

AUGUST 19, 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 August 19, 2009.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of August 4, 2009 as presented with a correction to the Manager's Report regarding Condensery Road, which should have stated the project was scheduled to 'start' next week. Motion carried.

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

Gerald Helmer came before the Board to discuss the Road Commission's current contractor, who is picking up dead deer, and his method of disposal. Mr. Helmer was advised that the DEQ has checked the disposal site at least two times and has approved of the contractor's method; furthermore, the DEQ has provided their approval, in writing, to the Road Commission. Mr. Helmer stated that when he bid on the deer removal on September 9, 2008, he did not understand that the US-131 patrol was only occasional and not daily; otherwise, he would have bid differently. Mr. Helmer was advised that the current contract is for FY2009 and expires on September 30, 2009; a Notice to Bidders is being advertised in the Daily News next week and bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. on September 15th. The Clerk asked Mr. Helmer if he would like a copy of the bid specifications, which he did, and advised him that she would make sure they are mailed to him in the morning.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves Contract No. 09-5417 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation, utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds and Surface Transportation Program Funds, for Job No. 105429 described as follows:

Hot mix asphalt paving work along Vickeryville Road from Sidney Road northerly to Stanton Road; including aggregate base conditioning, concrete curb and gutter, aggregate shoulders, pavement marking, and slope restoration work; 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.

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

Maple Valley Township

- Machine wedge bad areas on Cannonsville Road from Bailey Road to Gravel Ridge Road - \$9,457.

Manager's Report

- We have started the second round of mowing along the state trunklines.
- Received a complaint about boats being docked overnight at the dock at the end of Thelma Street at Crystal Lake. Per the Board, the complainant should be advised to contact the Sheriff's Department.
- We have been approved for two safety grants—one in 2010 and one in 2011. The 2010 grant is for improving the intersection of Fitzner Road at Sidney Road. A 10 percent local match will be required. Per the Board, because Fitzner Road is a local road, the township should participate in the local match. The township will have to be notified to see if they will participate.
- Last week the second course of asphalt was put down on Condensery Road between Vickeryville Road and Crystal Road. The shoulders are being graveled today, and pavement marking may be done on Friday. There is still some guardrail work to be done before the project is completed.
- Depending on the weather, seal-coat projects should be completed shortly.
- When does the Board want to have an initial meeting with the Union representatives regarding labor negotiations? Before the next board meeting—2:30 p.m. on September 2nd.

Engineer's Report

Carol Smith, P.E.

- The bids for the stimulus project on Vickeryville Road will be opened tomorrow in Lansing. After the bids are opened we will know if there are any remaining stimulus funds that can be used for another project. If so, the GI package must be submitted to MDOT by December 1st in order to be eligible for the funds.

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- The DEQ permit application for the failed culvert on Hillman Road south of Stanton Road has been submitted. The culvert failed due to age not because the size of the culvert was inadequate for the amount of water flowing through it. That should make the process with the DEQ much easier.
- Once projects for this year are wrapped up, the next thing we need to start working on is the five-year Asset Management plan. It is very important that we get going on this.

Commissioners' Comments

Bob Brundage – In keeping with Carol's discussion about asset management, what are we going to look at for future primary road projects? In looking at the PASER ratings, I think we should put any funds we have available, e.g. Federal Aid Funds, into keeping our good roads in good shape. Any rating of eight or higher is where I think funds should be spent. Tom Mayan stated that by crack filling and sealing some of the primary roads that are the next step down, some of those roads can be moved up to an eight and still be saved before it is too late—the problem is that there isn't enough funding to do all the roads that need to be done to get them to that point.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 8/19/09 bills totaling \$413,134.28 and Payroll #16 totaling \$74,220.15. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk