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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 May 1, 2007.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of May 1, 2007 as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves Contract No. 07-5167 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation for:

The removal and replacement of structure B01 of 59-05-31, which carries Blackmer Road over Fish Creek in Sections 34 and 35, T10N, R5W, Crystal Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, and the reconstruction of the approaches to the structure for approximately 265 feet southerly and 378 feet northerly of the structure; and all together with necessary related work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dale Linton, Chairman, and Karen Swan, Finance Director-Clerk, are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

Motion carried.

Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Ed Hansen, Pine Township Supervisor, and Lynwood Cannon, Pine Township Trustee, came before the Board to discuss Lake Road, north of Stanton Road and adjacent to the new auto auction company that will be located at the former Wilbur-Ellis site. The owner has requested that Pine Township and Douglass Township contribute to pave a portion of the road by the business. The owner plans to participate in the cost and Pine Township wants to know if the Road Commission will participate. The Board stated that it would only provide labor and equipment to shape and grade the road in preparation for paving.

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

Cato Township

- One application of chloride at 2,000 gpm - \$15,805.

Crystal Township

- Seal Peterman Drive off North Shore Drive - \$1,828.
- Machine wedge where needed on Colby Road west of Mt. Hope Road - \$2,350.
- Machine wedge and seal Belding Street from Main Street to Sweet Street - \$4,814.

Day Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm - \$22,552.
- Salt stabilize Peoples Road from Cannonsville Road to Coral Road - \$2,737.
- Machine wedge two to three bad spots on Neff Road between Stanton Road and Cannonsville Road - \$15,060.
- Machine wedge and seal Coral Road from Wyman Road to Neff Road - \$15,777.
- Machine wedge and seal Cannonsville Road from Wyman Road to Neff Road - \$18,851.

Douglass Township

- Salt stabilize Lake Road from Stanton Road to Briggs Road - \$912.50
- Salt stabilize Lake Road from Briggs Road to Hillis Road - \$228.
- Gravel Lake Road from McBride Road to Kendaville Road - \$5,964.50

Eureka Township

- Replace curb and gutter and place a 250# paved approach with valley gutters at intersection of Station Road and Satterlee Road - \$3,249.
- Ditch, sand lift and gravel Johnson Road between Wise Road and Harlow Road - \$26,370.
- Place a 165# bituminous overlay on Eastern Avenue and the certified portions of Fairway Drive and Middleton Drive - \$18,300.
- Place a 180# bituminous overlay with valley gutters on River Road south of Snows Lake Road - \$18,427.

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- Place a 180# bituminous overlay with valley gutters on River Road from Baker Road north to the bridge - \$9,433.
- Place a 250# bituminous mat on Satterlee Road and Station Road from West County Line Road east around curve to existing pavement - \$124,706.

Evergreen Township

- Salt stabilize West Holland Lake Drive (East Shore Drive) and East Channel Drive at Holland Lake - \$456.
- Gravel Townhall Road from Sidney Road to Evergreen Road - \$5,580.
- Gravel Tow Road from Sidney Road to Vickeryville Road - \$8,927.
- Gravel Wicker Road from Pakes Road to Stanton Road - \$13,949.
- Machine wedge Pakes Road from Vickeryville Road to Senator Road - \$3,760.
- Place a 165# bituminous overlay on Holland Lake Road from Wicker Road to Tow Road - \$40,770.

Fairplain Township

- Salt stabilize Grow Road/Station Road from County Farm Road to Grow Road (south) - \$1,388.
- Salt stabilize Jenks Road from Carlsen Road to South County Line Road - \$1,642.
- Salt stabilize Russell Road from M57 to County Farm Road - \$2,737.
- Gravel Russell Road from M57 to Kent Road - \$5,580.
- Gravel Holland Road from Sessions Road to Station Road - \$5,580.
- Gravel South County Line Road from Derby Road to Grow Road - \$11,159.
- Place a 330# bituminous approach on Russell Road at M57 - \$3,581.
- Place a 180# bituminous mat on Miller Road from M57 to Boyer Road - \$23,982.

Home Township

- Salt stabilize Cedar Lake Road from Pine Street to Deaner Road - \$1,642.
- Salt stabilize Edgar Road from Cedar Lake Road to Vickeryville Road - \$1,825.

Maple Valley Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm - \$28,452.

Montcalm Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm - \$16,314.
- Split cost for 2,000 cyd 23A maintenance gravel with Road Commission - \$6,000.
- Seal Colby Road from M91 to Youngman Road - \$12,896.
- Place a 165# bituminous overlay on Oak Drive from Colby Road to Sunny Trail - \$12,799.
- Place a 185# bituminous overlay on Colby Road from M91 to Vining Road - \$36,973.

Pierson Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm - \$26,751.
- Paint centerlines on 13.24 miles of paved local roads - \$5,209.
- Salt stabilize Main Street and Lake Street - \$1,095.
- Remove berms and gravel Waterwheel Road east of Reed Road - \$10,865.
- Place a 250# bituminous mat on Kimball Road from Dagget Road (north) west around curve and south to South County Line Road - \$56,358.

Pine Township

- Split cost for 2,000 cyd 23A maintenance gravel with Road Commission - \$6,000.
- Salt stabilize Cannonsville Road from M91 west to turnaround - \$1,825.
- Salt stabilize McBride Road from Backus Road to Lake Road - \$1,825.
- Machine wedge and seal McBride Road from Vining Road to Backus Road - \$18,844.
- Place a 250# bituminous mat on Hunter Lake Drive from Dickerson Lake Road to end of turnaround - \$24,847.
- Salt stabilize Lake Road from Stanton Road to Briggs Road - \$912.50
- Salt stabilize Lake Road from Briggs Road to Hillis Road - \$228.
- Gravel Lake Road from McBride Road to Kendaville Road - \$5,964.50

Richland Township

- One application of chloride at 1,650 gpm - \$7,063.
- Two applications of chloride at 1,000 gpm - \$8,561.
- Salt stabilize Edgar Road from Pine Grove Road east 0.5 mile - \$912.
- Salt stabilize Edgar Road from Vickeryville Road to Pine Grove Road - \$1,825.
- Salt stabilize Edgar Road from Douglas Road to East County Line Road - \$1,825.
- Salt stabilize Gates Road from Douglas Road to East County Line Road - \$1,825.
- Place a 180# bituminous overlay on 3rd Street from Crystal Road to Avenue A - \$4,676.
- Place a 180# bituminous overlay on 3rd Street from Avenue A to Avenue B - \$5,456.
- Place a 180# bituminous overlay on Douglas Road south of Tamarack Road between bridges - \$8,184.
- Place a 180# bituminous overlay on Tamarack Road from Crystal Road west 0.5 mile - \$24,161.

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Sidney Township

- Install curb and gutter and place a 330# bituminous approach on Holland Lake Road (west side) at Derby Road - \$8,075.
- Paint centerline and edge lines on Nevins Road between Sidney Road and Stanton Road - \$1,725.

Winfield Township

- Gravel Cutler Road from Black Road (south) to pavement at Gravel Ridge Road - \$11,943.
- Place a 250# bituminous mat on Blackfoot Trail between Huron Drive and Winona Lane - \$12,493.

Manager's Report

- We still have not received the Federal Aid funds for the projects on Fenwick Road and Bailey Road.
- The salt shed project for the Greenville garage is on hold because the funds have been frozen in Lansing.
- Centerline painting west of M91 is completed; contractor will return later in the season to do the edge lines.
- Are we shutting down the week of July 4th? No.

Superintendent's Report

- Township contract work continues. There will be a few contracts returned after the June 1st deadline due to changes being made to the contracts. Struggling with one township to get their contracts turned in. The contracts are signed and in the supervisor's possession; however, supervisor is out of town.
- By-pass lane on northbound Federal Road at Cannonsville Road—Pierson Township and the Solid Waste Committee have agreed to the scaled down project; the township has already signed the contract.
- We started the first round of chloride applications today.
- We hosted the Michigan Tech-LTAP grader training class on Monday; 23 heavy equipment operators from various county road commissions attended. It was a very good class.

Clerk's Report

- The annual self-insurance pool meeting is scheduled for July 19th in Mt. Pleasant.
- After the informational meeting with the employees on the new Blue Cross plan, I was approached by a couple of employees who receive an annual payment for waiving coverage under the health insurance plan, and they were concerned that what they will receive under the new plan will be less due to the reduction in premium rates. The deductibles will be covered through individual health savings accounts, which individuals opting out will not receive; so they asked if the Board would be willing to pay them half of the deductible amount in addition to what they receive for waiving the health insurance. The Board stated that the opt-out payment is based on the premium and not deductibles—employees have the choice to take a payment in lieu of health insurance or take the health insurance—it's their choice. The Board stated that it would not agree to pay any portion of the deductible amount to any salaried or hourly employees who opt out of the health insurance.
- Discussed purchasing a sign shear for the sign shop. A shear would pay for itself in a fairly short amount of time, because we could recycle old damaged signs to make road name signs and other smaller signs. The Board agreed to the purchase of a shear.

Engineer's Report

- The Blackmer Road bridge project will be let for bids in Lansing on June 1st.
- The crossing on Mt. Hope Road for the Carson City Hospital project was done yesterday. The contractor still has some finish work to complete.
- The Health Department has asked about granting easements across roads for drain fields; they will be coming back with more information. No matter how this goes, permits will still be required.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 5/16/07 bills totaling \$176,563.79 and Payroll #10 totaling \$73,072.78.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk