

MARCH 10, 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 March 10, 2009.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of February 18, 2009 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Donald Moody, a resident of Douglass Township, came before the Board to discuss a concern about a cross-culvert on Miles Road south of McBride Road and a request for maintenance gravel in some areas. Superintendent Mark Christensen stated he would meet on-site with Mr. Moody to look at his concerns.

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

Cato Township

- One application of chloride at 2,000 gpm - \$15,721.
- Two applications of chloride at 1,000 gpm - \$15,721.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to accept Sanisweep's offer to extend last year's bid price for pick-up type sweeping to 2009. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Engineer's Report (Written report from Carol Smith, P.E., County Highway Engineer)

- Pat Denton, Engineer Tech, and Carol recently attended the County Engineers' Workshop in Mt. Pleasant. Carol suggested that Mark Christensen also attend in future years.
- Pat Denton has been attending training sessions in preparation for the upcoming season.
- Randy Stearns, Mark Christensen and Carol met with the City of Greenville about Small Urban projects on eligible roads around Greenville; discussed Small Urban stimulus project for Youngman Road north of M-57 and future inclusion in use of small urban funds.
- We have been working on the designs for the 2009 federal aid projects. The GI packages for all three projects were sent to MDOT today. We anticipate a GI sometime in the next two weeks. Plan to let bids for Condensery Road and Youngman Road in July with an August start and September completion. Stanton Road will be let for bids in August with a September start and October completion.
- All of the preliminary paperwork for stimulus projects has been submitted to MDOT; received word from MDOT that everything looks good. We are working on plans for Vickeryville Road, Kendaville Road over Rice Creek and McBride Road; if funding allows we will fill in with some preventative maintenance repairs, to be determined.

Superintendent's Report

- The Road Improvement Committee will be meeting tomorrow.
- The two used trucks purchased from Schoolcraft County Road Commission are here. They're being worked on and readied for the road.
- Kent County's weighmasters are working in our county 30 to 40 hours per week—sometimes days and sometimes nights.
- Bids will be opened on April 1st for paving, skip paving, emulsion and culverts.
- Met with John Joyce earlier today; MDOT is very pleased with the maintenance we have provided this winter and for keeping costs under budget.

Clerk's Report

- March MTF is down 2.71 percent or \$12,782 compared to March 2008.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 3/10/09 bills totaling \$331,011.49 and Payroll #5 totaling \$74,485.63. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk