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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 March 15, 2006.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve the minutes of March 1, 2006 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Erica Riches from the county's Central Dispatch Authority, came before the Board to again discuss the portion of Baldwin Road located between West County Line Road and Satterlee Road in Eureka Township. Ms. Riches stated that after attending the Board's February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, she attended Eureka Township's board meeting to discuss renaming this portion of Baldwin Road to Slawson Lake Road and to advise the township board that the Road Commission was recommending that the road name be changed. Ms. Riches explained that in the vicinity of this road there are three other roads with the same or similar names—Baldwin Road located east of Satterlee Road, which is offset about one-quarter mile from the subject road, East Baldwin Lake Drive and West Baldwin Lake Drive—and it has already caused confusion in a fire emergency on the subject road. Ms. Riches stated that several residents from Baldwin Road were in attendance at the township meeting; they were in opposition to renaming the road, felt there wasn't a problem and why not wait to see if it becomes a problem. Robert Brundage stated, "Why wait until there is a problem? That just doesn't make sense". The township board, except for the township supervisor, voted against the change. Dale Linton asked who has the ultimate authority regarding the naming of roads, and Ms. Riches advised the Board that the Road Commission has the authority to name or rename public county roads. The Board reiterated what it stated at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, which is that this area of the county is growing very fast and while it may unfortunately pose an inconvenience to the current residents, now would be the time to make a change while the number of residents affected is relatively small; and ultimately for the sake of current and future residents' safety—not only for the residents on the subject road but also for the safety of the residents on the other three "Baldwin" roads—it only makes sense to make the change now.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, that with the best interest of residents in mind and in concern for the safety of the current and future residents and property owners, it is hereby determined that Baldwin Road between West County Line Road and Satterlee Road, located in Section 19 of Eureka Township, shall be renamed Slawson Lake Road effective May 1, 2006. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Linton.

Reviewed the recently opened bids for emulsion. This year's price increased 49 percent from \$0.6649 per gallon to \$0.9927 per gallon, which will increase seal coating costs, for emulsion alone, by approximately \$1,600 per mile based on 4,800 gallons per mile.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to place all emulsion bids opened on March 14, 2006 on file. Motion carried.

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

Belvidere Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,250 gpm on local roads in the township - \$23,112.

Evergreen Township

- Four applications of chloride at 1,000 gpm on local roads in the township - \$22,823.
- Four additional applications of chloride at 1,000 gpm (for a total of 2,000 gpm) on the following local roads in the township: Stevenson Road from Muskrat Rd to Colby Rd, Cedar Lake Road from Condensery Rd to Colby Rd, Beardsley Road from Sheridan village limits to Townhall Rd, Townhall Road from Holland Lake Rd to Condensery Rd, Senator Rd from Pakes Rd to Stanton Rd and Minifred Drive.

Fairplain Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm on local roads in the township - \$26,047.

Reynolds Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm on local roads in the township - \$16,688.

Richland Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,000 gpm on local roads in the township - \$12,841.

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Winfield Township

- Three applications of chloride at 2,000 gpm on local roads in the township - \$38,063.

Postponed discussion on installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Kendaville Road and West County Line Road until the next board meeting when the Manager is present to determine if Newaygo County Road Commission would participate in the cost.

Postponed discussion on MDOT Contract No. 2006-0168 for a salt storage building at the Greenville facility until the next board meeting.

Manager's Report

- Discussed roads in Goodell's Grove Plat at Nevins Lake in Sidney Township. We have heard that the residents are going to request that the Road Commission certify and maintain the roads in this plat. Randy Stearns recently made an on-site review of the roads; they are not built to Road Commission standards, and the roads only have a 20-foot right-of-way.
- We still have not received our Federal Aid money for this year; spoke with Susan Richardson at MDOT and she needs to get a memorandum of understanding to us for signatures.
- Clark Highway Services has offered to extend their 2005 price for thermoplastic rumble strips and directional arrows for this year. The Board stated it would accept the offer.

Engineer's Report

- The Solid Waste Committee has approved upgrading the intersection of Cannonsville Road at Federal Road. The committee has agreed to pay 75 percent of the cost and Pierson Township has agreed to pay 25 percent of the cost—total cost not to exceed \$22,000. Per the Board, the major work on this project will be done by private contractors.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to approve the 3/15/06 bills totaling \$156,508.63 and Payroll #6 totaling \$77,970.79. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk