

December 18, 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 December 18, 2024.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Mark Christensen, Manager, Rob Putnam, Assistant Manager, Pat Denton, Engineering and Kim Alexander, Finance Director/Clerk.

The Pledge of Allegiance and 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 November 13, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the bid renewal from Central Asphalt for paving at the same price as 2024. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the bid renewal from Fisher Companies for gravel at the same price as 2024. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the bid renewal from Haynes Concrete for concrete construction at the same price as 2024. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage to approve the bid renewal from Michigan Chloride for chloride application at the same price as 2024. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Scott to approve the bid renewal from Wolverine Seal Coating for crack seal application at the same price as 2024. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County has previously approved and accepted the plat of Rolling Meadows, Section 14, T10N, R07W, Sidney Township, Montcalm County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Whitetail Drive includes a 66-foot-wide public right-of-way for road purposes open for automobile traffic; and

WHEREAS, Whitetail Drive has been constructed in accordance with the Road Commission's road standards,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Road Commission for Montcalm County hereby requests the addition of the above-listed road to the Local Road System;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Whitetail Drive will add an additional 0.15 miles to the Local Road System.

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

Manager's Report

- It has been an honor and a blessing to be a part of this organization for the last almost 27 years. There have been many successes. We have the best equipment than we ever had in the past, winter maintenance is done in a much timelier manner, and our township and county relationships are better than ever. We also must recognize the high-quality people we have working here that make our organization successful.
- Bill Henn is negotiating with the cell tower company and that should wrap up soon.
- The proposed building renovation and rebuilding plans are available. They are doing an asbestos inspection today.
- Will work on the capital equipment plan and update the numbers before I leave.
- We should have a delivery date for the new Peterbilt truck today.

Assistant Manager Report

- Thanks to Mark for all he has shown me in the last three years. It is appreciated by me and the whole organization.
- Anti-icing has been going well and we will continue throughout the winter.
- The guys are doing an excellent job with winter maintenance.
- All three garages are cutting trees for projects when it is not snowing.
- We had the stump grinder out and it is going to be a terrific addition to our equipment.
- We have been using the new excavator and saw. It is working great cutting the dead trees in the right of way.
- We finished the last of the ditching projects.
- We have been blading the last few days and today to break up the ice and smooth out the gravel roads.

Engineering Report

- The engineering department is working on primary road estimates and township road estimates and contracts for the 2025 construction season.

Clerk's Report

- The 2024 audit is ongoing. She plans on finishing before the month end.

Commissioner Scott thanked Mark for the great work he has done for the road commission. He appreciated his communication skills and ability to convey all pertinent information so he could converse intelligently with other road commissions when interacting with them at events. His twelve years here with Mark have been a good ride.

Commissioner Brundage also thanked Mark for his work at MCRC. He stated that hiring Mark was the best decision he has made in his tenure at the road commission and that we must have good leadership at the top or nothing else falls into place.

Chairman Linton echoed the thoughts of the other two Commissioners and stated that Mark's leadership is what makes the road commission successful and that our equipment here is the best that is has ever been.

Moved by Scott, seconded by Brundage, to approve November 27, 2024, bills totaling \$407,600.43 and December 12, 2024, bills totaling \$635,884.72, Payroll #24 totaling \$163,996.15 and Payroll #25 totaling \$195,861.17. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

With no further business coming before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson

Clerk