

APRIL 8, 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 8, 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 March 31, 2010. Motion carried.

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

#### Public Comments

Ken Stoll came before the Board to discuss Derby Road between County Farm Road and Wise Road. According to Mr. Stoll the salvage yard on Wise Road is drawing a lot of traffic with people hauling in truck and trailer loads of junk metal and semis hauling out loads of metal everyday. Mr. Stoll stated all of this traffic is tearing up the road and creating ruts and chatter-bumps. He further stated that the Road Commission is doing the best it can to keep the road graded, but it needs more than grading. Mr. Stoll stated that he heard a rumor the road was going to be paved. Mark Christensen advised Mr. Stoll that there are no plans or money to pave the road; however, a representative of the new salvage yard owners had approached him about the condition of Derby Road down to Wise Road and stated that they want to be a good neighbor and they would be willing to donate the cost of gravel on Derby Road from County Farm Road to Wise Road. They have signed a contract with the Road Commission to do this, and the Road Commission will be trimming and removing trees and ditching the roadsides in order to improve drainage before the road is graveled. The work will be starting as soon as possible.

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

#### Evergreen Township

- Salt stabilize Pakes Road from M66 to Stevenson Road - \$4,022.
- Machine wedge and seal Holland Lake Road from Vickeryville Road to Senator Road – \$10,026.

#### Manager's Report

- If you get calls about muddy secondary roads, it is because we were pulling berms along the edges of some gravel roads and then the rain came, so they will be a mess until they dry out.
- Representative Mike Huckleberry and candidate Mike Trebesh both stopped in the office yesterday; Mark and I discussed roads and funding with both of them.

#### Superintendent's Report

- The supervisors and I attended the annual CRASIF safety meeting in Big Rapids earlier this week. Dale—as a CRASIF board member, I would suggest that next year you consider taking some hourly employees too because the discussions pertain to them too. Mark—We'll do that.
- Met with Tom Stornaint from Scodeller Construction to look at doing some contracted crack-sealing on some local roads in Richland Township.
- Met with John Joyce from MDOT today to discuss work they may want done on the expressway this summer—more to come on that.
- We will be turning the repeater off tonight for the weekend to see if there is any affect on Lake County's radio system.

#### Clerk's Report

- We received a notice that the County Commission will hold a public hearing on its proposed ORV ordinance at 1:45 p.m. on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve Payroll #7 totaling \$73,230.66. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk