

NOVEMBER 18, 2009

The Board of County Road Commissioners for Montcalm County held a regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 3:00 p.m. on November 18, 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 November 5, 2009. Motion carried.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve an Order to Remove Encroachment directing Christine Anderson to remove a retaining wall constructed across the unimproved, platted, 33-foot wide right-of-way for Gratiot Avenue in Crystal. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve Website Maintenance Agreement with Jack Johnson for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Manager's Report

- The Superintendent and I met with two of our Union representatives this morning to go over the new truck job posting. The job has been posted in the garages, and once we know whom the job is awarded to, Truck & Trailer will be up to work with the driver.
- Most days that we can are spent blading gravel roads; they are looking pretty good. Hopefully we can keep them in shape before they freeze down.
- We are holding off on starting night patrol until we see a change coming in the weather.
- A majority of the sanders should be installed by tomorrow.

Superintendent's Report

- The annual winter maintenance meeting with the State Police, Sheriff's Department, Central Dispatch and Emergency Services went very well. Discussed what all of us can do, with dwindling resources, to make winter travel as safe as possible this winter.
- Pat Denton and I will be starting to work next week on estimates for next year's township road projects.
- We will be sending out bid requests in the near future. I spoke with Terry Materials earlier today; they think the price for emulsion will be about the same next year.
- Pat and I met with Carol Smith on Tuesday to go over the plans for upcoming Federal Aid and D Fund projects. We will be working on a multi-year plan so Carol can plan ahead and use her employees more effectively.

Clerk's Report

- Treasury auditor started the 2009 audit on Monday; they will be gone the week of Thanksgiving and plan to be back for two or three days the week after to finish up.
- Ron Reid from Burnham & Flower will be here on Friday to go over the preliminary OPEB report. According to the advance copy of the report that I received, it looks like our unfunded actuarial accrued liability for post-employment benefits has increased by about \$450,000 to a total of \$2.6 million. When the health plan changes on January 1st, it should make a somewhat favorable change in the numbers, but we will not know for sure until the next actuarial is done.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 11/18/09 bills totaling \$327,954.05 and Payroll #23 totaling \$73,398.38. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk