

September 8, 2021

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 September 8, 2021.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director 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 presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2021, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the Henn Lesperance, PLC, Engagement Letter, retaining Andrew Cascini as legal counsel. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve and sign the Finance Director/Clerk's Employment Agreement as presented. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approved and sign the Assistant Engineer's Employment Agreement as presented. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the purchase of a 25-ton, tri-axle trailer from Freightliner of Grand Rapids for \$34,110.00 as presented. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. 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. 21-5357 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation for:

Hot mix asphalt paving, trenching, aluminum box culvert, guardrail, and sinusoidal shoulder corrugations along Sidney Road from the Montcalm Area Career Center westerly drive to M-66, including tree clearing, permanent signing and recessed pavement markings; 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. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- Today will be the last chloride application for the year.
- The crew will be chip sealing and fog sealing on M50 this week for MDOT. We will be working most of the month on trunklines finishing up TWA's.
- The West County Line Bridge should be open next week.
- The safety project at 582 and Amy School Road will start the week of the 20th with the Federal Road from Pierson Road to Cannonsville project will start the following week.
- We were awarded a 2023 safety project on Federal Road from M-46 to the Howard City Village limits.
- Joe and I met with Hobbs and Black about the new truck garage building. More to come after the Topo survey and Structural Engineer finish their reports.
- Northern Association of Road Commission's meeting is next week.
- The truck rodeo is in Wyoming, MI bur is the same day as the Superintendent's Conference. Let me know if you plan to attend.
- Colton Hetherington is the new truck driver for Home Township and Stephen Cornelisse is the new truck driver for Pierson Township. Colton started on August 30th and Stephen will start on September 20th.

- We are having problems ordering equipment. The pick ups are ordered but not guaranteed to be here in the spring. The Peterbilt trucks cannot yet be ordered.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the August 26, 2021, bills totaling \$560,066.44, and Payroll #17 totaling \$113,118.71. 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 9:49 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk