

JUNE 20, 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 June 20, 2012.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve the minutes of June 6, 2012. Motion carried.

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

A resident from Lake Road north of M-46 came before the Board to express his concern with the condition of Lake Road from M-46 to Town Line Lake. Mark acknowledged this section of road has a low Paser rating. A few options were discussed—one option is to crush the existing pavement and repave once funds become available. Since the cost for this option would be approximately \$400,000 it is unlikely paving would take place in the near future. Therefore, the Road Commission staff will sweep and patch the worst sections in this stretch and hope that additional funding becomes available sooner rather than later.

Managing Director/Superintendent's Report

- Phones have been ordered; mid-July change over. Expect up to \$350 per month savings.
- Meeting with Paccar Leasing tomorrow to look at lease-purchase options.
- Plan to go to Mecosta CRC next week to pick up the used roller and distributor.
- Working on the test well issue on Neff Road.
- We received a \$58,000 safety grant for signage upgrades in 2013.
- Chloride applications are ongoing; hope to have all townships done by July 4th.
- Discussed road issue in Pearl Beach Plat at Turk Lake.
- Working on the bridge on Fenwick Road near Herrick Road.
- Fuel costs continue to go down; will be watching but I don't think it's time to purchase.
- Summer help safety shoes—do we cover the cost? The Board said to cover same as hourly employees.
- Edge line pavement marking on the west side of the county is almost done.
- Discussed the need to fill at least one of the unfilled truck drivers' positions; Board approved hiring one new truck driver.

Engineer's Report

- The project on Stanton Road from Cedar Lake Road to Crystal Road started on Monday, June 11, 2012. Curb and gutter has been installed and paving is scheduled for next week.
- Preconstruction meeting was held earlier today for the safety upgrade project on Stanton Road at Wyman Road. Work is slated to start August 8th; completion August 31, 2012.
- The last section of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail is nearly completed in Greenville. The Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail thank the Board for its support over the years.

Commissioners' Comments

- Discussed the status of the shoulder widening project in Crystal. Paving is done; all that remains is the edge line painting.
- Discussed the cross-culvert failure on Youngman Road south of Wise Road. Looking at options to repair without open cutting the pavement. If we can find something reasonably priced to fix it we will; otherwise we will need to cut the pavement to install new culvert.
- The Board thanked Carol for her assistance throughout the interview process.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton to approve 6/20/2012 bills in the amount of \$295,563.27 and Payroll #12 in the amount of \$68,523.23. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes - Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Chairman

Acting Clerk