

August 7, 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 August 7, 2024.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Manager, Pat Denton, Engineering 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 presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton to vote for the incumbents on the CRASIF Board for the CRASIF Board of Trustees election. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve and sign the following Township/Village Contracts as presented. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Kent County Road Commission

- Chip/Fog Seal various roads in Kent County – Labor, benefits, equipment, and overhead.

Bloomer Township

- Gravel Resurface with limestone, Bloomer Township Cemetery roads - \$6,066.

Village of Pierson

- Asphalt patch road edges and place shoulder gravel on N. 4th Street from CR522 (Stanton Road) to CR522 (Pierson Road) (0.50 miles) - \$11,644.

Tri County Area Schools

- Install (4) new solar powered flashing beacons with (2) school speed 35 when flashing signs, (2) school zone signs, (2) speed limit 35 mph ahead signs and (4) school zone ends signs - \$13,826.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to vote for the three incumbents on the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions Board. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- The deal on the house next door is done. We take possession Oct 1.
- Rain blessing...chloride starts next week for final application – gravels held up well.
- Chip seals will be done in the county Thursday. We are doing chip seal work for Kent County next week and for MDOT in Barryton on August 26
- All roadsides have been mown. We will begin re-mowing primaries in August or September.
- MDOT budget spent for the year. They are looking at doing a special project in September. More information to come when I get it.
- Working on MDOT to repair Youngman Road. It is not their detour route but has taken a huge hit with the amount of traffic that has been traveling it.
- Limestone regravelling begins tomorrow starting with Evergreen Township.
- The fog seal crew is a few days behind the chip seal crew and will finish soon.
- Shouldering Cannonsville and Kendaville today.
- Managers review at the next board meeting.

Engineering Report

- We had 53700 tons of asphalt paving scheduled. We have 69% completed to date.
- Paving on CR530 (Kendaville Road) and CR530A (Cannonsville Road) is complete. Shoulder gravel will be placed today.
- The pavement marking contractor has been in the county trying to keep up with all the chipseal/fog seal and paved roads that need markings. They will also be updating directional pavement markings on all primary roads.

- Representatives from MDOT, West Michigan Regional Planning and I have completed PASER ratings on all federal aid eligible MDOT and primary roads. I will be rating the balance of the primary roads and all paved local roads in the next several weeks.
- Crystal Road safety project started...paving today and should be wrapped up next week.

Clerk's Report

- The 2025 Budget worksheets are in the drop box.
- Township/City/Village Billing is also in the drop box. We have billed \$1,597,848.36 so far with \$909,411.17 paid to date.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve the July 25, 2024, bills totaling \$568,283.03 and the August 8, 2024, bills totaling \$1,143,032.48, Payroll #15 totaling \$199,809.07 and Payroll #16 totaling \$189,531.91. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Chairperson

Clerk