April 1, 2026

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County held their regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 8:30 a.m. on April 1, 2026.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Michael Scott; also present: Rob Putnam, Manager and Pat Denton, Assistant Engineer.

The Pledge of Allegiance and prayer were given.

Moved by Linton, seconded by Brundage to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

Evergreen Township

- Asphalt mat over culvert replacement on Colby Road - $15,705
- Replace existing 6'x3'x50' culvert on Colby Road with an 11.8'x8'x65' culvert and raise roadway – $25,538.
- Overband crack seal, sealcoat and pavement markings at the township hall - $7,518
- Rotomill, shape and place 9" of crushed concrete on Pakes Road from the DNR boat launch to Senator Road - $1,940
- Seal coat with fog seal Holland Lake Road from CR575 to Senator Road – 8,770
- Spray brush along local roadsides - $0.
- Ditching along local roads - $10,740
- Four applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm on local roads - $47,127.96

Day Township

- Spray brush along local roadsides - $0.
- Three applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm on local roads - $26,284.50

Maple Valley Township

- Three applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm on local roads - $38,445.91
- Ditching along local roads - $10,740
- Spray brush along local roadsides - $0.
- Seal coat with fog seal Cody Lake Road from CR522 north to end of pavement - $1,754.
- Seal coat with fog seal McBride Road from Masters Road to Black Road - $22,884
- Overlay on Cannonsville Road from Black Road to CR595 – $109,546
- Overlay on B Street from Third Street to Fourth Street - $13,689
- Purchase and install driver speed feedback signs, one along CR522 south of First Street and one along CR601 north of Prospect Avenue - $11,506

Sidney Township

- Three applications of chloride @ 1.650 gpm on local roads - $34,104.26
- Purchase and install a four-way flashing red light at the intersection of CR510 and CR585 - $17,520
- Gravel resurface Brown Road from Spencer Road south to the end - $22,102.
- Spray brush along local roadsides - $0.
- Gravel resurface Carlson Road from CR410 north to the end - $28,142.
- Gravel resurface Pakes Road from CR591 to Miles Road - $26,128
- Overlay Lakeside Road from Nevins Road to CR585 - $54,710

Eureka Township

- Seal coat with fog seal Station Road from West County Line Road to Satterlee Road - $17,539
- Seal coat with fog seal Johnson Road from Harlow Road to CR506 - $13,864
- Overband crack seal location TBD - $8,700
- Spray brush along local roadsides - $0.
- Asphalt mat on South County Line Road from Ranney Road to the Flat River Bridge - $155,350

- Seal coat with fog seal Jordan Road from M-91 west to the end - $6,587.
- Seal coat with fog seal Slawson Lake Road from Ojibwa Trail to Lynwood Drive – 8,770
- Five applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm on local roads - $26,160.75

Bushnell Township
- Seal coat with fog seal Townhall Road from CR500 to Boyer Road - $17,539
- Two applications of chloride @ 1,000 gpm - $14,407.20, One application of chloride @ 1,650 gpm - $11,885.94
- Seal coat with fog seal Vickeryville Road from CR500 to Boyer Road - $17,539
- Seal coat with fog seal Vickeryville Road from M-57 to Boyer Road - $17,539

Home Township
- Spray brush along local roadsides - $0.
- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm on local roads - $26,213.22

Pine Township
- Ditching along local roads - $10,740
- Spray brush along local roadsides - $0.
- Gravel resurface Monroe Road from Newcomb Road to McBride Road - $13,049
- Gravel resurface Newcomb Road from M-91 to Monroe Road - $26,096
- Overlay Briggs Road from Johnson Road to Youngman Road - $114,750
- Three applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm on local roads - $17,764.31

Fairplain Township
- Wood deck replacement on Briggs Drive Bridge over Dickerson Creek - $1,504
- Seal coat with fog seal Miller Road from M-57 to CR506 - $29,393
- Spray brush along local roadsides - $0.
- Seal coat with fog seal Briggs Drive from CR506 north to end of pavement - $6,618.
- Seal coat with fog seal Amsden Road from CR500 to M-57 - $29,383
- Three applications of chloride @ 1,650 gpm on local roads - $32,787.56

Moved by Brundage seconded by Linton to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order #59-01-2026, no parking in the right of way on both sides of B Street from Second Street to Fourth Street in Trufant, Maple Valley Township, from April 1, 2026, through October 31, 2026. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage seconded by Linton to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order #59-02-2026, 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, Pierson Township, from April 1, 2026 through October 31, 2027. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage seconded by Linton to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order #59-03-2026, 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, Reynold Township, from April 1, 2026, though October 31, 2026. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage seconded by Linton to approve Temporary Traffic Control Order #59-05-2026, no parking in the right of way on the west side of River Road from Hebert Drive south to the defined parking places, Eureka Township, from June 1, 2026, through November 1, 2026. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Commissioner Linton offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:
WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County has various bridges that require either preventive maintenance, scour countermeasures or need replacement due to poor physical condition and those are:
Reconstruction – Remove and reconstruct (Priority 1)
▪ Structure Number 7461 CR522 (Stanton Road) over Fish Creek
Reconstruction – Remove and reconstruct (Priority 2)
▪ Structure Number 7483 Musson Road over the Flat River
Rehabilitation – Asphalt deck, concrete patch, guardrail (Priority 3)
▪ Structure Number 7452 CR500 (Fenwick Road) over Fish Creek
▪ Structure Number 7470 CR550 (Schmied Road) over the Pine River

▪ Structure Number 7471 CR601 (Amble Road) over Tamarack Creek

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County has reviewed the application requesting funds for the construction cost of maintaining 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 2029.
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 replacement of the above-listed bridges and further that we are actively seeking their participation in the repair/replacement of the bridges.
Supported by Commissioner Brundage. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Moved by Linton, seconded by Brundage to approve the MFCI Engagement Letter. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- Brush cutting for projects is ongoing.
- Sweeping state road intersections have started and we will be running shoulders next week.
- We are blading roads and patching when weather is cooperating.
- Weight restrictions ended on Monday.
- The new motor grader arrived on Monday.
- Met with Freshwater solar regarding rotomilling Peoples Road and Klees Road.
- We will have four returning summer employees and will be hiring four extras for the season.
- CRA conference went well. We received positive feedback on our presentation.
- Mike Phillips will be here on the 13th for work zone safety training.
- The tree cutting project on Berridge Road will be finished this week.

Engineering Report

- Applications for the MDOT Local Agency Bridge Program will be submitted on April 1, 2026. The applications are for two bridge replacements and a four-bridge rehabilitation package. Bridge projects will be awarded this fall for 2029 construction.
- MDOT has a project starting on April 6, 2026, to rehabilitate two bridges on US131. The project is on CR522 (Pierson Road) and Lake Montcalm Road. The detours will use Montcalm County Road Commission's roads. The completion date is July 1, 2026.
- Pre-construction meetings for the CR510 (Sidney Road) safety project and the 4-bridge rehabilitation project will be held on April 13, 2026. The safety project is scheduled to begin May 11, 2026. The bridge project is scheduled to begin on May 18, 2026.
- The Act 51 certification maps were submitted and accepted by MDOT.

Moved by Linton, seconded by Brundage to approve March 19, 2026, bills totaling $1,016,613.75 and Payroll #6 totaling $144,204.94. Roll call: Yes – Brundage, Scott and Linton. Motion carried.

With no further business coming before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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Chairperson Clerk