

April 4, 2012

The Board of County Road Commissioners for Montcalm County held a regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 3:00 pm on April 4, 2012.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage to approve the minutes of March 7, 2012 as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of: Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail agreement, approve township contracts, and Butcher Excavating-catch basin cleaning contract extension. Motion carried.

Ms. Bonnie Sherott, a resident of McBride Road, came before the Board to discuss her concern with dust issues and her desire to have the road repaved. The Board acknowledged her concerns and explained due to the lack of funding no paving of that section of McBride Road is anticipated. Mark Christensen explained he will attempt to increase chloride treatments on McBride Road as the budget allows.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage to sign the title sheet for the Safety Project to construct a passing flare on Stanton Road (CR 522) at Wyman Road (CR 571). Motion carried. Roll call: Yes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves the filing of the applications with the Michigan Department of Transportation requesting funds through the Local Bridge Program for the repair of the following bridges:

- 1) Preventive Maintenance of CR 540 (Old M82) over Tamarack Creek, SN 7478
- 2) Preventive Maintenance of CR 510 (Sidney Road) over Flat River, SN 7456
- 3) Preventive Maintenance of CR 585 (Miles Road) over Flat River, SN 7473
- 4) Preventive Maintenance of CR 506 (Condensery Road) over Fish Creek, SN 7455
- 5) Preventive Maintenance of Miller Road over Flat River, SN 7497 and Douglas Road over Pine River, SN 7523

Motion carried. Roll call: Yes: Brundage, McCracken, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves Temporary Traffic Control Order No. 59-01-2012 as follows: There shall be no parking in the right-of-way on both sides of B Street from Second Street to Fourth Street in the Village of Trufant, Township of Maple Valley, County of Montcalm. This order is in effect from April 4, 2012 through October 31, 2012. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, McCracken, Linton.

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Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken to approve a one-year extension of the the contract with Butcher Excavating for catch basin cleaning. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, McCracken, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken to sign the agreement between the Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail and the Road Commission allowing the Road Commission to be the pass-through agency for the trail work from Waterworks Park to Grove Street in Greenville. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, McCracken, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage to approve the following township contracts. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, McCracken, Linton.

Bushnell Township

- Wedge/seal Townhall Rd from Jenks Rd to Snows Lake Rd (0.5 mile) - \$13,819.
- Wedge/seal Townhall Rd from Fenwick Rd to Snows Lake Rd (1 mile) - \$25,173.
- Wedge/seal Snows Lake Rd from M66 east to end of pavement (0.9 mile) - \$27,043.

Douglass Township

- Overband crack-seal locations to be determined - \$8,856.
- Wedge/seal Musson Rd from Kendaville Rd to Lake Montcalm Rd (1 mile) - \$22,552.
- Wedge/seal Hillman Rd from Briggs Rd south (1 mile) - \$18,373.
- Wedge/seal Briggs Rd from Lake Rd to Hillman Rd (1.25 mile) - \$23,178.

Superintendent's Report

- We received \$100,000 additional work for MDOT. May be more coming if we have time to do the work
- MDOT wants to mow three times this year. With that many hours we need to replace the oldest batwing mower in Stanton. The Board reviewed the prices of mowers on the state bid. Mark will check budget with Karen and purchase if we can cover the cost.
- We received 10 two-way radios from Homeland Security; should be here soon.
- Talked about changes to the website; Dale Linton will contact Jack and make the needed changes.
- Discussed the Night Greaser's position; we need to post the position. The board wants to move forward with the posting.
- Distributed the completed annual audit report to the board.
- Presented information about the demo truck that Truck & Trailer is building.
- The area foremen and I attended the CRASIF/MCRCSIP training on Tuesday
- Talked about the need for summer help again this year. The board wants to check with Karen to check what was budgeted and move forward with four if possible.
- 10-hour days will start on April 9th.
- Carol and I will attend a town hall meeting at MCC tonight about transportation funding.
- What does the board want to do with calls asking for the Manager?
- Becky and I have some concerns about signing checks if Karen or I are unavailable to sign them.

Engineer's Report

- The Fleck Road Bridge is coming along nicely. The contractor is ahead of schedule.

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Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken to remove Randy Stearns as an authorized signature on the Payroll and Accounts Payable checking accounts at Chemical Bank. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, McCracken, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage to add Dale Linton as an authorized signature on the Payroll and Accounts Payable checking accounts at Chemical Bank. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, McCracken. Linton abstained.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to appoint the Superintendent, Mark Christensen, as the Interim Managing Director in addition to his Superintendent duties until the position of Managing Director is filled on a permanent basis. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, McCracken, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken to temporarily compensate Mark Christensen for the additional Interim Managing Director's duties with an additional \$500 per week, effective March 19, 2012. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, McCracken, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to remove Randy Stearns as the primary contact on the Verizon phone contract and that Mark Christensen and Karen Swan be added as the new authorized contacts with Verizon. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, McCracken, Linton.

Commissioners' Comments

- Bob Brundage discussed the power washers.
- Dale Linton asked who would be attending the Seven County Council meeting on April 24th; Dale and Mark plan to attend. Karen will be asked to register them for the meeting.
- The next regular board meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on April 18, 2012.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage to approve the 3/21/12 bills and Payroll #5 as presented. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken to approve 4/5/12 bills and Payroll #6 as presented. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage to approve Payroll #7 as presented. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.
