

MAY 5, 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 5, 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 April 15, 2009 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Don Cooper, Drain Commissioner, came before the Board to discuss the Weidbrauk Drain in Crystal Township. The Drain Commission has received a request for a cleanout of the drain. Don explained that there is an enclosed portion of the drain that runs under and alongside a portion of Mount Hope Road in Crystal Township. There is a 12-inch tube, and on the east side it runs fine. The west side does not flow well; problems only occur during peak flow times and water goes over the road during those times. Don and Mark Christensen have had discussions about the area, and they would like to hire a contractor to run a camera through the enclosed areas of the drain to see what is going on so they can decide what needs to be done. The cost for running the camera would be split between the Drain Commission and the Road Commission. The Board stated it was in agreement.

Charlie Braman, Crystal Township Supervisor, came before the Board to discuss platted roads ending at lakes. Charlie suggested that the Board consider selling these road-ends to the backlot owners, who could share the purchase cost and taxes. Karen Swan, Clerk, stated that she did not think the Board could sell platted road right-of-way because it is dedicated to the use of the public; however, the Board could relinquish jurisdiction to the township and perhaps they can sell it. The Board asked that the Clerk check with the Road Commission's attorney.

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

Eureka Township

- Gravel resurface River Road from South County Line Road north to pavement - \$9,897.
- Gravel resurface Jenks Road from M91 to Stakes Road - \$6,624.
- Gravel resurface Youngman Road from Baker Road to South County Line Road - \$26,496.
- Salt stabilize South County Line Road from M91 to Berridge Road - \$5,050.
- Salt stabilize Berridge Road from South County Line Road north to pavement - \$2,020.

Ferris Township

- One application of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$9,558.
- Two application of chloride on local roads at 1,000 gpm - \$11,586.

Reynolds Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$16,688.
- Paint centerline and edge lines on 6.75 miles of local roads - \$4,050.
- Gravel resurface Gates Road from Maple Hill Road west to end - \$10,262.
- Gravel resurface Gordon Road from Cutler Road to North County Line Road - \$14,810.
- Gravel resurface Dagget Road from Gates Road north to first curve - \$14,810.
- Gravel resurface Reed Road from Yankee Road to North County Line Road - \$23,284.
- Salt stabilize Gates Road from Dagget Road to West County Line - \$3,030.
- Salt stabilize Dagget Road from Cutler Road south 2 miles to curve before the river - \$4,040.
- Salt stabilize Gates Road from Amy School Road to Dagget Road - \$3,030.
- Salt stabilize Almy Road from Dagget Road to end of pavement - \$3,030.
- Salt stabilize Whitefish Road from Cutler Road to North County Line - \$2,020.
- Salt stabilize Henkel Road from Yankee Road to North County Line - \$3,030.
- Salt stabilize Tamarack Road from Dagget Road west to the end - \$1,010.

Richland Township

- Machine wedge and seal 5th Street from Caris Road to Avenue C - \$10,380.
- Machine wedge and seal Deaner Road from Caris Road to Crystal Road - \$12,726.
- Machine wedge and seal Tamarack Road from Crystal Road to Douglas Road - \$38,050.
- 250# bituminous mat on Caris Road from M46 to Vestaburg Road - \$3,152.
- 250# bituminous mat on Church Road from Crystal Road to Douglas Road - \$3,152.
- 180# bituminous mat on Douglas Road south of Tamarack Road starting at second bridge - \$6,263.

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Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve Contract No. 2009-0453 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation for the construction of a chemical containment system adjacent to the existing chemical storage facility located at the Road Commission's Howard City facility and to authorize the Chairman to sign said contract. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to have the Road Commission's attorney advise the Circuit Court that the Board has no objection to vacating a portion of the unimproved road right-of-way for Center Street in the Plat of Skinner's Resort as outlined in the Complaint for Vacation filed with the Circuit Court on behalf of Miles and Mary Underwood. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Manager's Report

- Vickeryville Road between Stanton Road and Sidney Road and Stanton Road between West County Line Road and Dagget Road have been crushed in advance of re-paving these two roads later this summer using Federal Aid and Stimulus funds.
- Reminder—we are meeting with Senator Cropsy on May 18th to discuss roads and the perpetual lack of adequate funding.
- Truck #72 is on the road.
- Federal Road south of Howard City was closed today; bridge replacement work has started.
- Sackett Ranch has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Road Commission. Sackett Ranch will pay for a 200-pound asphalt overlay on Wyman Road from Cannonsville Road to a point just north of McBride Road.
- Crews are continuously patching several primary roads; these roads are deteriorated and worn out with patch upon patch—one hole gets patched and in a few days others open up around the patched hole. We cannot afford to keep patching them over and over and we do not have the funds to re-pave these roads.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, that due to their poor condition and the lack of funding to continuously patch or rehabilitate and re-pave them, the following primary roads will be crushed and put back to gravel, as soon as possible. These roads will remain gravel roads until such time that the Road Commission has the necessary funding to rehabilitate and re-pave them: 1) Fenwick Road between Crystal Road and Vickeryville Road; 2) McBride Road from the east county line west 1.3 miles; and 3) Lake Montcalm Road between Deja Road and Crystal Road (except for the area through the swamp west of Caris Road). Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Superintendent's Report

- The new, used truck is on the road and working good overall.
- Salt stabilization projects in the Howard City and Greenville areas are being done this week.
- Fisher Transport will start gravel resurfacing projects the first week in May.
- Still working on road contracts for the townships.

Clerk's Report

- Randy Stearns and I will be attending the annual Finance and Human Resources meeting tomorrow in Bay City.
- May's MTF is up 0.65 percent or \$2,729 compared to what we received in May 2008. The year-to-date MTF is down \$85,317 compared to this time last year.
- Discussed early retirement window and the need to obtain an actuarial from MERS.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to obtain early retirement actuarials based on the following: Division 01- General Employees: Temporarily upgrade hourly employees' plan to B-4 with FAC-5 and optional rider F55/15; and Division 10 – Salaried Employees: FAC-5 and optional rider F55/15. Window period dates for both divisions: November 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the 5/5/09 bills totaling \$379,127.62 and Payroll #9 totaling \$73,115.25. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

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

Chairman

Clerk