

June 6, 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 6, 2012.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton and Robert Brundage; Mark Christensen, Superintendent/Manager; 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 regular board meeting minutes of May 16, 2012 with the addition of the list of Township contracts which were approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton to approve the special board meeting minutes of May 17, 2012. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton to approve the special board meeting minutes of May 29, 2012. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of: Shot O' Lillie plat abandonment, MDOT Contract 12-5156, and Commissioners Comments. Motion carried.

Mr. Rick McKeown of 7734 Neff Road came in front of the Board to express his concern with the installation of a test well near his home. He specifically cited safety and liability concerns. In addition he requested compensation for the use of his property. Mark said he would check into this as we understood this work was conducted under a permit approved by the Road Commission.

Mr. KcKeown also questioned the previous Managing Director's retirement package as it related to health insurance. Mr. Linton explained the contract for salaried employees requires payment of 85% of the premium from the employee's retirement age until they reach social security age.

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

#### Crystal Township

- Overband crack seal locations to be determined - \$8,856.
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- Wedge/seal Holland Lake Rd from Senator to Sloan - \$33,483.

#### Day Township

- Wedge/seal Neff Rd from McBride to Kendaville – \$19,394.
- Wedge/seal Neff Rd from Lake Montcalm to Kendaville - \$19,394.
- Gravel Vickeryville Rd from Stanton to Klees - \$5,508.

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Reynolds Township

- Salt stabilize five miles to be determined - \$9,810.
- Wedge roads where needed in Riverwood Forest Subdivision - \$6,938.
- Wedge/seal Almy Rd from Federal to Amy School - \$32,831.
- 250# mat on Dagget Rd from 1,200' south and 1,000' north of Little Muskegon River bridge - \$56,045.

Richland Township

- Wedge Pine Grove Rd from Edgar north to end of pavement - \$10,287.

Winfield Township

- Wedge/seal Bailey Rd from Almy to Gates - \$23,664.
- Gravel Lake Montcalm Rd from Black to Masters – \$6,020.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton there was no objection for the abandonment of the requested section of Royal Drive in the Shot O' Lillie plat along Clifford Lake. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton to approve and sign MDOT Contract 12-5156 for the safety project on CR 522 (Stanton Road) at CR 520 (Wyman Road). The local match amount required is \$2,466. The Board approved the Chairman and Manager to sign the contract. A resolution in support of the contract will be submitted to MDOT with the signed contract. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Linton.

Superintendent/Manager's Report

- BCBS rates for next year will increase 7.5%
- Central Asphalt was the low bidder for the Wyman Road passing lane; bid is \$118,471.34.
- Have been working on cell phone costs. I hope to make changes soon that will result in saving to RCMC
- We have done interviews for the position open in the shop; hope to make a decision tomorrow.
- Edge line painting is on-going on the west side of the county.
- Paving on Kohler Road and in Trufant is done
- We are crack sealing on Federal Road prior to the chip seal project
- Working on the bike lanes along Sidney Road near Crystal.
- Paving on Stanton Road will start next week
- Continue to watch fuel prices; when the time is right to contract, I will let you know
- Repairs to the buildings at Stanton and Greenville should wrap up next week

Engineer's Report

- The Call for 2014 HRRR projects is now out. Applications are due August 13, 2012. MDOT expects the Call for 2014 Safety projects to be out shortly. We plan to submit an application for safety upgrades near West County Line Road at Kendaville Road in

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conjunction with Newaygo County Road Commission. We are also looking at several other potential projects.

- Central Asphalt is scheduled to start our project on CR 522 (Stanton Road) from Cedar Lake to Crystal Road on Monday June 11, 2012.
- Update on shoulder widening on Crystal Road from the school complex to M-46. This project has been submitted to MDOT for a Transportation Enhancement Grant. MDOT has asked several questions which we hope means the project will be approved for construction.

Commissioners' Comments

- Discussed status of the fencing project on the east side of the Stanton Garage. Mark said it was being worked on today. The work to extend the pavement on the east side of the garage is currently on hold until later.
- Asked when Mark would be moving into the front office. Mark stated he intends to start working on moving his office on weekends.
- Status on truck.
- Status on distributor and roller for sale at Mecosta County.
  
- Should look at sending the mechanic to other two garages a couple days a month just to fix small things. The garages could keep a running list of small items, so he would know what tools to bring.
- Asked if we should look into sharing staff with MDOT the way Kent CRC does.
- Asked if Mark would work on a draft contract for the Board to review. Mark said he is working on it and hopes to have something as early as next week.
- Mentioned the question was asked at one of the garages as to why we don't have a mower with arm in each garage. They cost about \$32,000, so we will continue to look for good used ones.
- The next regular board meeting will be at 3:00 pm on June 20, 2012.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton to approve 6/6/2012 bills in the amount of \$407,516.62 and Payroll #11 in the amount of \$66,442.28 as presented. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes - Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

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Chairman

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Acting Clerk