

May 17, 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 May 17, 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.

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 May 5, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

#### City of Stanton

- Cold mill and pave Main Street from Second Street 90-foot east - \$4,259
- Overlay on Grove Street from Lake Street to Walnut Street - \$9,300
- Seal/fog seal Mill Street from Walnut Street to Main Street - \$2,970
- Seal/fog seal Camburn Street from Lake Street to Walnut Street - \$3,713
- Seal/fog seal Walnut Street from Vine Street to Court Street - \$2,475
- Seal/fog seal Bradford Street from Mill Street to Lincoln Street - \$2,228
- Wedge/seal Pine Street from State Street to Lincoln Street - \$9,023
- Wedge/seal New Street from Main Street to Pine Street - \$11,422
- Wedge/seal Court Street from Pine Street to Cedar Street - \$9,442

#### Village of Sheridan

- Seal/fog seal Egan Street from Main Street to Sherman Street - \$5,198
- Wedge/seal Clair Street from Main Street to Pine Street - \$8,895
- Wedge/seal Pine Street from Fargo Street south to end - \$5,203
- Wedge/seal W. Grant Street from Main Street to end - \$2,944
- 4,500 pounds of crack seal material - \$2,250

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioner of Montcalm County hereby approves the filing of the applications with the Michigan Department of Transportation requesting funds through the Local Safety Program for the repair of the following roads:

1. CR510 (Sidney Road) from Miller Road to Nevins Road

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

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

WHEREAS Public Act 166 of 2022, Section 979a (1) appropriated funds to the Michigan Department of Treasury (Treasury) for the Protecting MI Pension: Michigan Local Pension Grant Program (Protecting MI Pension) for qualified units that operate a qualified retirement system, and

WHEREAS a “qualified unit” means a city, county, township, village, or road commission that operates a qualified retirement system as defined in Public Act 166 of 2022, section 979a(7)(c), and

WHEREAS, a “qualified retirement system”, as defined in Public Act 166 of 2022, section 979a(7)(b), means a retirement pension benefit within a retirement system, as defined in section 3 of the protecting local government retirement and benefits act, Public Act 202 of 2017, MCL 38.2803, of a qualified unit, with a funded ratio below 60 percent based on the last

report filed as required by section 5 of the protecting local government retirement and benefits act, Public Act 202 of 2017, MCL 38.28035, as of December 31, 2021, and WHEREAS qualified units with a qualified retirement system are eligible to submit a claim for a grant award for an amount to increase the funding of the qualified retirement system liabilities to 60 percent funded or to a cap of \$170,000,000, whichever amount is less, and

WHEREAS qualified units with qualified retirement systems shall comply with “grant award requirements”, and

WHEREAS “grant award requirements” are defined in Section 979a (2)(a) -(f) of Public Act 166 of 2022, and further detailed as part of the Protecting MI Pension grant application (Treasury Forms 5886 and 5887), and

WHEREAS Treasury requires each qualified unit’s governing body to adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to file a claim for an award for the Protecting MI Pension Grant Program, and

WHEREAS the Road Commission for Montcalm County acknowledges that it: (i) is a “qualified unit”; (ii) operates a “qualified retirement system”; (iii) agrees to comply with “grant award requirements”; (iv) authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to file a claim for a grant award on behalf of the local government; And thus, is eligible to participate in a Protecting MI Pension Grant Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners for the Road Commission for Montcalm County hereby authorize participation in the Protecting MI Pension grant program and on behalf of the Road Commission for Montcalm County, authorizes Mark Christensen, Manager, to provide this resolution indicating its approval to Treasury, and to submit and execute documents requested by Treasury relating to the Protecting MI Pension grant program requirements.

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

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to sign and submit the MDOT Engineering Reimbursement for \$10,000. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

#### Manager’s Report

- The dust on gravel roads has been bad the last few weeks. Ten townships will have chloride applied this week with 19 more done next week.
- It has been crazy busy trying to stay ahead of the pavers to prepare roads and behind them with shoulder gravel.
- The Manager’s Retreat last week went well. There were 34 of 83 Managers that attended.
- Attended day one of the Finance/HR Conference to do the welcome on behalf of the CRA and attended the MDOT/Office of Commission Audits training.
- Both new trucks are on the road.
- Sold almost \$20,000 of used equipment on the Rangerbid site this week.
- Still working on the temporary signal with Action Traffic.
- We will begin crack sealing after Memorial Day. This will continue until the summer labor goes back to school.
- Have been reaching out to the new township officials.
- Yellow Rose will be here to limestone resurface tomorrow through Friday.
- We have three townships that haven’t their gravel resurfacing done; Fisher should be back to finish up by the end of the month.
- Paser rating data is looking good. It does show that we are not fixing the worst first and instead maintaining the roads that we have invested in more recently.

#### Engineering Report

- The Masters Road bridge over Tamarack Creek project is progressing. The approach work and guardrail are most of the work left.
- The Dickerson Lake Road bridge over the Flat River is complete except for a few punch list items.
- The paving contractor has placed 18,880 tons of asphalt which is 23%.
- Paving is scheduled next week on the following projects: (8,280 tons) (32%).
  - I. CR530 (Kendaville Road) from M-91 (Greenville Road) to Hillman Road.
  - II. Cato Township Bale Road from Cutler Road to North County Line.

- III. Cato Township Collard Drive and Orchard Lane.
- IV. Richland Township Douglas Road from Fleck Road to Tamarack Road.

Clerk's Report

- Would like to thank the Board for allowing me to attend the Finance/HR Conference. It was a great opportunity to learn from the seminars and the others.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the May 18, 2023, bills totaling \$1,639,935.23 and Payroll #10 totaling \$135,126.83. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk