

AUGUST 22, 2012

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County held a regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 3:00 pm on August 22, 2012.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of August 8, 2012 as amended to read: *Mike Scott asked for the Board's permission to begin meeting with Road Commission personnel (not township personnel as previously written) to allow for a smooth transition onto the Board in January. The Board agreed this would be good for all parties.* Motion carried.

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

Mike Scott asked to attend the township meetings to meet township personnel. The Board agreed this would be good for all parties.

Managing Director / Superintendent's Report

- The issue on Neff Road about a test well in the right-of-way should be over as MACTEC has agreed to remove the test well.
- Carol and I met with Howard City officials along with reps from Fleis & VandenBrink to work through the plans for CR582. The village would like to construct bike lanes when we pave CR582. More to come as the project gets closer.
- We need to change the September meeting dates and set a public hearing date for the 2013 budget.
- The safety project on Stanton Road at Wyman Road should be done on Friday.
- We will be replacing the control system for the fire alarms in Stanton. Central Fire's quote of \$1,150 was the low quote and they will be doing the work.
- Chip-sealing is done; we should be done with fog-sealing on Monday. We will be in Isabella County next week to fog-seal four miles. Kent County would like us to do some fog-sealing too. We will do our best to work together with our neighbors.
- Fisher Transport is in the county this week working on township gravel resurfacing projects. We are going to gravel 1.5 miles of county primary road.
- Met with Ron Kent from Zoom Energy; we may be able to save by purchasing natural gas at a cheaper price. More to come.
- The final application of chloride on township roads started this week and will be done next week.

Engineer's Report

- We will be setting up a Task Force Meeting sometime next month in preparation for a Rural Task Force Meeting this fall.

Commissioners' Comments

- Discussed the advantages and disadvantages of cationic vs. anionic emulsion on chip-seal projects.
- Discussed the status of equipment repairs.
- Discussed safety options to protect garage doors
- Has Ron Wohlford completed the accounting review? Karen is getting the information to Ron for his review.
- Discussed surveillance options at the three garages. Mark is getting prices.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to change the September board meetings to 3:00 p.m. on September 12, 2012 and 3:00 p.m. on September 26, 2012. Motion carried.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to schedule the annual budget hearing at 2:30 p.m. on September 26, 2012, followed by the regular board meeting. Motion carried.

Reviewed and discussed bills.

The next regular board meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on September 12, 2012.

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Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the August 22, 2012, bills in the amount of \$103,939.37 and Payroll #17 in the amount of \$126,395.80 as presented. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Chairman

Acting Clerk