

FEBRUARY 16, 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 February 16, 2010.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of January 20, 2010. Motion carried.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to sign the Labor Agreement effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 and Memorandums of Understanding between the Road Commission and its employees, who are members of AFSCME Local 1071.07. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage.

Moved by Commissioner McCracken, supported by Commissioner Brundage, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail (FFMHT) have submitted an Enhancement Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for funding assistance for that portion of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail that will run from the Village of Edmore to Montcalm County's east county line just west of Riverdale, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, all required matching funds are available; and

WHEREAS, the FFMHT has committed in writing to the Montcalm County Road Commission to be responsible for all on-going operation and maintenance of the trail; and

WHEREAS, the FFMHT have agreed in writing to assume liability for all activities on the trail and to maintain at all times adequate liability insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the FFMHT have committed to work with contiguous property owners along the trail to insure minimal impact to their properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Montcalm, supports the aforementioned enhancement project; and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Montcalm, hereby agrees to act as the agent of record and names Carol Smith, P.E., as the contract agent for the aforementioned enhancement project.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, that due to safety concerns at the following locations and a lack of funding to provide needed upgrades and improvements, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby requests the Michigan Department of Transportation to provide funds for the following projects under the Federal High Risk Rural Roads Program:

1. Stanton Road at Wyman Road - Construct passing flare and improve intersection
2. Stanton Road at Nevins Road – Construct passing flare and improve intersection
3. 10 bridges throughout Montcalm County – Update guardrail at headwalls

The Road Commission for Montcalm County hereby agrees that if any of the above projects are approved for funding, the Road Commission will provide the local match based on ten percent (10%) of the construction cost in addition to the cost of design and construction engineering. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage.

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

Cato Township

- One application of chloride on local roads at 2,000 gpm - \$15,027.
- Two applications of chloride on local roads at 1,000 gpm - \$15,027

Crystal Township

- Four applications of chloride on local roads at 1,000 gpm - \$25,630.

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Douglass Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$28,170.

Eureka Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$15,135.
- Salt stabilize South County Line Road from M91 to Berridge Road - \$4,022.
- Salt stabilize Berridge Road (591) from South County Line Road north to pavement - \$2,011.

Evergreen Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$26,997.
- Gravel resurface Janet Street, Ann Street and Jane Street - \$4,082.

Pierson Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$25,570.
- Salt stabilize Maple Hill Road from Stanton Road to Kimball Road - \$1,609.
- Salt stabilize Lake Montcalm Road from West County Line Road to Bass Lake Road - \$2,011.
- Salt stabilize Kimball Road from Federal Road to Dagget Road - \$2,413.
- Salt stabilize Jones Road from Stanton Road to South County Line Road - \$4,022.

Pine Township

- Four applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$22,787.

Sidney Township

- Three applications of chloride on local roads at 1,650 gpm - \$27,306.
- One application of chloride on Hillman Road from Sidney Road to Dickerson Lake Road - \$416.

Manager's Report

- The new Mechanic's Helper started on Monday; he will be working days for the first week.
- Carol Smith and I attended Montcalm Township's recent meeting to discuss their participation in the proposed safety project on Fitzner Road at Sidney Road. Their board is in favor of doing the project, and they asked for a contract. The township's portion of the local match is \$9,000. We also advised them that there could possibly be another safety project in the future at Fitzner Road and Peck Road if the safety funding is approved.
- We received a letter from the attorney of the property owners adjacent to the Owosso Street right-of-way at Crystal Lake. The property owners are going to ask the court in March for a permanent injunction to stop the back-lot owners from using the right-of-way to access the lake. Mike Cavanaugh is sending a letter to the court on behalf of the Road Commission.

Superintendent's Report

- I attended Maple Valley Township's meeting on Monday night. There were a few questions from the audience; everything went well.
- I have received a request from the new owner of the salvage yard on Wise Road east of Derby Road to see what can be done with Derby Road between County Farm Road and Wise Road. He stated he would be willing to contribute to improve this portion of the road with a grub and gravel resurface project.
- We have received a request to bond a portion of Kendaville Road during weight restrictions; I would recommend not doing this and that we continue to work with truckers and farmers as we have in the past. The problem with bonding is that there is no way to prove who damaged the road; if we bond for one person, there will be others wanting to do it too.
- Mike Shultz from the self-insurance pool inspected the garages on January 12<sup>th</sup>; he was pleased with what he saw.

Clerk's Report

- March MTF is down \$5,425 (-1.32%) compared to March 2009. Year-to-date MTF is down \$50,235 compared to the same time last year. MTF lost since 2004 is \$1,973,542; during that same period the cost of seal-coat emulsion has increased by 71 percent and the price of paving has increased by 209 percent.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to reschedule the March 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the 2/16/09 bills totaling \$460,573.78; Payroll #2 totaling \$72,070.06; and Payroll # 3 totaling \$76,387.61. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk