

APRIL 1, 2009

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 April 1, 2009.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of March 25, 2009 as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

Douglass Township

- Salt stabilize Lake Road from Stanton Road to Briggs Road - \$1,010.
- Salt stabilize Lake Road from Hillis Road to Briggs Road - \$267.

Pine Township

- Salt stabilize Lake Road from Stanton Road to Briggs Road - \$1,010.
- Salt stabilize Lake Road from Hillis Road to Briggs Road - \$267.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to accept and place on file all H.M.A Paving bids received and opened on April 1, 2009. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to accept and place on file all H.M.A Skip Paving bids received and opened on April 1, 2009. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to accept and place on file all Emulsion bids received and opened on April 1, 2009. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to accept and place on file all Plastic Culvert and Metal Culvert bids received and opened on April 1, 2009. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Superintendent's Report

- Held an employee training class last week on chainsaw safety. Ed Kaleefy from ASU Risk Management will be here next week to do additional safety training.
- Plan to attend the APWA Snow Conference at the end of this month; feel it's important to keep up with new technology regarding winter maintenance, salt usage, efficiencies, etc.

Manager's Report

- Seasonal weight limits on county roads will end at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, April 3rd.
- Reminder—we are meeting with State Representative Mike Huckleberry on Monday morning, April 6th to discuss county roads and serious lack of funding issues.
- On the advice of Scott Civil Engineering, we closed the bridge on Dick Road, located between Amsden Road and Carlsen Road in Fairplain Township.
- Reviewing DOT Physical process; will have recommendations at next Board meeting.
- Mark and I met with Larry Sackett about Wyman Road between Cannonsville Road and McBride Road. Mr. Sackett is willing to pay to make this section of Wyman Road all-season so that he can haul potatoes when spring weight restrictions are on.

Clerk's Report

- April's MTF is down 2.94 percent or \$16,242 compared to what we received in April 2008. The year-to-date MTF is down \$88,046 compared to this time last year. We have lost almost \$1.4 million in MTF revenues since 2004, the last year that MTF actually increased. The 2008 MTF was comparable to what we received in 2003. At the rate this year's MTF is decreasing, we'll be down to what we received in 2002.

The Board reviewed proposed Policy No. 2009-01 – Public Rights-of-Way at Bodies of Water. Charlie Braman, Crystal Township Supervisor, and two residents at Crystal Lake were present. Because docks are already being installed in area lakes, the Board discussed placing a six-month moratorium on the proposed policy in order to review the proposed policy with the townships and to inform the public of the policy. The policy will be mailed to the township boards along with an invitation to have one board member from each township attend the May 20th board meeting to review the policy and to get the townships' views; thereafter, the public will be informed of the proposed policy and advised that the policy will be adopted and made effective before spring 2010.

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Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to place a six-month moratorium on adoption of Policy No. 2009-01 – Public Rights-of-Way at Bodies of Water. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 4/1/09 bills totaling \$92,807.79 and Payroll #4 totaling \$83,396.30. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

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

Chairman

Clerk