

April 19, 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 April 19, 2023.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director, Pat Denton, Assistant Highway Engineer and Kim Alexander, Finance Director/Clerk. There were also several residents present.

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 5, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Ron Finegood of Stanton was present to inquire about a tree he thinks is in danger of falling onto Stanton Road. Mark explained that we have been cutting dead trees in the right-of-way all winter. This tree is on the list of trees to be cut or trimmed.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Brundage and seconded by Commissioner Scott:

WHEREAS the property owner adjacent to the portion of Lincoln Street lying east of Lincoln Street in the plat of Platt's Park Rock Lake, Richland Township, Montcalm County, Michigan is seeking to vacate said portion of Lincoln Street and the same adjacent property owner has requested the Road Commission for Montcalm County to relinquish jurisdiction of that portion of Lincoln Street to Richland Township;

WHEREAS, that portion of Lincoln Street is not used for road purposes and has not and is not maintained as a road by the Road Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to relinquish jurisdiction over that portion of Lincoln Street to Richland Township;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby relinquishes jurisdiction to Richland Township the portion of Lincoln Street described as follows:

A portion of Lincoln Street lying between lots 36-39 and 40-43 of the plat of Platt's Park Rock Lake, except the west 20 feet of said Lincoln Street, Section 29, T12N, R05W, Richland Township, Montcalm County, Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be published in a newspaper printed and circulated in this county, once each week for three successive weeks, a copy forwarded to the Montcalm County Register of Deeds, the Richland Township Board, and the Michigan Department of Transportation and a copy of same be placed on file at the Road Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Road Commission reserves an easement for public utility purposes within the abandoned portion of Lincoln Street.

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

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

#### Village of Howard City

- Sealcoat/overlay/pave wide shoulders on Ensley Street from Tamarack Creek Bridge to north village limits - \$86,969
- Overlay and pave wide shoulders on Ensley Street from Lake Montcalm Road to Washburn Street - \$89,327
- Overlay on Rathburn Street from White Street to Grant Street, Grant Street from Edgerton Street to Rathburn Street, Lincoln Street from Edgerton Street to Rathburn

Street, Williams Street from Federal Road to Sherman Street, and Sherman Street from Edgerton Street to Williams Street. - \$71,480

#### Montcalm Township

- Deck replacement on Dickerson Lake Road Bridge over the Flat River - \$40,000
- Seal/fog seal Fitzner Road from Sidney Road to Colby Road - \$24,611
- Gravel resurface Satterlee Road from Pakes Road to Dickerson Lake Road - \$18,296
- Gravel resurface Berridge Road from Sidney Road to Colby Road - \$18,296
- Spray brush along local roadsides - \$2,000
- Forty hours of ditching along local roads - \$5,000
- Overband crack seal along local roads - \$8,775
- Seal/fog seal Fitzner Road from Peck Road to Holland Lake Road - \$25,416
- Seal/fog seal Fitzner Road from Holland Lake Road to Sidney Road - \$15,578
- Limestone resurface Backus Road from township line to Peck Road - \$25,897
- Rotomill and pave Wise Road from West County Line Road to Johnson Rd - \$48,503
- Overlay on Monroe Road from Peck Road to Muskrat Road, Muskrat Road from Monroe Road to Monroe Road, and Monroe Road from Muskrat Road to Kickland Road - \$57,631
- Three applications of chloride on local roads @ 1,650 gpm - \$22,002.75

#### Bushnell Township

- Forty hours ditching along local roads - \$5,000
- Rotomill and pave Townhall Road from Fenwick Road to Boyer Road - \$150,631
- Gravel resurface with limestone Castle Road from Boyer Road to M-57 - \$56,159
- Two applications of chloride @ 1,000 gpm on local roads - \$14,652
- One application of chloride @ 1,650 gpm on local roads - \$12,087.90

