

October 9, 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 October 9, 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 September 25, 2019 meeting as amended. Motion carried. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

The annual township meetings will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> this year.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the bid renewal from The Dalton's for 2020 brush spraying at the same rate as last year. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the November board meeting will be moved from November 13, 2019 to November 20, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

The October 30, 2019 board meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. rather than 9:00 a.m. to better accommodate the employee meeting held afterwards.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to authorize the Manager to sign the Local Road Use Agreement with Consumers Energy. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to sign the October 1, 2019 Administrative Wage Schedule which mirrors the Union Contract. Roll call: Brundage-yes, Scott-yes and Linton-yes. Motion carried.

#### Manager's Report

- Had meeting with Consumer's Energy regarding a wind farm that is slated for East County Line Road. We will sign the same Local Road Use Agreement that Gratiot County has had in place.
- The rain last week caused major issues on gravel roads in the county. We had up to a dozen closed at one time but are down to three or four now closed. Culverts are being replaced or we are waiting for water to recede on those that remain closed.
- Fuel tanks are to be delivered tomorrow. Hope to have fuel in the tanks for a test by the end of next week.
- Superintendents Conference was held last week and was very well attended.
- Met with Apex, a wind farm developer, last week. They are a few years out from being operational. The road commission will only be involved enough to protect our roads.
- Met with MDOT this week regarding the contract negotiating process. They are using a facilitator and the first meeting went well.
- Aggregate prices will rise slightly for next year. Slag is up pennies and trap rock is up around 4%. We hope to have paving and emulsion renewals but will know more by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Engineer's Report

- The Wise Road Bridge has experienced numerous erosion washouts from the heavy rain. The contractor has been back to repair the areas. The contractor is working on the punch list.
- The Eureka Township South County Line Road project is progressing. Our crew is ditching this week. Ditching should be done next week. Limestone gravel will be placed after that.
- Paving on CR530 (Coral Road) is scheduled for early November. We are placing an asphalt overlay on the east chip sealed portion and the base asphalt course on the west portion.

- Remaining projects include the asphalt overlay in Pine Township which will be done in conjunction with the CR530 overlay. We also have the asphalt mats on Blackfoot in Winfield and Sessions in Bushnell.

Clerk's Report

- 2019 audit will start the first week of December.
- Plan to send \$56,991 (MCRCSIP refund) to MERS with the November 7<sup>th</sup> bill run. Will be deposited into the Surplus Division to aid in lowering the pension liability.
- All work done in Townships in 2019 have been billed. Jenna did a great job getting them out quickly after chip seal was finished.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the October 10, 2019 bills totaling \$621,169.29 and Payroll #21 totaling \$102,784.08. 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 9:53 a.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk