

APRIL 21, 2010

The Board of County Road Commissioners for Montcalm County held a regular meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 3:00 p.m. on April 21, 2010.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Robert Brundage and Donald McCracken; Randy Stearns, Managing Director; Mark Christensen, Superintendent; and Karen Swan, Finance Director-Clerk.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the minutes of April 8, 2010. Motion carried.

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

Ken Hall, Weigh Master from Kent County Road Commission, which provides seasonal weigh master services to the Road Commission, came before the Board to give the annual Weigh Master's report. This was the shortest spring weight restriction season we can recall—not quite four weeks—and according to Ken, Kent County's weigh masters logged 146 hours and 3,000 miles in Montcalm County. They issued 147 permits—mostly agricultural—and made 32 traffic stops. They issued nine tickets, eight of which were for overweight trucks and one for an expired registration.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the following road contract. Motion carried.

#### Fair Salvage Company

- Ditch and gravel resurface Derby Road (CR585) from County Farm Road to Wise Road for which Fair Salvage Company will contribute \$10,000 to cover the cost of gravel.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the following township contracts. Motion carried.

#### Eureka Township

- Gravel resurface intersection of Stakes Road at Baldwin Road - \$1,882.
- Pave 100-foot approach on Jenks Road at M91 - \$5,507.
- Pave 165# overlay on Palmer Road north of Baker Road (0.35 mile) - \$27,537.
- Pave 250# mat on Johnson Road from Wise Road south 0.34 mile - \$33,438.

#### Fairplain Township

- Machine wedge and seal Carlsen Road from Fenwick Road to M57 (1.7 miles - \$29,656.
- Machine wedge and seal Amsden Road from Fenwick Road to M57 (1.5 miles - \$25,562.

#### Pine Township

- Gravel resurface Waterwheel Road from M91 west 0.5 mile - \$5,703.
- Gravel resurface Waterwheel Road from Satterlee Road west 0.25 mile - \$3,243.
- Machine wedge and seal Kendaville Road from Satterlee Rd to Gravel Ridge Rd (1 mile) - \$7,552.
- Pave 180# overlay on Vining Road from McBride Rd north 0.5 mile - \$29,857.

#### Reynolds Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm on local gravel roads - \$15,951.
- Centerline and edge line 8.5 miles of township roads - \$5,100.
- Salt stabilize Lake Montcalm Rd from West County Line to Bass Lake Rd (2 miles) - \$2,011.
- Salt stabilize Henkel Road from Yankee Rd to North County Line (1.5 miles) - \$3,117.
- Salt stabilize Gordon Road from Cutler Rd to North County Line (1 mile) - \$2,011.
- Salt stabilize Dagget Road from Gates Rd to second curve (1 mile) - \$2,011.
- Salt stabilize Almy Road from Dagget Rd east to pavement (1.1 mile) - \$2,212.
- Salt stabilize Reed Road from M46 to Edgar Road (0.5 mile) - \$1,006.
- Gravel resurface Henkel Road from Cutler Rd to North County Line (.75 mile) – \$11,184.
- Machine wedge, where needed, on Amy School Rd between Edgar Rd and Almy Rd - \$6,935.
- Machine wedge and seal Amy School Rd from M82 to Almy Rd (1.2 miles) - \$17,559.
- Machine wedge and seal Amy School Rd from M82 to Lake Montcalm Rd (1 mile) - \$21,409.

#### Manager's Report

- At yesterday's Seven County Council meeting Dr. Richard Ball of the Michigan House of Representatives made an excellent presentation regarding HB 5768, Motor Fuel Tax Increase.
- Truck & Trailer is taking the trunk-line truck to an equipment show at Monroe in Wisconsin. They are going to trailer the truck over and back, and they are going to make some updates to the salt spreader while they have the truck.
- The Soil Conservation Office said to thank the Board for allowing them to use our facility for the annual tree sale.
- Carol Smith, Pat Denton and I met with a property owner at Sidney Road and Fitzner Road to discuss the property owner's concerns about the upcoming safety project.

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- The bids for the ARRA-funded over-band crack sealing projects came in way over the estimate, and the bids were rejected. The projects will be re-bid and if they come in too high again, we will have to reconsider the projects.
- As you know the Howard City Area Foreman is retiring shortly, so Chad Barber has been assigned as a Lead Person at the Howard City garage. We are doing this on a trial basis over the next few months, and we may try more than one person in this position to see how it works out and who may be best suited for a permanent position. My feeling at this time is that we will need to have an area foreman in a supervisory position at the Howard City garage by the time winter starts. This is a different way of doing things from the past, but I think it is a good way to see how a person does without pulling them out of their union position.

Superintendent's Report

- Coming out of winter MDOT's budget isn't looking too bad, so they will have some money for summer maintenance on the trunk-lines. We will be teaming up with Kent County Road Commission and possibly with Ionia County Road Commission to do joint repairs on US-131 and I-96.
- Salt stabilization projects start next week; Michigan Chloride's availability of chloride is good right now, so we want to do as many salt stabilization projects as possible before dust control applications have to start.
- We are coming to the end of doing township contracts for this construction season. With that in mind Pat Denton and I met with some of Montcalm Township's road committee members on Monday. We made on-site inspections of some of their township roads, made recommendations and discussed possible projects with them. They will be receiving contracts tomorrow. I also recently met with Crystal Township to discuss possible projects.
- The bridge on Derby Road south of Station Road should be reopened next week. The beams are going on today, deck work will start on Monday and then LS Engineering will inspect the bridge before we open it.

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

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County has various bridges that require scour countermeasures and four bridges that are in need of replacement due to poor physical condition and those are:

Structure Number 13511, Fleck Road over Flat River (Priority 1)  
Structure Number 7457, Sidney Road over West Branch of Fish Creek (Priority 2)  
Various Locations – Scour Countermeasures (Priority 3)  
Structure Number 7510, Carlsen Road over Dickerson Creek (Priority 4)  
Structure Number 7503, Tow Road over Fish Creek (Priority 5)

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.
- Must agree to have sufficient funds to pay their share of the costs for construction in fiscal year 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Road Commission for Montcalm County hereby approves the filing of the said application with the Michigan Department of Transportation requesting funds through the Local Bridge Program for the replacement of the above-listed bridges and further that we are actively seeking their participation in the replacement of the bridges.

Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the 4/21/10 bills totaling \$435,563.99 and Payroll #8 totaling \$77,334.81. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk