

OCTOBER 10, 2012

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County held a regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 3:00 p.m. on October 10, 2012.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of September 26, 2012 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Manager's Report

- The last of this year's paving should be done the end of next week—finishing up the approaches at the bridge on Dagget Road.
- Went to Mackinac County Road Commission yesterday to look at a used distributor that they have for sale. Offered to purchase it for \$2,500 and they accepted; they will be sending an invoice.
- Don Andrews Concrete, Inc. is working on bridge on Fenwick Road. They are pouring concrete around the piers, which will allow us to remove the weight limit.
- Spoke with the area foremen about replacing the pickup trucks assigned to them; decided to hold off until next year. Instead, this year we will replace the three diesel pickup trucks and assign a new pickup truck, with plows for each one, to each garage. We will be purchasing from a local dealer that will match the state bid for this type of truck.
- Attended the Superintendents' Conference last week—good discussion on HB5125 and HB5126.
- The brush spraying contractor sprayed 64 miles of roadsides—average cost worked out to \$315 per mile.
- Discussed request from the lieutenant who oversees the Grand Rapids swat team to allow one of his members, who lives in Ashley, to park his assigned vehicle at our Greenville facility when he is off-duty and to leave his personal vehicle there when he is on-duty. The Board agreed to allow this.
- Pat Denton and I have been invited to speak at Greenville Lions Club in November; we will present our winter maintenance program.

Engineer's Report

- The Rural Task Force public hearing is at 9:00 a.m. on October 18th at Mecosta County Road Commission.
- This year's federal aid projects are completed. Pat is finishing up the paperwork and we will schedule final review with MDOT later this month or next month.
- We have been notified of a Conditional Commitment for Transportation Enhancement funding for the shoulder widening project in Vestaburg from the school to M-46; planning summer 2013 construction.
- We have been contacted by a group about widening shoulder along Sidney Road, Derby Road and Stanton Road to provide a non-motorized traffic spur from the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail to Montcalm Community College and Lake Stanton along with Derby, Nevins Dickerson and Clifford Lakes. The group is currently seeking funding through various grant opportunities as well as match funding. More to follow if this develops.
- Working on design plans for the 2013 federal aid projects.

Commissioners' Comments

- Don McCracken – How are township gravel roads doing? Mark – Some need attention but overall they are pretty good.
- Dale Linton – Anything on the John Deere grader? Mark – Nothing yet.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 10/10/12 bills totaling \$424,026.11 and Payroll #20 totaling \$66,871.43. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk