

MAY 20, 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 May 20, 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 Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of May 5, 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 further discuss his property located at Harlow Road and Johnson Road in Eureka Township. Mr. Hart stated that after he attended the April 15th board meeting, Bill Tingley of Tingley & Associates did come out and staked his property corners as requested; however, Mr. Hart does not believe it is correctly staked. Mark Christensen stated that he will contact Bill Tingley and he and Bill will meet on-site with Mr. Hart to look at the situation again.

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

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County has two bridges that are in need of replacement due to poor physical condition, and these bridges are:

Structure Number 7456, Sidney Road over Flat River (Priority 1)
Structure Number 7451, Fenwick Road over Dickerson Creek (Priority 2)

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County has reviewed the application requesting funds for the construction cost of replacing said bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County understands that they:

- Must pay five percent of the as-bid construction cost and the entire cost of all engineering services and right-of-way.
- Must agree to have sufficient funds to pay their share of the costs for construction in fiscal year 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Road Commission for Montcalm County hereby approves the filing of the said application with the Michigan Department of Transportation requesting funds through the Local Bridge Program for the replacement of the above-listed bridges and further that we are actively seeking their participation in the replacement of the bridges.

Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve and sign the title sheet for the 2009 Federal Aid and Small Urban Stimulus projects. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to set a public hearing at 3:00 p.m. on June 17, 2009 for the purpose of reviewing a request to abandon public road right-of-way described as a portion of Hillis Road commencing at a point ¼ mile west of Masters Road and continuing westerly approximately 1/8 mile to the end of the right-of-way in Section 22 of Maple Valley Township. Motion carried.

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

Day Township

- Install concrete curb and gutter at intersection of Neff Road and Cannonsville Road - \$5,649.
- Machine wedge and seal Kendaville Road from Neff Road to Deja Road - \$21,198.
- Gravel resurface Cannonsville Road from Cedar Lake Road to Vickeryville Road - \$12,135.
- Gravel resurface Peoples Road from Briggs Road to Hillis Road - \$6,068.
- Place a 250# bituminous overlay at intersection of Neff Road and Cannonsville Road - \$17,766.

Douglass Township

- Place a 165# bituminous overlay on Lakeview Circle at Lake Stanton - \$6,519.
- Place a 165# bituminous overlay on East Shore Drive from new pavement to the end - \$45,366.

Eureka Township

- Machine wedge and seal Avalon Road north of Baker Road - \$7,897.
- Machine wedge and seal Baldwin Road from Satterlee Road east to the lake - \$14,675.
- Machine wedge and seal Backus Road from County Farm Road to Kent Road - \$18,045.
- Place a 250# bituminous mat on Red Pine Drive west of Youngman Road - \$3,528.
- Place a 250# bituminous mat on Jordan Road from M91 west 0.11 mile - \$13,944.

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Maple Valley Township

- Replace culvert on Black Road north of Cannonsville Road - \$1,134.
- Replace culvert on McBride Road west of Bailey Road - \$2,767.
- Salt stabilize Briggs Road from Marble Road west to township line - \$3,030.

Montcalm Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$16,314.
- Salt stabilize Holland Lake Road from Johnson Road to Monroe Road - \$3,030.

Pierson Township

- Paint centerline and edge lines on Lake Montcalm Road from Federal to Amy School - \$300.
- Salt stabilize Hillis Road from West County Line to West Shore Drive - \$1,010.
- Salt stabilize Coral Road from Henkel Road to Paepke Road - \$3,030.
- Seal Reed Road from Lake Montcalm Road to Kendaville Road - \$13,268.
- Machine wedge and seal Reed Road from Coral Road to Kendaville Road - \$9,871.
- Machine wedge and seal Whitefish Road from South County Line to Stanton Road - \$25,555.
- Gravel resurface Main Street and Lake Drive south of Kendaville Road - \$15,780.

Pine Township

- Place a 250# bituminous overlay on Backus Road at Briggs Road - \$4,620.
- Machine wedge and seal Backus Road from Stanton Road south to top of hill - \$6,211.
- Machine wedge and seal Briggs Road from Satterlee Road to Youngman Road - \$7,929.
- Machine wedge and seal Hillis Road from Satterlee Road to Rainbow Circle - \$11,076.
- Machine wedge and seal Satterlee Road from Briggs Road to Hillis Road - \$11,076

Manager's Report

- This year's Federal Aid projects will be let for bids on July 10th.
- The primary roads being crushed will be completed today; brine will be applied this week.

Superintendent's Report

- Salt stabilization projects are just about completed.
- Gravel resurfacing in Eureka Township is completed.
- Fisher Transportation is scheduled to be here the first week in June to start graveling.
- Shook Asphalt is wedging this week.
- Plan to start crack sealing and AMZ work soon.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to appoint the Chairman as voting delegate and the Managing Director as alternate voting delegate for the annual Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool meeting to be held July 16. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 5/20/09 bills totaling \$197,202.23 and Payroll #10 totaling \$72,765.68. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Representatives from several township boards along with several residents were in attendance to discuss the Board's proposed policy regarding public road rights-of-way ending at water. Several township representatives stated that they were opposed to the policy because it places responsibility of policing the road ends on the townships and they do not have the funds for the insurance requirements; also there already are public access sites on the public lakes. It was suggested that the Road Commission relinquish jurisdiction of the rights-of-way to those townships that are willing to take jurisdiction and then the township could deed the property to the back-lot owners. The Clerk stated that it was her understanding that on a platted right-of-way a township must first offer the property to the Department of Natural Resources, which can accept or reject the offer. Additionally, the Circuit Court would have to determine whom the property would go to—most likely the abutting property owners—and the plat would have to be amended, which can only be done through the Circuit Court. The Crystal Township supervisor stated he would check with the township's attorney to see if a township can give or sell the right-of-way to the back-lot owners.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk