

August 21, 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 August 21, 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 August 7, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2019 closed meeting. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to accept and file bids for the South County Line Tree Removal Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to straight vote the NMARC Ballot as all offices have one person running. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to order/purchase a 2019 938M Cat Loader, for the Howard City garage, from Michigan Cat using the State Purchase Program bid. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

#### Manager's Report

- Still very busy finishing many projects throughout the county.
- Last round of chloride will be applied this week, next week and the first week of September.
- Chip sealing was done this past Monday. We are cleaning up equipment and storing it away. Fog sealing is 3 or 4 days behind chipping.
- Township ditching is finishing up also. Only one township is left to ditch for the season. (Pine)
- Dalton's will start sometime after Labor Day in 12 townships.
- The Gradeall is down with a transmission problem. Our guys in the shop are tackling the repair.
- We are working on chip seal invoices. They should all be at the townships for the first September meetings.
- Planning on getting the first course of pavement on Coral Road before winter. We will finish paving next year.
- Ordered 2,100 tons of salt this week. This should fill us up to start the season. This was the remainder of last year's contract.
- The aggregate consortium is working on bids for September.
- The truck rodeo is October 9<sup>th</sup> at Kentwood if anyone is interested in attending.
- We will return to regular summer hours of 6:30 am – 4:30 pm on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Engineer's Report

- The Wise Road bridge project is progressing. Asphalt paving will be complete today. Shoulder gravel and guardrail by the end of the week. Pavement markings on Monday.
- The new culvert on County Farm Road at the Denmark Drain is in place. It will be paved this afternoon.
- The asphalt mat on Pine Grove Road in Richland Township is scheduled for August 28. We will be grading on August 26 & 27.
- We will remove the asphalt deck on the Pine Grove Road Bridge over Wolf Creek in Richland Township next week. It is a wood bridge. We will place a rubber membrane and repave at the same time we pave the north end of Pine Grove Road.
- The Fitzner Road overlay for the MDOT M-91 project detour route is scheduled for September 9 & 11.
- Working on the MDOT passing flare on M-46 @ Ferris Road and the shoulder paving on M-66 north of M-46.

- The contracted cracksealers are back in the county. They will finish this week or next week.
- Carrick Trucking will be here in the next couple weeks to gravel resurface Carlsen Road in Fairplain Township and CR585 (Derby Road) from M-57 to Wise Road.
- The sand and gravel base should be complete at the fuel station today and will be ready for asphalt pavement. Our crews will build the shelter for the card reading station.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the August 15, 2019 bills totaling \$910,694.97 and Payroll #17 totaling \$110,469.38. 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 10:05 a.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk