard, and hopefully it can be resolved.
- I spoke with a representative from Cover-All, Inc. regarding their salt storage buildings, which some counties have constructed. In the event the salt storage contract issue is resolved, I asked for some more information to be sent to us.

Superintendent's Report

- The first round of chloride applications will be completed tomorrow; the second round is scheduled to start June 19th, weather permitting.
- Salt stabilization projects should be done the week of June 19th, weather permitting.

Commissioners' Comments

- Dale Linton stated we should do something about the gravel situation on Cannonsville Road (CR530) from M91 to Backus Road. For some unknown reason there has been a problem with the gravel at that location for years, and it's just getting worse. Salt stabilization works for one season, but has to be redone every year. I know money is very tight, but I don't think we can continue to put this off. The Board was in agreement that this one-mile section of Cannonsville Road should be gravel resurfaced this year. Also discussed McBride Road (CR530) between Grow Road to Musson Road. This road was scheduled to be crushed and re-paved this year using Federal Aid funds but was cut when our Federal Aid funds were reduced. It would be more cost effective to crush the pavement and temporarily turn this section back to gravel rather than try to keep it patched until we can do the paving project. It was agreed that this section of McBride Road will be crushed as soon as possible. The Vickeryville Road project looks like it will come in under the estimated cost, so we should be able to use those funds to do these two projects.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to reschedule the next board meeting from Wednesday, June 21st to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20th due to one of the commissioners being unable to attend the Wednesday meeting. Motion carried.

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Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 6/8/06 bills totaling \$302,170.34 and Payroll #12 totaling \$74,330.49. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk