

March 20, 2019

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 March 20, 2019.

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

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the following contracts. Motion carried.

Belvidere Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads @ 1,650 gpm - \$26,474.68

Douglass Township

- Brush spray along local roadsides – locations to be determined - \$2,000
- Overband crack seal – locations to be determined - \$8,325
- Seal/fog seal Musson Road from McBride Road to Kendaville Road - \$20,395

Maple Valley Township

- Wedge/seal Cannonsville Road from Masters Road to Black Road - \$29,549
- Wedge/seal Masters Road from Cannonsville Road to Coral Road (1.5 miles) - \$49,634
- Wedge/seal Masters Road from Coral Road to Lake Montcalm Road (1.5 miles) - \$39,382
- 180# asphalt overlay on Mill Street from Isabella Street to Kendaville Road (.10 mile) - \$10,409
- Brush spray local roadsides – locations to be determined - \$2,000
- 180# asphalt overlay on Third Street from C Street to A Street (.15 mile) - \$14,929

Montcalm Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads @ 1,650 gpm - \$18,688.49

City of Carson City

- Wedge/seal West Street from M57 to Walnut Street - \$9,934
- Rotomill and pave with a 250# asphalt mat on Third Street from M57 south ½ block (120 feet) - \$12,264
- Wedge/seal Maple Street from First Street to Second Street - \$3,777
- Wedge Mercantile Street south of Linden Street - \$1,266
- Rotomill and pave with a 250# asphalt mat on intersection of Fourth Street and Elm Street - \$6,849

Village of Sheridan

- Seal/fog seal (Trap Rock) Community Center parking lot (250 feet) - \$6,302
- Seal/fog seal Grant Street from Oak Street to Sherman Street - \$2,088
- Seal/fog seal Grant Street from Sherman Street to Pine Street - \$1,584
- Seal/fog seal Jasper Street from Grant Street to Saint Clair Street - \$1,795
- Seal/fog seal Jasper Street from Saint Clair Street to Eisenhower Street - \$1,637
- Seal/fog seal Jasper Street from Grant Street south to end - \$1,921
- Seal/fog seal Jasper Street from Eisenhower Street north to end - \$1,417

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order #59-01-2019, limiting parking on B Street in Trufant from April to October. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Manice Dillon of Cherry Street in the Village of Pierson was present to discuss the water and ice that is in his garage. His property is on a low spot and floods in the spring. Mark spoke with Mr. Dillon last month and this was the first time he had heard of the problem. We will

look at doing some ditching on Amy School Road this spring/summer to help with the problem but the garage is in such a low spot we cannot fully guarantee it to be dry.

Susan Sanford, CPA video conferenced to give a report on the 2018 audit. She reported the Road Commission was given a "clean", unmodified opinion on the audit again this year.

Manager's Report

- Gravel roads are in rough shape due to the spring break up. We had numerous road closures and damage last week into the weekend. We are grading as weather permits.
- Patching continues on paved roads and culverts are starting to level out.
- Next Friday will be the last day for Night Patrol. We are tentatively scheduling a return to 10 hour days on April 1st. This will depend of the weather.
- Jim Wickes' final day is April 1st and we will post Richland Township then. No plans to hire a replacement as Mason Ferguson was hired as a Laborer II in anticipation of Jim leaving.
- Attended the CRA Conference last week. It was fairly well done. MDOT's new Director did a good job explaining the Governor's road funding plan.
- Will be looking at our equipment inventory over the next couple weeks. There will be approximately three trucks that we may sell at auction.
- We met with Eureka and Sidney Township representatives yesterday and contracts are slowly coming in.
- Greg Deyarmond contacted me and asked me to pass along his opinion to the board that we should not pave any gravel roads until all of our roads are in good shape. I explained to him that Townships make the decision and pay for local road projects so our hands are tied. That has been our philosophy on primary roads.
- We rebid a scaled down fuel station and bids are due on April 2nd at 1:00. We are hoping for a 10-year payback if it is to be built.
- As in the past, we will be participating in the Public Safety Day in May.

Engineer's Report

- The Wise Road bridge project is progressing. The existing deck and east abutment have been removed. The driveway on the NE quadrant has been moved. The contractor is ready to install the sheeting for the cofferdam but is being held up due to the high-water elevation. It should be low enough by the end of the week to resume work.
- Township Estimates / Contracts are complete except Bloomer Township and Ferris Township.

Clerk's Report

- Will have a budget amendment for the second meeting in April.
- Corrective Action plans for our pension plan and OPEB plan both have been approved by the Municipal Stability Board.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the February 28, 2019 bills totaling \$326,896.81, March 14, 2019 bills totaling \$717,242.99, Payroll #5 totaling \$115,443.86 and Payroll #6 totaling \$115,673.45. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

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

Chairman

Clerk