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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 April 18, 2012.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Donald McCracken; Mark Christensen, Interim Managing Director/Acting Clerk; and Carol Smith, County Highway Engineer. Absent: Karen Swan, Finance Director-Clerk.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken to approve the minutes of April 4, 2012 with the amendment of adding language to state that the Safety Project on Stanton Road (CR 522) at Wyman Road (CR 571) requires a 20% local match. Motion carried.

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Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of: Township contracts. Motion carried.

Mr. Dick Karnatz, a resident of Fitzner Road, came before the Board to discuss his concerns with the following items: tile along Peck Road, tree trimming, pothole patching, berm pulling operation, water along road on Peck Road between Vining and the trail crossing, and anti-icing.

Residents of Lakeview Street came before the Board to discuss issues with the road ends at Crystal Lake.

Mr. Dave Kraft, a resident of Black Road, came before the Board to discuss encroachment of the road onto his property. He requests the road be moved back to its original location. His neighbor has been moving the road toward his property for years. Mr. Kraft had been in front of the Board a couple of years ago with this issue and the Board had started proceedings against the neighbor, however at the time the neighbor's home was in foreclosure and the bank had taken no action. The Board agreed to start proceeding again for this encroachment issue.

Andy Vaughn, Chapter Chair, came before the Board to request a meeting on behalf of the Union under Article 3, Union Security. The Board requested he send a letter to Mr. Linton and request a meeting with the Board on May 2<sup>nd</sup> prior to the scheduled board meeting.

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

#### Bloomer Township

- Overband crack-seal locations to be determined - \$8,856.
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- Gravel Fenwick Rd from Mt. Hope to East County Line - \$6,835.

#### Eureka Township

- Overband crack-seal locations to be determined - \$8,856.
- Salt stabilize Berridge Rd from South County Line to Fenwick - \$1,818.
- Salt stabilize South County Line from Berridge to M91 - \$5,050.
- Gravel problem areas to be determined - \$13,899.
- Seal Snows Lake Rd from M91 east to end - \$29,995.
- Wedge/seal Satterlee Rd from M57 to Baldwin - \$23,302.
- Wedge/seal South County Line Rd from Youngman to West County Line - \$29,757.

#### Ferris Township

- Wedge/seal Douglas Rd from Willard to Klees - \$10,214.
- Replace culvert, slope shoulders and remove guardrail on Pine Grove Rd 400 feet south of McBride Rd - \$4,194.

#### Home Township

- Salt stabilize Cutler Rd from Peoples to Wyman - \$1,962.
- Salt stabilize Deja Rd from Deaner to M46 - \$1,962.
- Salt stabilize Deaner Rd from Neff to Deja - \$1,962.

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#### Home Township

- Salt stabilize Pine Street from Cedar Lake to Academy - \$981.
- Salt stabilize Schmeid Rd from Wyman to Neff - \$1,962.
- Salt stabilize Fleck Rd from Neff to Deja - \$1,962.
- Salt stabilize Peoples Rd from Cutler south 0.25 mile - \$490.
- Salt stabilize Peoples Rd from Edgar north 0.50 mile - \$981.
- Salt stabilize Academy Rd/Almy Rd from M46 to M46 - \$981.
- Gravel Tamarack Rd west of Neff - \$3,966.
- Gravel Edgar Rd from Cedar Lake to Vickeryville - \$10,927.

#### Maple Valley Township

- Salt stabilize Briggs Rd from Bailey to west township line - \$3,902.
- Wedge/seal Sherman Street from Main to Grove - \$4,178.
- Place a 180# bituminous overlay on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from F St to Rasmussen - \$16,913.
- Place a 180# bituminous overlay on F Street; rotomill and place a 330# bituminous mat on Kohler Rd from 2<sup>nd</sup> St to Briggs - \$76,620.

#### Pierson Township

- Salt stabilize Paepke Rd from Cannonsville to McBride - \$1,962.
- Wedge/seal Hillis Rd from Bass Lake to Dagget - \$19,013.
- Wedge/seal Long Rd from South County Line to Pierson - \$47,194.
- Gravel McBride Rd from Maple Hill west to end - \$7,923.
- Gravel Neve Rd from South County Line to Trufant - \$11,122.
- Gravel Bass Lake Rd from Kendaville to Waterwheel - \$5,561.
- Gravel Maple Hill Rd from Trufant to Kimball; east on Kimball to Henkel - \$8,685.
- Gravel Waerwheel Rd from West County Line to Bass Lake - \$16,683.
- Gravel Lake Drive west of Bass Lake Rd - \$2,565.

#### Pine Township

- 750 cyd maintenance gravel - \$6,041.
- Wedge Briggs Rd from M91 to Lake Rd - \$13,865.
- Wedge/seal Briggs Rd from Gravel Ridge to Johnson - \$18,392.
- Place a 250# mat on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from M91 west to the end - \$20,780.

#### Richland Township

- Overband crack-seal locations to be determined - \$8,856.
- Seal Pine Grove Rd from M46 to Edgar - \$17,943
- Wedge/seal Douglas Rd from M46 to Edgar - \$25,227.
- Wedge/seal Church Rd from Crystal to Douglas - \$35,367.
- Wedge/seal Douglas from Deaner to M46 - \$19,741.
- Gravel Fleck Rd from Douglas to East County Line - \$10,731.

#### Superintendent's Report

- Centerline painting is 90% complete on the west side of the county.
- I looked at the last applications for the Night Mechanic's Helper. They are two years old; I think we need start over. Per the Board, use Michigan Works to take applications.
- We may be missing some MDOT e-mail that is being sent to Randy's account. Per the Board, have Casair forward them to Mark for the time being.
- I talked to Karen about summer help. We do have it in the budget. I will be working on it this week. I hope to hire four.
- What do you want to do with the demo truck we have been talking about? After discussion the Board decided to wait.
- Mecosta County would like to rent the Durapatcher in July. Okay with the Board.
- I met with the Verizon's government rep this week. He is reviewing our bills and I will have more info later; hope to find some savings.
- We have been grading gravel and working on county shoulders and pulling berms.
- Carol and I attended Rick Outman's town hall meeting about transportation funding; not much new.
- Met with Home, Bloomer, Eureka and Pierson townships working on projects for this summer.

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Engineer's Report

- Bridge applications for FY 2015 have been submitted.
- Carol attended the annual MDOT/FHWA/Local Agency meeting last week where MDOT reviewed the new requirements for this season. One of the new items this year will be e-signature requirements for the construction documents. Mark, Pat and Carol will be meeting to develop some options for the Board to review.
- Status of reimbursement from MDOT for J/N 109057A. MDOT has admitted they are in breach of contract with the Road Commission and have recommend reducing the local match on a future project by the amount owed for J/N 109057A. Unfortunately MDOT has recommended this on a project which is not under the control of the Road Commission. Carol will follow up on this issue with MDOT and Mike Cavanaugh for his opinion.
- The Fleck Road Bridge is coming along nicely. The contractor should finish driving pile on the west abutment today and is still ahead of schedule.

Commissioners' Comments

- Don McCracken asked to select a date and time to have the staff appreciation luncheon. The Board selected May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm.
- Bob Brundage asked if the Hazardous Waste drop-off site would be at the Road Commission this year. Mark had heard that it may be, but no official request has been received yet.
- Dale Linton asked how the workload was going, asked what anyone had heard about Kent County becoming an Urban agency, thanked Mark and Carol for helping with meeting minutes in Karen's absence, and discussed the interview process for filling the Managing Director position.
- The next regular board meeting will be at 3:00 pm on May 3, 2012.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken to approve 4/18/12 bills as presented. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

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Chairman

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Clerk