

July 5, 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 July 5, 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 Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

The July 19th board meeting was changed to July 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the 2023 Administrative wage adjustments, signing bonus' and to add a minimum two hours of straight time to a Foreman's wages when on call. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- 2nd application of brine should be done this week, weather permitting.
- 99% of paved roads have been mowed and 10-20% of gravels roads have been completed.
- The Soil Conservation Agency came in last week and gave a presentation on invasive species to the Foremen and Pat.
- There was quite a bit of storm damage on the west/northwest side of the county last week. There are approximately five culverts that will need to be replaced after the heavy rain.
- Chip seal will start next Tuesday. We have around 60 miles in the county to chip and 4-5 miles in Barry County.
- We are forming a work group to meet with EGLE regarding the chloride application process. We are hoping for "best practices" rather than requirements/rule changes.
- EGLE and the DNR have requested to meet with the CRA regarding dead deer pickup. More to come on that once we have met.
- We will do the Manager evaluation at the next meeting on July 17th.

Engineering Report

- The Master's Road bridge over Tamarack Creek project is complete. The contract amount was \$883,344.18. The final cost was \$886,158.96 which is \$2,814.78 over.
- The Dickerson Lake Road bridge project is complete. The contract amount was \$750,115.64. The final cost was \$733,219.30 which is \$16,786.34 under.
- The paving contractor will be back in the county Friday, Saturday, and all of next week.
- Chip seal will begin next week. We have 58 miles this year.

Finance/Clerk's Report

- The June 30th Financial Report is in the Dropbox. The 2022 budget amendment and new 2024 budget will be ready in August.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the June 29, 2023, bills totaling \$418,127.49 and Payroll #12 totaling \$130826.18. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Chairperson

Clerk