

APRIL 15, 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 15, 2009.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Donald McCracken; Randy Stearns, Managing Director; Mark Christensen, Superintendent; Carol Smith, Count Highway Engineer; Tom Mayan, Consulting Engineer and Karen Swan, Finance Director-Clerk.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of April 1, 2009 as presented. Motion carried.

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

David Hart came before the Board to discuss the realignment of Johnson Road at Harlow Road, which was done two years ago. Mr. Hart stated his survey markers were removed when the road was realigned and that some of his property had been taken. Mark Christensen stated that he had met with Mr. Hart before the project started and that Mr. Hart had shown him a mortgage survey. According to Mark, he had found another property owner's survey markers on the east side of the road and measured 66 feet from that point to determine the right-of-way on Mr. Hart's side of the road. The power company moved their utility poles and kept them in the right-of-way; and while the south end of the road was realigned to the west towards Mr. Hart's property, the road is within the 66-foot right-of-way. The Board explained to Mr. Hart that the actual road can be anywhere within the 66-foot right-of-way, and that by straightening out the curve that had been on the south end of Johnson Road, it had just moved the road from the east side of the right-of-way to the center of the right-of-way. As to the removal of the survey markers, it is unknown if this accidentally happened when the utility poles were moved or during construction, but it was decided that Mark will contact Tingley & Associates tomorrow to reestablish the survey markers for Mr. Hart.

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

#### Bloomer Township

- Four applications of chloride at 1,000 gpm - \$12,847.
- Gravel resurface Sloan Road from South County Line Road north to end - \$9,759.
- Gravel resurface Sloan Road from M57 to Fenwick Road - \$19,519.
- Gravel resurface Bogart Road from Crystal Road to Senator Road - \$19,519.
- Gravel resurface Boyer Road from Miner Road to Senator Road - \$29,278.

#### Bushnell Township

- Gravel resurface Sessions Road from Wicker Road to Cedar Lake Road - \$8,688.
- Gravel resurface Boyer Road from Stevenson Road to Townhall Road - \$11,128.
- Gravel resurface Cole Road-Tow Road from Cedar Lake Road to Vickeryville Road - \$11,128.

#### Fairplain Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm - \$26,047.
- Salt stabilize Grow Road from County Farm Road south around curve to south Grow Rd - \$1,616.
- Salt stabilize Jenks Road from Carlsen Road west to pavement - \$2,020.
- Salt stabilize Russell Road from M57 to County Farm Road - \$3,030.

#### Maple Valley Township

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

Carol Smith gave an update on the section of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail that will connect the Heartland Trail with the Fred Meijer Flat River Trail in Greenville. Discussed pros and cons of a new proposed alignment that could run along Fitzner Road and Fuller Road from Peck Road to Lake Road. Also discussed going with the original plan to run down Lake Road to Peck Road and then west on Peck. The Board agreed to allow the trail to run along the outside edge of the road right-of-way in either instance. It was decided that Dale Linton and Carol Smith would attend a Montcalm Township board meeting to advise them of the two different plans and get their input.

#### Manager's Report

- The meeting with Representative Huckleberry went very well. We meet next with Senator Cropsy on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The 10-speed transmission has been installed on truck #45; the truck is back out on the road.
- Bob Krenn from Krenn Bridge was up last week to look at the bridge on Amsden Road. The cost for a wood laminate box culvert with railing package is \$28,500. We are checking to see what it would cost to put new stringers and a deck on.
- Vickeryville Road from Stanton Road to Sidney Road and Stanton Road from West County Line Road to Dagget Road will be crushed next week.

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Engineer's Report

- Bridge inspections are in the process of being done.
- Regarding the Amsden Road bridge, if new stringers and a deck were installed it would bring the weight limit up to 36 tons.
- Applications are due shortly for the bridge inspection program to get bridges on the Local Bridge Program list. We are recommending the bridge on Sidney Road over Flat River in Gowen and the bridge on Fenwick Road over Dickerson Creek just west of Fenwick. The Board agreed to submit both bridges.
- Safety projects and High Risk Rural Road projects have been submitted and we are getting questions on some of them—that is a good sign that they are being considered for funding.
- Received a request to host a Transportation Asset Management Workshop for local municipalities. The Board stated the conference room could be used on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon.
- The GI meeting for the three Federal Aid jobs was held yesterday. We received verbal approval on both ARRA (Stimulus Plan) projects—we already have the job number for the project on Vickeryville Road and will have the job number for Youngman Road by the end of the week. The three Federal Aid projects are packaged and will be let for bids in July.
- The bridge project on Federal Road over Rice Creek is starting May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk's Report

- The new Comp Time program will save the Road Commission just under \$20,000 this year.
- John Niemela reported at yesterday's council meeting that 2010 Michigan Transportation Funds are expected to decline another five percent.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to reschedule the May 6, 2009 board meeting to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, in order to allow the Finance Director-Clerk to attend the annual Finance and Human Resources workshop on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 4/15/09 bills totaling \$465,644.94 and Payroll #7 totaling \$73,147.13. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk