

June 4, 2008

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 June 4, 2008.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of May 20, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve a resolution to request reimbursement in the amount of \$10,000 for payments made during the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 to licensed professional engineers employed or retained by the Road Commission in accordance with Section 12(2) of Act 51, as amended. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

- In answer to Bob Brundage's question at the last meeting: We used 174,000 gallons of diesel fuel last year.
- The June MTF check, which is based on April gas tax receipts, is down \$8,384 (-1.83%) compared to June 2007.
- Paving is completed on CR601 (Bailey Road, Briggs Road and Amble Road) and CR585 (Miles Road and Grow Road).
- Recently had a GI meeting for the bridge replacement on Federal Road. The project will be in the November letting with a start date of May 4, 2009 and completion date of August 14, 2009.
- Regarding the bridge project on Sloan Road, south of Sidney Road, the old bridge has been removed and the new south headwall has been built.
- Have been in regular contact with Mike Petersen regarding fuel and diesel; he said June might be the time to buy some product.
- Have been working on proposed Federal Aid projects for 2009 through 2011; we will be having a task force meeting in early July.
- Mowing has started on our primary road system. On the state trunklines, MDOT has advised us to mow only US131; they will advise us when and if the M routes will be done.

Commissioners' Comments

- Discussed concerns about the current and possible future price of fuel and changes in service that may need to be made in the future.
- Due to declining revenues and rising fuel prices, discussed the possibility of a temporary layoff of all hourly employees and a majority of the salaried employees for up to four weeks later in the fiscal year. Decided to wait until first meeting in July to see what happens with the July MTF check—we may have to make a decision at that time. If it is necessary to have a temporary layoff, we want to make sure we give our employees as much advance notice as possible.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 6/4/08 bills totaling \$267,648.34 and Payroll #12 totaling \$68,627.86. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk