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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 June 2, 2010.

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 May 19, 2010. Motion carried.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of MDOT Contract No. 10-5376 for Crystal Road north of M46 and Sign Grow Road Bridge Title Sheet. Motion carried.

Greg DeArmand came before the board to discuss Vickeryville Road north of M46. Mr. DeArmand stated that the road needs gravel and there is a problem with vehicles speeding. Mark Christensen stated that he has already talked with the Sheriff's Department about patrolling the road but will call the Under-Sheriff tomorrow. Discussed possibility of placing 500 yards of gravel on the first half-mile north of M46.

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

Belvidere Township

- Gravel resurface Coolidge Avenue (0.6 mile) - \$3,855.
- Seal Park Street from Vesta Avenue to end of pavement (0.32 mile) - \$4,554.
- Machine wedge and seal Holland Road from Church Road to Deaner Road (0.5 mile) - \$10,891.
- Machine wedge and seal Holland Road from Deaner Road to M46 (1 mile) - \$19,265.
- Machine wedge and seal Holland Road from M46 to Fleck Road (1.5 miles) - \$28,898.

Cato Township

- Machine wedge and seal Bale Road from Cutler Rd to Tamarack Rd (1 mile) - \$16,934.
- Seal Bale Road from Cutler Rd to North County Line Rd (1 mile) - \$14,102.
- Gravel resurface Deaner Road from M91 to Bale Road (0.5 mile) - \$5,703.

Crystal Township

- Overband crack-seal various local roads in township - \$10,080.
- Machine wedge and seal Holland Lake Road from Crystal Rd to Sloan Rd (1 mile) - \$18,814.
- Machine wedge and seal Waldron Road from Stanton Rd to Colby Rd (1.5 miles) - \$25,865.

Ferris Township

- Machine wedge and seal one mile of road, to be determined, on Pine Grove Road between Stanton Rd and Lake Montcalm Rd (1 mile) - \$20,213.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to postpone a decision on the salaried retirees' health care plan until later in this fiscal year. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to sign the title sheet for the Local Bridge Program project on Grow Road south of Fenwick Road. Motion carried.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves Contract No. 10-5376 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation for Job No. 105431 described as follows:

Hot mix asphalt resurfacing work along Crystal Road from Stanton Road northerly to McBrides Road; including aggregate shoulders and pavement marking work; and all together with necessary related work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dale Linton, Chairman, and Robert Brundage, Vice-Chairman, are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

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

Discussed the supervisors' pickup trucks and the manager's vehicle. These vehicles are six or more years old with high mileage and high repair costs. Randy Stearns stated we are dumping a lot of money into these vehicles, especially the diesel pickup trucks, just to keep them on the road. We can purchase

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the vehicles from Ed Kohn Ford through the state's extended purchasing program and take advantage of the state's bid price. Also, there is a pickup truck available from Red Holman GMC on the east side of the state, and the price is below the state's bid price. The truck was ordered by another road commission but something happened and they couldn't take delivery; this vehicle could go to the superintendent and then be moved into the fleet in a couple of years and be used for night patrol. Discussed several types of vehicles from both Ford and GM for the manager.

Moved by Brundage, supported by McCracken, to purchase the following vehicles: 1) two ¾-ton extended cab, two-wheel drive, long box pickup trucks and one ¾-ton crew cab, two-wheel drive, short box pickup truck from Ed Kohn Ford through the state's extended purchasing program; 2) one ¾-ton extended cab, four-wheel drive, long box pickup truck from Red Holman GMC below the state's extended purchasing price; and 3) one passenger-type vehicle to be determined and based on state's extended purchasing price. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

#### Manager's Report

- The task force met yesterday; projects are set through 2014.

#### Superintendent's Report

- Getting chloride delivered and applied as scheduled has been a real challenge. Working with Michigan Chloride to get this resolved. Three townships still need to be done; due to rain they will be done next week.
- Joint repairs on US131 are going well; southbound lanes would have been done today but it was rained out. Looks like we have about three to four more weeks of work left out there.
- Mowing will start on primary roads next week.

#### Clerk's Report

- June MTF is down \$8,720 or -1.95% compared to June 2009. Year-to-date MTF is down \$87,016 or -2.2% compared to last year.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to appoint Randy Stearns as the voting delegate and Dale Linton as alternate voting delegate to the annual MCRCSIP meeting to be held July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Commissioners' Comments

- Discussed work being done by Engineering and how much Pat Denton has taken on.
- Has Employee Improvement Committee met? Mark—Not for some time and right now things are very hectic.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 6/2/10 bills totaling \$135,590.89 and Payroll #11 totaling \$69,626.52. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk