

March 15, 2023

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County held their regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 9:00 a.m. on March 15, 2023.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director, Pat Denton, Assistant Engineer 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 February 15, 2023, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Ralph Snyder of Brown Road, Fairplain Township, was present to ask about getting his road re-graveled. Mark will talk to the township supervisor and see what his thoughts are about the road.

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

#### Eureka Township

- Add 10 parking spots on the shoulder of Jordan Road at the Township Hall - \$7,107
- Seal/fog seal West County Line Road from M-57 to Wise Road - \$44,565
- Rotomill and pave Wise Road from West County Line Road to Johnson Road - \$48,503
- Gravel resurface with limestone, South County Line Road from the Flat River Bridge to Berridge Road - \$28,743
- Gravel resurface with limestone, Fletcher Road from River Oaks Drive to Berridge Road - \$55,377
- Overlay River Road from Hebert Drive to Greenville City Limits - \$98,912
- Overlay Johnson Road from South County Line Road to Dick Road - \$150,437
- Overlay Fletcher Road from River Road to River Oaks Drive - \$25,588
- Overband crack seal – locations to be determined - \$8,775
- Spray brush along local roadsides – locations to be determined - \$2,000
- Four applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm - \$22,661.10
- Tree removal on South County Line Road from the Flat River Bridge to Berridge Road - \$13,850

#### Reynolds Township

- Gravel resurface with limestone, Henkel Road from Yankee Road to Cutler Road – \$44,683.
- Gravel resurface with limestone, Dagget Road from end of pavement north of the Little Muskegon River Bridge to Tamarack Road & Tamarack Road from Daggett Road south to Dagget Road north - \$29,259
- Seal/fog seal Amy School Road from Howard City/Edmore Road to Almy Road - \$18,329
- Seal/fog seal Maple Hill Road from Dewey Road to Almy Road - \$11,008
- Seal/fog seal Maple Hill Road from Almy Road to M-46 - \$16,531
- Overlay Yankee Road from Maple Hill Road to Federal Road - \$131,294
- Spray brush along local roadsides – locations to be determined - \$2,000
- Overband crack seal – locations to be determined - \$8,775
- Four applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm - \$26,507.25

Commissioner Scott offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County has various bridges that require either preventive maintenance, scour countermeasures or need replacement due to poor physical condition and those are:

#### Replacement – (Priority 1)

- Structure Number 7483 – Musson Road over the Flat River

Preventive Maintenance – Remove/replace deck, HMA overlay and railing upgrade (Priority 2)

- Structure Number 7452 – CR500 (Fenwick Road) over Fish Creek
- Structure Number 7458 – CR510 (Sidney Road) over Fish Creek
- Structure Number 7461 – CR522 (Stanton Road) over Fish Creek
- Structure Number 7469 – CR540 (Church Road) over the Flat River
- Structure Number 7470 – CR550 (Schmied Road) over the Pine River

Preventive Maintenance – Remove/replace deck, HMA overlay and railing upgrade (Priority 3)

- Structure Number 7514 – Kickland Road over Flat River
- Structure Number 7515 – Colby Road over Flat River
- Structure Number 7519 – Reed Road over Handy Creek
- Structure Number 7484 – Jenks Road over Black Creek
- Structure Number 7515 – Colby Road over Fish Creek

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County has reviewed the application requesting funds for the construction cost of replacing said bridges; and

WHEREAS the Road Commission for Montcalm County understands that they:

- Must pay five percent of the as-bid construction cost and the entire cost of all engineering services and right-of-way; and
- Must agree to have sufficient funds to pay their share of the costs for construction in fiscal year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Road Commission for Montcalm County hereby approves the filing of said application with the Michigan Department of Transportation requesting funds through the Local Bridge Program for the repair or replacement of the above-listed bridges and further that we are actively seeking their participation in the repair/replacement of the bridges.

Seconded by Commissioner Brundage. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Seven County Council meeting will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Eureka Township Hall.

Manager's Report

- Gravel roads continue to be a challenge. We worked overtime two days last week to get them into shape and will work overtime next week once the temperatures warm up and the weather cooperates.
- EGLE has committed over email not to enforce the new rules on chloride starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. We are waiting for official word and expect it soon. We will come out with some talking points next week, so we all speak with one voice.
- We had the Central Montcalm preschool here last Friday. It's always good to have them visit.
- Did a walk through and a punch list on the new garage. We are waiting on some wi-fi equipment but should be in by the end of next week.
- Mike Phillips was here Monday and did garage inspections on all three facilities. I'm still waiting on the written report but there were no major issues.
- Truck and Trailer should have the new truck done early next week. They will use it as display in Lansing at the CRA equipment show if it is finished.
- JX Peterbilt had an extra build slot open, but I passed on it.
- Dennis' truck was picked up last Friday. One year from ordering to delivery for this one.
- We have \$236,000 in bid savings from last years Federal Aid exchange money. This will be used on Kendaville Road this summer. We also received the MDOT Federal Aid exchange money. That will be used on Federal Road from M-46 to Yankee Road and Federal Road from Cannonsville Road to the Howard City Village Limits. Next years Federal Aid exchange money is slated for Crystal Road.

Engineer's Report

- The Masters Road Bridge over Tamarack Creek project is progressing. The south abutment wall is in place. The contractor is working on the north abutment this week.

- The Dickerson Lake Road bridge over the Flat River project is scheduled to start on March 27.
- The South County Line Road tree removal project in Eureka Township is complete. The stumps are being removed. The road will be widened and have limestone gravel applied this summer.
- All the township contracts have been sent out.
- We will be working on the cities and villages contracts this week.

Clerk's Report

- Sue Sanford will be at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the 2022 audit.
- We transferred \$1,870,179 into the local road fund and added \$2,398,779.38 to our fund balance in 2022. (Due mostly to left over building loan funds and the ARPA money received from Montcalm County that is to be spent in 2023.)

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the Administrative Wage Scale as presented. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the February 23, 2023, bills totaling \$343,216.57, the March 9, 2023 bills totaling \$1,019,568.88, Payroll #4 totaling \$127,002.23 and Payroll #5 totaling \$147,237.14. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

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Chairperson

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