#### Pine Township

- Rotomill and pave Youngman Road from Willard Road to Briggs Road - \$78,863

#### Evergreen Township

- Gravel resurface Senator Road from Pakes Road to Stanton Road - \$7,234
- Spray brush along local roadsides - \$2,000
- Overlay Staines Road from Beardsley Road to Muskrat Road, and Muskrat Road from Staines Road to Stevenson Road - \$120,317
- Limestone resurface Beardsley Road from Stevenson Road to Townhall Road - \$41,395
- Limestone resurface Beardsley Road from Staines Road to Stevenson Road - \$68,992
- Three applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm on local roads - \$35,853.84
- Overband crack seal on local roads - \$8,775
- Eighty hours of ditching on local roads - \$10,000

#### Fairplain Township

- Rotomill and place two courses of asphalt on Amsden Road from Fenwick Road to M-57 - \$227,183
- Seal/fog seal Barnes Road from Fenwick Road to Boyer Road - \$22,467
- Gravel resurface Holland Road from Sessions Road to north township line - \$18,296
- Gravel resurface Brown Road from Sessions Road to north township line - \$18,296

#### Bloomer Township

- Spray brush along local roadsides - \$2,000
- Forty hours of ditching along local roadsides - \$5,000
- Overlay on Garlock Road from M-57 to Rustic Drive - \$74,179
- Overlay on Sloan Road from M-57 to Sessions Road - \$108,490
- Overband crack seal on local roads - \$8,775
- Gravel resurface Boyer Road from Senator Road to Sloan Road - \$13,726
- Gravel resurface Boyer Road from Sloan Road to Crystal Road - \$13,726
- Gravel resurface Sloan Road from Fenwick Road to Boyer Road - \$13,726
- Gravel resurface Sloan Road from Boyer Road to M-57 - \$13,726
- Gravel resurface with limestone, Sessions Road from Sloan Road to Waldron Road - \$28,080
- Gravel resurface with limestone, Waldron Road from Sessions Road to Condensery Road - \$70,200

- Seal/fog seal Condensery Road from Mt. Hope Road east to end of pavement - \$7,360
- Seal/fog seal Garlock Road from Condensery Road 1.0 mile south - \$23,456
- Three applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm on local roads - \$20,181.15

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Brundage:

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

Replacement – (Priority 1)

- Structure Number 7521 – Tamarack Road over the Pine River

Replacement – (Priority 2)

- Structure Number 7483 – Musson Road over the Flat River

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

- 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 4)

- 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.

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

Susan Sanford, CPA was in attendance to present the 2022 Audit. She gave a clean, unmodified opinion for fiscal year 2022.

Manager’s Report

- We are pulling berms on gravel roads to prepare for township projects. Should finish next week and move on to paved roads.
- The new shop employee is onboard and doing a good job. Michael Moore is now a temporary truck driver for the summer. I’m in the process of contacting summer help applicants and we are scheduling drug tests. Most will start in mid-May.
- The two new Peterbilts are here and in the old truck garage.
- Looking into safer ways to flag. Action Traffic will be here this week to do a demo of an electronic flagger they are selling.
- Fisher Transportation started regravelling local roads on Tuesday. They hope to stay in the area until all contracts are done.
- Pavement Recyclers will be here next week to begin rotomilling for crush and shapes.

- Seven County Council meetings was well attended.
- Thanks to everyone for the support last week. It was a tough week.

Engineering Report

- The Masters Road bridge over Tamarack Creek project is progressing. The deck is scheduled to be poured this week.
- The Dickerson Lake Road bridge over the Flat River is also progressing. The new wood deck is on. The contractor is working on the approaches. Paving is scheduled toward the end of next week.
- Township contracts continue to arrive. This will be our largest paving year to date.
- The rotomill contractor will begin next week. We have 8.5 miles of rotomill at this time.
- The cold mill contractor will begin on May 1 on CR599 (Federal Road).
- The paving contractor is scheduled for the second week of May.
- The pavement marking contractor has begun to paint primary roads east of M-91.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the April 20, 2023, bills totaling \$958,633.35, and Payroll #8 totaling \$122,417.62. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk