

OCTOBER 21, 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 October 21, 2009.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of October 7, 2009. Motion carried.

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

Fleet Superintendent's Report – Kelly Carter

- The crew from Michigan Works has cleaned and painted the wash bay. They are currently cleaning the back shed to make room for cold storage of equipment. They will be washing equipment tomorrow.
- Truck #21 has been painted; we are installing LED lights; miscellaneous repairs will be done soon.
- Truck #31 has been sandblasted and is being primed for painting; new cross-members are being welded in.
- The rep from Force America was in last week. Advised that equipment is outdated; they will be installing a chip in each unit to bring them up to speed. They are supposed to come back next week to install the chips and also program and test units and train mechanics on troubleshooting and repairs.
- The sanders are in from Howard City. They have been stripped and sandblasted; the Michigan Works crew will be priming and painting them. It won't take long to pop in the bearings, etc.; should be ready to go by next weekend.
- The first shipment of six-foot blades was delivered yesterday.
- Truck #29 is in the shop. When it came in the leveling valve and a hydraulic leak were all that was supposed to be wrong; however, six valves ended up needing replacement. Here are the valves; this goes on everyday, and that is why it takes so long to get trucks done—they come in for one thing and it ends up being six. The fact that the trucks are getting older and because they work in such a harsh environment, it takes a toll on the equipment, which creates a lot of extra work. The drivers ask why it takes so long to get their trucks fixed—this is why.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement for Beaver Control Services with Carl Hartman for the period November 15, 2009 through November 14, 2020. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes: McCracken, Brundage.

Manager's Report – Randy Stearns

- Checked with Petersen Oil; we have just under 40,000 gallons left under contract.
- Should be getting truck from Truck & Trailer on November 2nd.

Superintendent's Report – Mark Christensen

- The last of the paving projects are being completed today.
- Still have shoulder gravel to put on Miner Road; that will be the end of township work.
- The Drain Commission will be doing some work on CR582 west of Howard City; they need to make an open cut, 28 feet deep, across CR582. I told them the deadline to complete this is December 1st or they'll have to wait until next spring. Otherwise we will have to babysit it all winter; and we cannot get good blacktop during the winter.
- Next year's Stimulus Projects will be sealcoat projects. Carol Smith and I have looked at it, and we think we can do it with our own forces and thereby do an additional two to three miles.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the 10/21/09 bills totaling \$401,068.28 and Payroll #21 totaling \$72,657.81. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk