

January 5, 2022

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 January 5, 2022.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer were given.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2021, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to appoint Dale Linton as Chairman for 2022. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott. Abstain: Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Linton, to appoint Robert Brundage as Vice Chairman for 2022. Roll call: Yes – Linton, Scott. Abstain: Brundage. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to appoint Kim Alexander as Finance Director-Clerk of the Board for 2022. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to appoint Mark Christensen as Managing Director-Superintendent for 2022. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to appoint Mark Christensen as the MDOT Highway Contract Designee for 2022. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to appoint Carol Smith, P.E., of LS Engineering, as County Highway Engineer for 2022. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve and each sign the Commissioner's Code of Conduct. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to accept the Manager's recommendation, and bid from Bandit Industries to purchase a 1994 Whole Tree Chipper for \$60,000. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Scott offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves Contract No. 21-5471 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation for:

PART A – JOB #209814CON; STATE PARTICIPATION

Bridge rehabilitation of the structure #7454, which carries Johnson Road over the Flat River, Section 30, T10N, R08W, Montcalm Township; structure #7455, which carries Condensery Road over Fish Creek, Section 2, T09N, R05W, Bloomer Township; structure #7463, which carries McBrides Road over the Flat River, Sections 9 and 16, T11N, R07W, Douglas Township; and structure #7464, which carries McBrides Road over the Pine River, Sections 12 and 13, T11N, R05W, Ferris Township, Montcalm County, Michigan; including hot mix asphalt on the bridges and approaches, guardrail replacement, expansion joint replacement and riprap placement for structure #7463; and all together with necessary related work.

PART B –JOB #209816CON; 22A0135; FEDERAL AND STATE PARTICIPATION

Bridge rehabilitation of the structure #7525, which carries Deaner Road over Tamarack Creek, Section 29, T12N, R09W, Winfield Township, Montcalm County, Michigan; including hot mix asphalt on the bridges and approaches, guardrail, and bridge rail replacement; and all together with necessary related work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mark Christensen, Manager and Kim Alexander, Finance Director-Clerk, are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

Supported by Commissioner Brundage. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Brundage offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has jurisdiction of Denise Street and Swift Street in the Plat of O'Brien's Addition to Dickerson Lake, Section 32, Douglass Township; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has analyzed public transportation requirements, and said road is an unimproved road right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to decertify the following portions of Denise Street and Swift Street, Douglass Township;

The portion of Denise Street east of Swift Street and the portion of Swift Street south of Denise Street, Section 32, T11N-R07W, Douglass Township, Montcalm County, Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby decertifies the above-described road portions from the county road system effective December 31, 2021; this action to decertify does not imply any relinquishment of right-of-way; the Road Commission for Montcalm County hereby states that any and all right-of-way within the decertified road portion shall be retained for Road Commission use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Road Commission for Montcalm County shall provide resolution copy to Douglass Township and to the proper highway authorities.

Seconded by Commissioner Scott. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott, Linton. Resolution declared adopted.

Commissioner Brundage offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has jurisdiction of Bollinger Road south of Fleck Road, on the Section Line of 14 & 15, Richland Township; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has analyzed public transportation requirements, and the south 0.15 miles of said road is an unimproved road right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to decertify the following portion of Bollinger Road, Richland Township;

The portion of Bollinger Road located from 0.10 miles south of Fleck Road to 0.25 miles south of Fleck Road, Section Lines 14 & 15, T12N-R05W, Richland Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, consisting of 0.15 miles.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby decertifies the above-described road portion from the county road system effective December 31, 2021; this action to decertify does not imply any relinquishment of right-of-way; the Road Commission for Montcalm County hereby states that any and all right-of-way within the decertified road portion shall be retained for Road Commission use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Road Commission for Montcalm County shall provide resolution copy to Richland Township and to the proper highway authorities.

Seconded by Commissioner Scott. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott, Linton. Resolution declared adopted.

Commissioner Scott offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has jurisdiction of Dewey Road west of Dagget Road, on the One Quarter Line of Section 30, Reynolds Township; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has analyzed public transportation requirements, and said road is an unimproved road right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to decertify the following portion of Dewey Road, Reynolds Township;

The portion of Dewey Road located from the East line of Section 30, west 0.20 miles, T12N-R10W, Reynolds Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, consisting of 0.20 miles.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby decertifies the above-described road portion from the county road system effective December 31, 2021; this action to decertify does not imply any relinquishment of right-of-way; the Road Commission for Montcalm County hereby states that any and all right-of-way within the decertified road portion shall be retained for Road Commission use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Road Commission for Montcalm County shall provide resolution copy to Reynolds Township and to the proper highway authorities.

Seconded by Commissioner Brundage. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott, Linton. Resolution declared adopted.

Manager's Report

- Winter maintenance is clicking along as it should be, and all is going well.
- We are cutting and mowing brush between snow events.
- Gravel roads froze up in pretty good shape.
- Still taking care of our employees that contract Covid and are close contacts.
- Foremen trucks are here and all but one is in service. Pat D's truck was sent to the wrong dealer but should be ready this Friday.
- We will be putting three or four of our old pickups on the Rangerbid auction site.
- We picked up the new Freightliner trailer yesterday.
- Ed Witzel retired on December 31, 2021.
- The vacant Truck Driver position has been offered. The potential employee is going thru the physical and drug testing process this week.
- We were given an extra \$230,000 in STP dollars. Kent County Road Commission will be purchasing this extra amount and we will overlay Lakeview Road from north of the Village of Lakeview to the north county line with these dollars.
- Starting to work on township projects and have the first meeting with Pierson Township tomorrow evening.
- We hope to have material bid results at the February meeting.

Engineer's Report

- Working on primary and township road projects for next summer

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the December 30, 2021, bills totaling \$362,705.38, and Payroll #26 totaling \$110,195.54. Roll Call: Yes – Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk