

March 13, 2024

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 13, 2024.

Present: Commissioners Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Managing Director, Pat Denton, Assistant Engineer and Kim Alexander, Finance Director/Clerk. Absent: Commissioner Linton

The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer were given.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the renewal of the chip seal emulsion bid by BitMat Products at the same rate as last year. Roll call: Yes – Brundage and Scott. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the renewal of the fog seal emulsion bid by Michigan Paving Materials at the same rate as last year. Roll call: Yes – Brundage and Scott. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order # 59-01-2024:

NO PARKING IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY on the East side of Dagget Road from Hillis Road to 350' South, and on the South side of Hillis Road from Dagget Road to 350' East, in the Township of Pierson, County of Montcalm. All police agencies having jurisdiction therein shall enforce said parking restriction when official traffic control signs conforming to the mandate of this order have been erected. This order is in effect from April 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024. Yes – Brundage and Scott. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order # 59-02-2024:

NO PARKING IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY on both sides of B Street from Second Street to Fourth Street in Trufant, Township of Maple Valley, County of Montcalm. All police agencies having jurisdiction therein shall enforce said parking restriction when official traffic control signs conforming to the mandate of this order have been erected. This order is in effect from April 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024. Yes – Brundage and Scott. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order # 59-03-2024:

NO PARKING IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY on both sides of CR607 (West County Line Road) 750' South and 750' North of the Tamarack Creek Bridge, Township of Reynolds, County of Montcalm. All police agencies having jurisdiction therein shall enforce said parking restriction when official traffic control signs conforming to the mandate of this order have been erected. This order is in effect from April 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024. Yes – Brundage and Scott. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order # 59-04-2024:

NO PARKING IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY on the west side of River Road from Riverside Drive south to the bridge and on the east side of River Road from Hebert Drive south to the defined parking places, in the Township of Eureka, County of Montcalm. All police agencies having jurisdiction therein shall enforce said parking restriction when official traffic control signs conforming to the mandate of this order have been erected. This order is in effect from June 1, 2024, through November 1, 2024. Yes – Brundage and Scott. Motion carried.

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

Evergreen Township

- Three applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm spread on local roads - \$35,345.97.
- Limestone resurface Pakes Road from M-66 east 1.0 mile - \$60,509.
- Sealcoat/fog seal Colby Road from Staines Road to Stevenson Road - \$18,629

Fairplain Township

- Three applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm spread on local roads - \$32,787.56.

Home Township

- Three applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm spread on local roads - \$26,213.22.
- Gravel resurface Peoples Road from Tamarack Road to Cutler Road - \$16,701
- Gravel resurface Peoples Road from Cutler Road to North County Line Road - \$16,701
- Spray brush along local roadsides - \$2,000.
- Rotomill and pave Deja Road from Fleck Road to Tamarack Road - \$92,191

Maple Valley Township

- Three applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm - \$34,996.50
- Seal coat with fog seal Cannonsville Road from Bailey Road to Amble Road - \$19,392
- Gravel resurface Black Road from Coral Road to Lake Montcalm Road - \$28,362
- Gravel resurface Waterwheel Road from Black Road to Gravel Ridge Road - \$18,908
- Seal coat with fog seal Cannonsville Road from Amble Road to Masters Road - \$24,216
- Seal coat with fog seal Black Road from McBride Road to Coral Road - \$8,892
- Asphalt overlay on McBride Road from Masters Road to Black Road - \$90,508
- Replace existing culvert on Briggs Road between Green Road and Marble Road over No. 107 drain - \$1,958.
- Rotomill, realign and Pave E Street and Muskee Street from Second Street to Watt Street - \$43,559
- Provide forty (40) hours of ditching along local roads - \$5,000.
- Spray brush along local roadsides - \$2,000.

The following Resolution was offered by Brundage, seconded by Scott:

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

Preventive Maintenance – (Priority 1)

- 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 Flat River
- Structure Number 7470 CR550 (Schmied Road) over Pine River

Preventive Maintenance – (Priority 2)

- Structure Number CR500 (Johnson Road) over Wabasis Creek
- Structure Number 7485 Boyer Road over Fish Creek
- Structure Number 7494 Bollinger Road over Fish Creek
- Structure Number 7518 Dagget Road over Little Muskegon River

Rehabilitation - (Priority 3)

- Structure Number 7452 CR500 (Fenwick 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 2027.

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 rehabilitation of the above-listed bridges and further that we are actively seeking their participation in the repair/rehabilitation of the bridges.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves Contract No. 24-5030 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation for:

Hot mix asphalt cold milling and resurfacing along Youngman Road from M-57 to Wise Road and along Harlow Road/Chase Street from Youngman Road to Greenville West Drive, including permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Mark Christensen, Manager and Kim Alexander, Finance Director-Clerk, are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

Supported by Commissioner Brundage.

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

Manager's Report

- Gravel roads are in fairly decent shape. We are blading today and tomorrow.
- Crews are doing tree work county wide. With the mild weather and more efficient equipment we are doing more work than in the past.
- All townships have their contracts except Ferris Township. We still need to connect with their officials. We hope to have all township contracts back by the end of next month.
- Rob attended a few of the meetings with township officials when his schedule allowed.
- Rob and Jared C. will be attending Etnyre training next month.
- Phil Stewart's last day is this Friday. His job was posted today to see if there is inside interest. If not, we will start the process of hiring a Laborer 1 for the shop.
- The single axle truck for Crystal Township will be done next month.
- I was asked to speak at the LTAP spring maintenance conference regarding the recycled chip seal process we used on Wyman Road last summer.

Engineering Report

- Most of the townships have received their 2024 road projects contracts.
- The contractor cutting trees on the Youngman Road project should begin within the next 3 weeks.
- The CR595 (Youngman Road)/Harlow Chase Road small urban project was let on March 1, 2024. Central Asphalt was low bidder at \$470,390.77 which is 12.58% under engineers estimate. Project start date is June 10, 2024, with a proposed completion date of August 16, 2024. The road will be detoured.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the February 22, 2024, bills totaling \$228,623.48, March 7, 2024 bills totaling \$250,715.91, Payroll #4 totaling \$128,774.36 and Payroll #5 totaling \$129,355.56. Roll call: Yes – Brundage and Scott. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Chairperson

Clerk