

JANUARY 7, 2009

The Board of County Road Commissioners for Montcalm County held a meeting at its office located in Stanton, Michigan at 3:00 p.m. on January 7, 2009.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of December 17, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to appoint Dale Linton as Chairman of the Board for 2009. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – McCracken, Brundage. Abstain – Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Linton, to appoint Robert Brundage as Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2009. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – McCracken, Linton. Abstain – Brundage.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to appoint Karen Swan as Finance Director and Clerk of the Board for 2009. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to appoint Randy Stearns as Managing Director for 2009. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to appoint Carol Smith, P.E. of L.S. Engineering, as County Highway Engineer for 2009. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to appoint Mark Christensen as Superintendent for 2009. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes – McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to schedule the 2009 board meetings at 3:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Motion carried.

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

#### Pierson Township

Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gallons per mile - \$26,751.

#### Sidney Township

Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gallons per mile - \$28,566.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to set a public hearing at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2009 for the purpose of reviewing a request to abandon the public road right-of-way for Avenue B beginning at the south side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and running south approximately 310 feet, in the Village of Vestaburg, Section 28, T12N-R5W, Richland Township, Montcalm County, Michigan. Motion carried.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies as required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for the purpose of issuing an annual application and permit for calendar year 2009 to the Road Commission for miscellaneous operations within state trunkline right-of-way. Motion carried.

#### Manager's Report

- The new salt shed in Greenville is 99 percent complete. Mike Cavanaugh has been reviewing the contract and will be speaking with the contractor this afternoon.
- Carol Smith has advised me that she received a phone call from MDOT asking if we would move the Grow Road bridge project up from 2011 to 2010. The cost for design engineering is \$27,000.
- We are in the process of reviewing the applications for the Mechanic's Helper position.
- We have received some complaints about the new mailbox replacement policy.
- We received the Michigan State Police's completed report into the investigation of an employee who was alleged to have taken firewood from trees cut along Holland Lake Road in early December as discussed at the December 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The report states that there is no proof to the allegation and the Prosecuting Attorney has closed the case.

#### Superintendent's Report

- So far so good on winter maintenance. MDOT is very pleased with what we are doing on the state trunklines.
- For three days straight all state and county roads were plowed each day on December 22, 23 and 24—a tremendous effort by the crew.

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- Salt use is good. Drivers are doing a good job, but we still need to be conservative with salt usage.
- I met with the Crystal DDA last week; they are considering some more projects.

Clerk's Report

The January MTF check (November receipts) is down 10.5 percent (\$41,428) compared to the January 2008 check. Vehicle sales, hence vehicle registrations, are down significantly. At the last council meeting John Niemala stated that vehicle registrations have always helped us tread water but now they are going down too.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the 1/7/09 bills totaling \$412,189.02 and Payroll #27 totaling \$125,234.09. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk