

October 25, 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 October 25, 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 amended. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to accept the renewal of the bid for seasonal brush spraying by The Dalton's for the 2024 season at the same rate as 2023. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the purchase of holiday gift cards for the employees as outlined in the Employee Policy Manual. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

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

WHEREAS, the Montcalm County Road Commission recognizes the value in selling their federal aid dollars;

WHEREAS, the Montcalm County Road Commission has sold Federal Aid dollars in the 2016-2024 construction seasons and plans on selling in 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners for the Montcalm County Road Commission agrees to sell their 2025 Federal Aid to the Road Commission for Oakland County. Supported by Commissioner Scott. Motion carried. Roll call – Yes - Brundage, Scott, Linton.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve and allow the Manager to sign the Agreement Covering the Transfer of Federal Aid Funds in Exchange (\$.80 for each \$1 of STP Funds) for Non-Federal Transportation Dollars with the Road Commission for Oakland County. Roll call – Yes - Brundage, Scott, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the 2024 Rural Task Force STIP Plan. Roll call – Yes - Brundage, Scott, Linton.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the 2025 Rural Task Force STIP Plan. Roll call – Yes - Brundage, Scott, Linton.

1. The paving contractor has 15,000 tons of HMA to place. Weather is holding up projects.
2. We were awarded 2 bridge projects for 2026. A reconstruction of the Tamarack Bridge over the Pine River in Richland Township and a 6-bridge preventive maintenance project.

Manager's Report

- Rain is challenging our gravel road conditions. We are blading when the weather permits.
- All shoulder gravel was finished up yesterday for the latest group of new paved roads.
- The sod loader is working everyday somewhere in the county.
- The jurisdictional transfer that MDOT held up will be paid in the next MTF payment. The discussion will continue about the future of the payments. The CRA feels as though we are in a good position to keep the funding.
- Meeting with EGLE this Thursday to talk about brine rules/challenges. The CRA is retaining a water quality expert to help with the discussions.

- We will hold Annual Township Meetings on December 13th and 14th. The meetings on Wednesday will start after our board meeting.
- The Montcalm Township Association meeting that was held in our new garage breakroom went well. The next meeting will be held in Ferris Township. The Road Commission will cover the cost for each elected official in attendance as well as put on the program for the evening.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the October 5, 2023, bills totaling \$447,166.58, October 19, 2023 bills totaling \$1,111,405.71, Payroll #20 totaling \$139,143.67 and Payroll #21 totaling \$128,141.11. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Chairperson

Clerk