

SEPTEMBER 2, 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 September 2, 2009.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of August 19, 2009 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Reviewed bid tabulation for Office Janitorial Services. Board asked that references be obtained from two of the bidders for review at the next board meeting.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to set a public hearing to review and adopt the FY2010 General Appropriations Budget at 3:00 p.m. on September 29, 2009. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- State trunklines are being mowed.
- Bids for stimulus project on Vickeryville Road were opened in Lansing; the low bidder is Rieth-Riley. Project must be completed by October 31st.
- An employee has asked if he could carry over more than the allowed 40 hours of vacation at the end of this year. Because he was off work on disability earlier in the year he will not have enough hours worked by year-end to receive vacation on January 1st for next year. The Board has denied such requests in the past and stated it will not approve this request either.
- Checked with other counties to see how they handle dead deer—some pick up every deer in the right-of-way, some pick up nothing, many only pick up deer within 200 yards of a residence and anything farther away is pushed off into the weeds. All of them have their foremen check the location before authorizing pickup.
- Paving on the Federal Aid projects on Youngman Road and Stanton Road is completed; shoulders should be done by next week.

Superintendent's Report

- Reviewed correspondence from resident on Fuller Road. Met with resident earlier today to answer questions and provide information. Was asked to attend township board meeting to discuss Fuller Road and explained that I am not available in September but would be glad to meet with them after October 1st. Resident asked if the Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail would be willing to contribute to cost of re-paving Fuller Road as bikers using the trail would travel Fuller Road to the campground. Carol Smith will check with the Friends for their input.
- Gravel resurfacing projects will be completed next week.
- Last applications of chloride will be done next week.
- The Belvidere Township Board asked if Eileen Drive, a private road at Pleasure Point, could be graveled and then placed on certification and be maintained by the Road Commission. Explained to the township board that according to the Road Commission's board policy uncertified roads, public or private, must first be constructed and paved to Road Commission standards, at no cost to the Road Commission, before it would take over the road. The township board would like to know if the Road Commission would accept it as a gravel road. The Board stated it would only take it over if it would be built to Road Commission standards, which includes a paved surface. Township and residents could consider a special assessment district to improve road to standards.
- The Belvidere Township Board also asked that the Board be advised that the new weight limit on Fleck Road bridge in Six Lakes does not allow two of the township's four fire trucks to cross. Explained to the township board that the bridge has to be placed on the Local Bridge Program list and run through the course in order to receive funding.

Engineer's Report

- Discussed North County Line Road west of Wyman Road. An on-site inspection was done there on Monday. There are two questions: 1) Do we have the local match to put towards a project next year? No. 2) North County Line Road is not an all-season route; do you want to make it an all-season route? No.
- We have discussed using Federal Aid funds for seal-coating primary roads; however, we found out that we cannot use 'D' Funds for maintenance-type projects. We can use STP Funds for seal-coating, but we have to come up with a 20 percent local match. Suggest we use the remaining stimulus funds to seal-coat as many miles of primary roads that we can next year—probably about 12 miles; however, we have to commit and submit plans by December 1st of this year. Does the Board want to do this? Yes.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 9/2/09 bills totaling \$213,212.88 and Payroll #17 totaling \$97,155.11. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

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Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to enter into an Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Executive Session ended at 5:02 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk