

FEBRUARY 29, 2012

The Board of County Road Commissioners for Montcalm County held a special meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 3:00 p.m. on February 29, 2012.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of February 15, 2012 as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of B) CRAM Board of Directors Ballot, and C) Sign Title Sheet. Motion carried.

Mr. Shattuck, a resident of Muskrat Rad east of Mt. Hope Road, came before the Board to discuss his fence, which was damaged during snow plow operations last weekend. The fence is in the road right-of-way and Mark Christensen explained that the driver was not the regular driver assigned to this area.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to vote for Doug Robidoux to the CRAM Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve and sign the title sheet for the Federal Aid Safety Project to replace guardrails on Dagget Road Bridge. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Superintendent's Report

- Reviewed proposed beaver removal contract and discussed how other county road commissions handle this when subcontracting.
- Mack Truck is getting a used engine for the Pine Township truck.
- Homeland Security is providing money for us to purchase six to eight new two-way radios.
- Working with MDOT on putting together some projects for this summer.
- Reviewed winter maintenance costs through February 21st.

Engineer's Report

- Reviewed Federal Aid project list that was approved at last week's task force meeting. We are still hearing that there may be \$54 million extra money to be added to the program statewide. No one knows when or how it will be allocated.

Commissioners' Comments

- Don McCracken asked about the used crack-sealer that had been discussed; Mark stated we did not purchase it and added that we did purchase the used mower/tractor that had been discussed
- Dale Linton thanked Mark and Pat Denton for their work putting together the program presented to the MTA townships meeting.
- Discussed taking bids this summer for either a single- or tandem-axle truck.
- The Board members stated that they have decided to advertise, through the County Road Association, for the Managing Director's position setting a deadline of April 30th to receive resumés.
- The next regular board meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on March 7th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Chairman

Acting Clerk