

May 2, 2018

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 May 2, 2018.

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 April 18, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Steve Meinhardt, from Casair, presented a proposed plan to install rural broadband and how it may effect road commission rights-of-way in the future.

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

Eureka Township

- Seal/fog seal South County Line Road from West County Line Road to Youngman Road - \$27,469
- Seal/fog seal Stakes Road from CR 500 (Baker Road) to Wabasis Creek - \$13,647
- Spray brush along local roadsides - \$2,000
- Overband crack seal – locations to be determined - \$8,625
- Gravel resurface Barber Road from West County Line to Satterlee Road - \$12,800
- Gravel resurface Fletcher Road from River Oaks to Berridge Road - \$22,268
- Gravel resurface Slawson Lake Road from West County Line Road to Satterlee Road - \$11,368
- Gravel resurface Stakes Road from Jenks Road to Wabasis Creek - \$18,797
- Gravel resurface Youngman Road from South County Line Road to Baker Road - \$25,373
- Seal/fog seal Eugene Street, Eastern Avenue, Fairway Drive and Orchard Street from M-91 (Greenville Road) to end - \$13,204
- Seal/fog seal Fairview/Sage Drive from M-91 to end - \$6,621
- Seal/fog seal Johnson Road from Harlow Road to Wise Road - \$12,213
- Wedge/seal Fletcher Road from River Road to River Oaks - \$5,975

Home Township

- Spray brush along local roadsides - \$2,000

Reynolds Township

- Seal/fog seal Dagget Road @ Little Muskegon River Bridge - \$9,620
- Provide, by private contractor, fifty (50) hours ditching along local roads - \$5,000
- Spray brush along local roadsides - \$2,000
- 180# asphalt overlay on School Road from Almy Road to Gates Road - \$55,298
- Seal/fog seal Garbow Road from Almy Road to Edgar Road - \$19,668
- Paint centerline and edge lines on various roads - \$11,400

Richland Township

- Install two corrugated metal culverts on Douglas Road over Fisk and Johnson Drain - \$6,487
- Install three corrugated metal culverts on Douglas Road over the Pine River (Split with MCRC- \$6,080)

Village of Sheridan

- Seal/fog seal Congress Street from Center Street to Liberty Street - \$3,022

City of Stanton

- Seal/fog seal Walnut Street from Court Street to Camburn Street - \$1,781
- Seal/fog seal Court Street from Main Street to Day Street - \$3,210
- Seal/fog seal Mill Street from Day Street to Main Street - \$3,120

- Seal/fog seal Pine Street from Lincoln Street to Mill Street - \$1,823
- Seal/fog seal Mill Street from Bellevue Street to Day Street - \$9,362
- Seal/fog seal Mill Street from Bellevue Street to Ridge Street - \$2,764
- Seal/fog seal Bradford Street from Camburn Street to Mill Street - \$3,095
- Seal/fog seal Bradford Street from M-66 to Camburn Street - \$4,839
- Seal/fog seal Bellevue Street from Court Street to Mill Street - \$6,639
- Seal/fog seal Bellevue Street from Mill Street to Depot Street - \$2,429
- Wedge/seal Court Street from Lake Street to Walnut Street - \$2,989
- Wedge/seal Court Street from Day Street to Bradford Street - \$4,159
- Wedge/seal Court Street from Bradford Street to Pine Street - \$4,044
- Wedge/seal Lake Street from Court Street south to newer pavement - \$6,607
- 180# asphalt overlay on Grove Street from Lake Street south to end - \$8,119

Manager's Report

- Cato Township is the last remaining township to meet with regarding contracts. Hope to meet with Henry tomorrow.
- Gravel roads are very dry, dusty and hard as concrete. Need some moisture to grade. Still a couple weeks out on chloride.
- We have started pulling berms and shoulder repair in anticipation of this summer's road work
- Truck & Trailer finished outfitting/painting the last two military trucks and they are on the road
- We tried out the sod grinder for berm pulling and have decided to purchase the unit. We are leasing a skid steer from Bader Equipment to pull it.
- Ordered a bat wing mower for Stanton
- Two summer seasonal employees started May 1st. One is in Howard City and the other in Stanton. We hired one more for Stanton and one for Greenville and they will start a little later this month.
- LED upgrades at all facilities have been completed. We will pull electric bill records to see how it is effecting our usage.
- We contribute \$5,000 per year to remonumentation. This amount does not cover the work done by Tingley & Associates on our projects. Therefore, we will need to pay them \$175 for the location, removal and reinstallation of monument boxes for our projects.
- The culvert inventory program is scheduled to begin a week from Monday. Pat D. has ordered the equipment and supplies necessary to get the work done.

Engineer's Report

- Two Overband Crack Seal crews have been working in the county. 16 miles of primary roads are complete. They are working in the townships.
- CR 595 (Gravel Ridge Road) from CR 530 (Coral Road) and Howard City/Edmore Road (M-46) is being paved today.
- The rotomill crew started Monday. They have completed CR 530 (Coral Road) and CR 540 (Lake Montcalm Road) and some township roads. They are on CR 522A (Dickerson Lake Road and Lake Road) and CR 522 (Stanton Road) today.
- Crews are scheduled for next week to install concrete curb & gutter on CR 540 (Lake Montcalm Road) and CR 522A (Dickerson Lake Road and Lake Road) and CR 522 (Stanton Road).
- Pavement markings have been placed on county primaries west of Greenville Road (M-91) and on some of the township roads.
- The CR 522 (Stanton Road) project from Clifford Lake Drive to Sheridan Road (M-66) will be in the July 13th MDOT letting. It will be an August construct.

Clerk's Report

- The extra \$100,000 the board chose to send to MERS as an extra payment on pension liability can be paid in a new way. The suggested method is to deposit the funds in a separate "surplus" division. Doing it in this way allows for income to be earned on the higher asset amounts but not impacting contribution amounts in future years. The unfunded liabilities will still continue to be paid over a fixed period of time, however they may be paid sooner than the existing amortization period.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to enter into closed session under section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act at 9:57 a.m., for strategy and negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement. Roll Call: Yes – Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 10:23 a.m.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to hold a negotiation session on May 14, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. with AFSCME Local 1071.07. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott seconded by Brundage, to approve the April 26, 2018 bills totaling \$864,595.74 and Payroll #9 totaling \$102,251.00. Roll Call: Yes – Brundage, Scott, Linton. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk