

November 20, 2013

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County held a regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 9:00 a.m. on November 20, 2013.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director, Kim Alexander, Finance Director-Clerk and Pat Denton, Engineering Technician.

The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer were given.

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

Moved by Brundage seconded by Scott to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Elmer Freeman of Richland Township was present to express his concern about the way Edgar Road is being graded between Pine Grove and his residence. Mark will check the road and address the issue.

Moved by Brundage seconded by Scott to accept the MDOT rest area bids and place them on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott seconded by Brundage to accept the scraper blade bids and place them on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage seconded by Scott to accept the winter chloride bids and place them on file. Motion carried.

The website maintenance agreement will be revisited next meeting after Mark speaks with Jack Johnson.

#### Manager's Report

- Have been working on the gravel roads and drainage the last couple weeks and will continue, weather permitting
- Had the MDOT budget meeting last week. The budget is the same as last year and there are no changes to winter maintenance
- Bill Clanche submitted his resignation (disability retirement) and the day shift mechanic position has been posted
- The scraper didn't sell at auction. Michigan Cat will give a value to it and we will look at options
- Mark and Pat are working with Mike Cavanaugh on the right of way issue on Elmwood Drive. We are asking the property owners for a twenty foot right of way
- The patch trailers have been ordered and we should receive them by Christmas
- Slag prices will be higher for next year's projects. The price for delivery to Stanton went from \$23.25 per ton to \$35.45 per ton. Delivery to Greenville went from \$21.75 to \$34.00 per ton and \$21.10 per ton to \$33.00 per ton for delivery to Howard City.
- The Sterling truck has been delivered to Barry County.
- The winter maintenance meeting is tomorrow at Maxfield's
- Chuck Jegla will start the night patrol position this Sunday
- Mike Phillips will be here on November 26<sup>th</sup> for Global Harmonization training. There will also be some winter maintenance training afterwards. MERS will also be here that day at 11:00 to give information to give a presentation on their 457 Plan. This is a voluntary plan similar to the PERT plan
- New phone lines were installed in Greenville and Howard City for the time clocks
- New truck should be delivered mid-February
- The retirement party for Bob Tooker will be held December 11 at 1:00 p.m.

#### Engineer's Report

- Sidney Road Bridge is complete and opened yesterday. The surface coat will be applied in the spring when it is warmer
- The MDOT Bridge Council awarded the 2016 Local Bridge Program projects. There are 5 maintenance projects and a bridge replacement in Bloomer Township on the list

#### Clerk's Report

- Sue Sanford will be here on December 16<sup>th</sup> to begin the annual audit

- Looking into switching gas carriers from Consumers Energy to Volunteer Energy for the Stanton garage

Motion by Scott seconded by Brundage to approve the November 20, 2013 bills totaling \$178,981.12, prepays of \$46,266.16 and payroll #23, totaling \$79,570.43. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes– Brundage, Scott and Linton.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk