

AUGUST 8, 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 8, 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 Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of July 25, 2012. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the agenda with the addition of G) Select voting member and alternate for NMARC annual meeting. Motion carried.

Mike Scott asked for the Board's permission to begin meeting township personnel to allow for a smooth transition onto the Board in January. The Board agreed this would be good for all parties.

Mark Christensen commended Don McCracken for his many years of generous service to the Road Commission.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve and sign the Title VI Non-Discrimination Policy 2011-01 as revised. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

The annual October township meeting schedule was reviewed and approved; schedule and letter will be sent to all township boards.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the Village of Howard City contract in the amount of \$64,122. Motion carried.

#### Managing Director/Superintendent's Report

- Coming to the end of chip-seal projects; should be done next week if the weather is good.
- Fog-sealed only nine miles today as we could not get emulsion.
- City of Greenville would like us to do some chip-seal work. Not sure that we will as the supply of slag is very tight.
- Met with Jack Schmitz about health insurance rates.
- Reported on the status of the MDOT maintenance contract.
- Reviewed blade bids; Michigan CAT is the low bidder.
- We need to choose a delegate and an alternate for the Northern Meeting.
- Reviewed the proposed Small Urban project on Peck Road and Vining Road in 2014.
- Reviewed election results with the board. Biggest changes will be in Reynolds Township.
- Reviewed dates for annual township meetings in October.
- MTA meeting will be held on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Engineer's Report

- The safety project on Stanton Road at Wyman Road is scheduled to start next Monday.
- The Small Urban Federal Aid project on Peck Road/Vining Road/County Farm Road is scheduled for 2014.
- We are working with the Village of Howard City to coordinate work on CR582 with a proposed non-motorized path in the area.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to designate Mark Christensen as the voting delegate and Dale Linton as the alternate for the NMARC annual meeting on September 6, 2012. Motion carried.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to designate Mark Christensen as the voting delegate and Dale Linton as the alternate for the CRASIF annual meeting on September 5, 2012. Motion carried.

#### Commissioners' Comments

- Discussed the status of mowing along the state trunklines.
- Mowing along county primaries should be done by the end of the month. Discussed the possibility of mowing some areas a second time later this year. Mark will review.
- Discussed gravel resurfacing.

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- How is the new Mechanic's Helper doing? He is making great headway, but we are not caught up yet.
- Discussed status of fuel and when it will be a good time to buy. Will hold tight for now.
- Reviewed and discussed bills.
- The next regular board meeting will be at 3:00 pm on August 22, 2012.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve 8/8/2012 bills in the amount of \$139,878.67 and Payroll #16 in the amount of \$65,781.93 as presented. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

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Chairman

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Acting Clerk