

August 21, 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 21, 2024.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Manager, Rob Putnam, Assistant Manager 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 August 7, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

Evergreen Township

- Spray brush along local roadsides to be determined. - \$2,000

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

WHEREAS, the property owner adjacent to the portion of Ravine Road and an alley in the plat of Hillandale Terrace Burgess Lake, Eureka Township, Montcalm County, Michigan is seeking to vacate Ravine Road and said alley. The same adjacent property owner has requested the Road Commission for Montcalm County to relinquish jurisdiction of Ravine Road and said alley to Eureka Township;

WHEREAS, that portion of Ravine Road and said alley are not used for road purposes and have not and are not maintained as a road by the Road Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to relinquish jurisdiction over Ravine Road and said alley to Eureka Township;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby relinquishes jurisdiction to Eureka Township Ravine Road and said alley described as follows:

Ravine Road Description: That part of Ravine Road, Hillandale Terrace, Burgess Lake, Eureka Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 21, Montcalm County records, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: That part of platted Ravine Road lying between Lots 70 and Lot 9 on the West and Lots 71 and 10 on the East; said part of platted Ravine Road is bounded on the South by a line from the midpoint of a 21 foot radius curve on the South line of Lot 70 to the midpoint of a 21 foot radius curve on the South line of Lot 71; said part of platted Ravine Road is bounded on the North by the Southerly lines of Vacated Lake Shore Drive West and Vacated Lake Shore Drive East.

Alley Description: That part of a platted 9 foot wide Alley, Hillandale Terrace, Burgess Lake, Eureka Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 21, Montcalm County Records, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: That part of a platted Alley lying between Lots 10 and 11 on the West and Lots 62 and 63 on the East; said part of Alley is bounded on the South by a line between the Southeast corner of said Lot 10 to the Southwest corner of said Lot 63; said part of Alley is bounded on the North by the centerline of a 3 foot wide Vacated walkway on the North side of said Lot 11 extended Southeasterly to the Westerly line of said Lot 62.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Montcalm County Register of Deeds, the Eureka Township Board, and the Michigan Department of Transportation and a copy of same be placed on file at the Road Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Road Commission reserves an easement for public utility purposes within the abandoned portion of Ravine Road and said Alley.

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

Manager's Report

- We are in good shape with our projects when you look at the calendar.
- Fisher and Yellow Rose are both working on limestone and gravel resurfacing this week.
- The Dalton's are working on brush spraying this week.
- MTA last night had a decent turnout in Lakeview. We received some positive comments from townships.
- Visited Truck & Trailer yesterday to answer some build questions on the state truck and the new 568 new model build.
- We held interviews for the vacant truck driver position in Greenville. There were two great candidates, so we decided to hire both. Willie Shinabarger will be retiring in December, and this will give them both time to learn the township and get training before we start plowing.
- Rieth Riley will be in the county at the end of the week and beginning of next week to do some paving.
- Met with Visser Brothers construction regarding the large housing project in the Greenville area. They are going to stop by next week and give us some ideas for the old truck garage.

Assistant Manager's Report

- We have begun the second round of mowing on primary roads.
- Our chip seal crew has finished all but a small area of Clifford Lake Drive in the county. They will start the Barryton chip seal on Monday for MDOT. Fog seal will be 95% finished after today.
- The third brine application was started this week.
- All gravel shoulders have been finished on the paving projects so far.
- The Crytal Road safety project is finished.

The Board thanked all employees for their hard work and dedication this summer. The projects countywide look great.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott, to approve the August 21, 2024, bills totaling \$1,092,880.60 and Payroll #17 totaling \$181,845.23. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to enter closed session Pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act 15.268 Section 8(a) to perform a periodic personnel evaluation as requested by Mark Christensen at 9:21 a.m. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 10:20 a.m.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Chairperson

Clerk