

JULY 16, 2003

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 July 2, 2003.

Present: Commissioners Dale Linton, Donald McCracken and Robert Brundage; Randy Stearns, Managing Director; Jack Johnson, Superintendent; Robert Buckowing, Assistant County Highway Engineer; and Karen Swan, Finance Director-Clerk.

Moved by McCracken, supported by Brundage, to approve the minutes of July 2, 2003 as presented. Carried.

Moved by Brundage, supported by McCracken, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Moved by McCracken, supported by Brundage, to adopt the following resolution regarding proposals for the purchase by the Board of Michigan Transportation Fund Revenue Notes of 2003 in the amount of \$2,000,000 to be dated August 1, 2003 and received by the Finance Director on or before 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, on this day:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. The action of the Finance Director in fixing this date as the date of sale of the Notes and causing the notice of such sale to be published in the form published is hereby ratified and confirmed.
2. The proposal of McDonald Investments, Inc. to purchase the Notes at par and accrued interest to date of delivery plus a premium of \$-0- or less a discount of \$17,000 and bearing interest per annum as follows:

2004 – 2.00%	2005 – 2.00%	2006 – 2.00%	2007 – 2.00%
2008 – 2.25%	2009 – 2.55%	2010 – 2.90%	2011 – 3.10%
2012 – 3.25%	2013 – 3.40%		

(same being the bid which produces the lowest net interest cost to the Board after deducting premium or adding discount) be and the same is hereby accepted, and all other proposals are hereby rejected and the bidding checks of the unsuccessful bidders are hereby ordered returned.

3. The Notes shall be issued in accordance with the terms set forth in the Note Resolution and bearing interest as set forth above.
4. The designation of the Preliminary Official Statement dated July 8, 2003, as an official statement deemed final by the Board for the purposes of paragraph (b)(1) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 is confirmed.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby rescinded.

Carried. Ayes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, supported by Brundage, to approve the addition of crushing 12,907 square yards of pavement on Youngman Road between Edgar Road and Almy Road in Cato Township at a cost of \$3,614 to the existing township contract to pave this section of road. Carried.

#### Manager's Report

- Crack sealing is continuing. The crew is currently working on Stanton Road east of M91.
- Mowing is ahead of schedule—the Greenville and Howard City crews have completed all gravel roads in their areas. The Stanton area has completed gravel roads in four townships and is working on the fifth.
- Central Asphalt is in the county doing the wedging; they should be done today.
- I was recently asked by a resident of Crystal if the Road Commission would consider relocating a portion of North Shore Drive (Colby Road) between Pine Grove Road and Senator Road to the north away from the lakefront. The Board stated that due to the cost of such a project, the current and projected lack of funding, and after all the uproar several years ago when Mr. Blanchard petitioned to relocate a portion of this same road and the associated legal costs incurred by the Road Commission, it is not even a consideration.
- I am waiting to hear from Attorney Mike Levine in regard to advertising the Road Commission's property on Johnson Road. Do we want to split it into three or four parcels? According to a realtor I spoke with, the Road Commission would make more on the sale by dividing the property rather than selling it as one piece. We need to make a decision as to whether or not we are going to sell it now or hold onto it; and if so, are we going to split it?

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- Mark Post is advertising for bids on the Greenville and Howard City garage expansions. The bids are scheduled for opening on August 5<sup>th</sup> at Mark's office in Grand Rapids.
- I spoke with Kelly regarding the next two float trucks due for replacement. Kelly and I do not see a problem with deferring their replacement until the 2005 budget year. The bodies on both trucks are good. One truck may need an injector pump. One truck has pretty good tires and one truck will need a new set of tires. Both trucks will be kept as spare trucks, so any investment in them will be worthwhile. As discussed at the last board meeting, both trucks are the next ones to be replaced; however, they are only eight years old and the replacement cycle is 10 years. We need to make a decision on this item and some others by the next board meeting so that we can get the 2004 budget put together.

Superintendent's Report

- Jack provided and reviewed a report on the Road Commission's web page usage and statistics for the past year. From the statistics, it appears the web page is being visited on a numerous and consistent basis—the most hits in one day was in excess of 200 in April 2003 when the county was hit by an ice storm.
- The second round of chloride applications has been completed in all townships that have contracted for three or more applications. The few townships that contracted for only two applications will be done in late July or early August.

Engineer's Report

- We are still waiting to hear from the general contractor on the start of the federal aid projects on Condensery Road and Stanton Road. The general contractor is waiting on the contractor that is going to do the pavement crushing. Randy stated that there had also been a hold-up because the general contractor had not received the signed contract from MDOT; however, they finally did receive it last week.
- The guardrail on the federal aid project on Wyman Road north of M46 was installed by the contractor today.

Moved by McCracken, supported by Brundage, to approve the 7/16/03 prepaids and bills totaling \$462,865.30 and Payroll #14 totaling \$78,327.51. Carried. Ayes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk