

OCTOBER 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 October 3, 2007.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of September 26, 2007 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Several residents from Spring Grove Road, a private road, came before the Board to discuss winter maintenance. Robert Brace stated that at one of the special township meetings the residents and the township board discussed the possibility of setting up a special assessment district whereby the residents would pay the Road Commission, through the township board, for winter maintenance. Mr. Brace stated that over 50 percent of the residents have signed a petition to set up the special assessment district. Ed Housler stated that the Township said they would support the petition if the Road Commission does the work. Dale Linton stated that according to MCLA 247.396, the Road Commission cannot be held liable for any damages incurred when maintaining a private road under contract and that the Township would have to hold and save the Road Commission free from damages. Mr. Housler stated that the residents would probably be willing to pay the additional cost that the Township may incur to provide additional liability coverage. The Board advised the residents that they should discuss this further with the township; and if the township does not agree to hold harmless the Road Commission, the Road Commission would not be willing to provide winter maintenance. Bob Brundage asked the residents if they had obtained quotes from any private plowing services, and they stated they had not done that yet.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve a permit from Terry Smith allowing the installation of a well within the right-of-way at 2665 North Shore Drive at Crystal Lake, as shown on the diagram attached to the permit. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Manager's Report

- Based on the bid specification, which allows the extension of bid prices for two one-year periods if agreed in writing by both parties, Fisher Transport has provided a letter stating that they are willing to extend their 2007 gravel resurfacing prices to 2008. We have not heard from L & D Carey or High Grade yet.
- I've spoken with Vance at Central Asphalt about asphalt prices for next year; however, due to the volatility in oil prices, he said it is very hard to predict what prices may be next year.
- The first of five trucks went to Truck & Trailer this morning for box replacement. The others will follow as soon as they can take each of them.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to accept Fisher Transportation Company's offer to extend its 2007 bid prices for gravel resurfacing to 2008 for those townships awarded to Fisher Transportation in 2007. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to remove from certification a portion of Spring Grove Road commencing at a point 0.10 mile east of Derby Road thence easterly 0.50 mile to the end of the existing road, which is located in Section 10, T10N-R7W, Sidney Township. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 10/3/07 bills totaling \$114,948.33 and Payroll #21 totaling \$51,284.81. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk