

JUNE 3, 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 June 3, 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 May 20, 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 GASB Administrative Services Agreement with Burnham & Flower Group, Inc. to perform a calculation of the annual required contribution for other post-employment benefits as required under GASB45 and to authorize the Finance Director-Clerk to sign said agreement. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

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

Belvidere Township

- Machine wedge and seal Ferris Road from end of new pavement south to Church Road - \$18,911.
- Seal north and south Railroad Street and Clark Street - \$8,379.
- Install guardrail along west side of Hillman Road at Cutler Road (east) - \$3,759.
- Gravel resurface Cutler Road from M66 to Carlsen Road - \$19,556.
- Gravel resurface Cutler Road from Sheridan Road to Carlsen Road - \$19,556.

Bloomer Township

- Replace culvert on Boyer Road east of Senator Road - \$2,767.
- Replace culverts, ditch and remove stumps on Sessions Rd from Miner Rd to Crystal Rd - \$28,399.
- Gravel resurface Miner Road from Condensery Rd to Sessions Rd - \$12,069.
- 180# bituminous overlay on Miner Rd from Sessions Rd to M57 - \$60,316.
- 250# bituminous mat on Bussel Street from M57 south to the end - \$20,890.
- Crush, shape, 250# bituminous mat on Miner Rd from Condensery Rd to Sessions Rd - \$88,492.

Cato Township

- Gravel resurface Fitzner Road from M46 to Edgar Road - \$6,309.
- Gravel resurface Berridge Rd from M46 to Edgar Rd and Edgar Rd east 300 ft - \$8,277.
- Gravel resurface Edgar Road from M91 to Youngman Rd - \$12,616.
- 165# bituminous overlay on Honeymoon Dr from Chestnut Rd to Nelson Rd - \$7,830.
- 165# bituminous overlay on Channel Dr from Pine St to Honeymoon Dr - \$16,916.
- 180# bituminous overlay on Elm Dr from North County Line Rd to Oak Rd - \$15,644.

Evergreen Township

- Machine wedge and seal Colby Road from Stevenson Rd to Townhall Rd - \$18,238.
- Machine wedge and seal Colby Road from Cedar Lake Rd to Townhall Rd - \$21,213.
- 180# bituminous overlay on Holland Lake Rd west of Stevenson Rd (500 ft) - \$6,707.

Fairplain Township

- Machine wedge and seal Miller Road from M57 to Kent Road - \$16,282.
- Machine wedge and seal Miller Road from County Farm Road to Kent Road - \$19,221.
- 180# bituminous overlay on Miller Road from Fenwick Road north to new pavement - \$31,597.
- Replace bridge deck with steel 'I' beams/wood deck on Amsden Rd south of Fenwick Rd - \$6,510.

Ferris Township

- Machine wedge and seal Maple Drive at Lake Stevens - \$17,670.
- Machine wedge and seal Douglas Road from McBride Rd to Cannonsville Rd - \$18,126.

Home Township

- Gravel resurface Deja Road from M46 to Deaner Road - \$12,165.
- Gravel resurface Cutler Road from Wyman Road to Peoples Road - \$12,165.

Pine Township

- 1,000 cyd 23A maintenance gravel to be spread, where needed on township roads - \$4,688.

Winfield Township

- Paint centerline on Almy Rd and Bailey Rd from M46 south to end of new pavement. Paint centerline on newly paved sections of Arbogast Rd, Huron, Winona and Blackfoot - \$1,500.

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Winfield Township

- 250# bituminous mat on East Suwanee from Huron Drive west to end - \$47,167.

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

WHEREAS, State, County and Municipal roads in Michigan are deteriorating at a record pace; and

WHEREAS, the longer quality maintenance is deferred due to lack of funding, the more it will cost to bring our county and state roads back to quality condition; and

WHEREAS, our county and state are in the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression and business development is less likely to occur if our road and highway infrastructure is failing; and

WHEREAS, investment in our road infrastructure will provide much-needed improvements and provide good paying jobs in our county and state and these wages will be spent in Montcalm County and Michigan to further assist our economy; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County has reduced its hourly and salaried workforce through attrition and reduced winter maintenance on overtime, eliminated several salaried positions, laid off 77 percent of its employees for two weeks in 2007, had voluntary layoffs each summer for the past three years, eliminated much-needed heavy equipment purchases for the past four years, froze salaried employees' wages for two years, and recently turned 10 miles of primary roads from pavement back to gravel due to lack of funding to properly maintain or improve the roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Road Commission for Montcalm County hereby confers its support for an increase in the state gas tax and hereby requests that the Governor and the Michigan Legislature implement a plan to improve Michigan's roads and highways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to the Governor and each member of the Legislature.

Motion carried.

Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Manager's Report

- Advised Board of discussion about funding with Ed Wendover, aide to State Representative Huckleberry.
- Roads that were crushed have been re-run and re-brined.
- Discussed possible Federal Aid projects for 2010. Dale Linton asked if the Board should consider using the Federal Aid money next year to seal as many miles of primary roads as possible rather than repaving two or three miles.

Superintendent's Report

- Due to lack of funding, the Solid Waste Committee has rejected our request for a grant to seal-coat Cannonsville Road by the landfill.
- Reviewed letter regarding Warrior Drive at Indian Lakes. I've discussed their concern about how roads are chosen for improvements at Indian Lakes and advised them that the township and/or township road committee makes those decisions—not the Road Commission.
- Wyman Road between Cannonsville Road and McBride Road was overlaid last week; this is the project that is being paid for by Sackett Ranch, Inc.
- Roadside mowing started Monday. The last salt stabilization project will be done tomorrow.
- Fisher Transportation is tentatively scheduled to start graveling in Bushnell Township or Bloomer Township tomorrow.
- All townships have received their first application of chloride on gravel roads.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 6/3/09 bills totaling \$105,764.56 and Payroll #11 totaling \$74,679.32. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk