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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 March 31, 2010.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of February 16, 2010. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves Contract No. 10-5139 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation, utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds, for Job No. 109056 described as follows:

Overband crack-fill work along Mt. Hope Road from Pakes Road southerly to Condensery Road, along Sidney Road from M-66 west to Derby Road, and along Newcosta Road from M-82 south to Kendaville Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dale Linton, Chairman, and Karen Swan, Finance Director-Clerk, are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves Contract No. 10-5140 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation, utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds, for Job No. 109061 described as follows:

Single-course chip-seal work along Lake Montcalm Road from M-66 (Sheridan Road) east to Wyman Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dale Linton, Chairman, and Karen Swan, Finance Director-Clerk, are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves Contract No. 10-5143 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation, utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds, for Job No. 109059 described as follows:

Single-course chip-seal work along Sidney Road from Derby Road east to M-66 (Sheridan Road).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dale Linton, Chairman, and Karen Swan, Finance Director-Clerk, are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

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

Moved by Brundage, seconded by Linton, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves Contract No. 10-5144 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation, utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds, for Job No. 109057 described as follows:

Single-course chip-seal work along Mt. Hope Road from Stanton Road south to Condensery Road.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dale Linton, Chairman, and Karen Swan, Finance Director-Clerk, are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby approves Contract No. 10-5213 between the Road Commission for Montcalm County and the Michigan Department of Transportation, utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds, for Job No. 109429 described as follows:

Single-course chip-seal work along West County Line Road (Newcosta Road) from M-82 south to Kendaville Road and along Lakeview Road from North County Line Road south to Cutler Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dale Linton, Chairman, and Karen Swan, Finance Director-Clerk, are hereby authorized to sign said contract.

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

Moved By Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to accept Central Asphalt's offer to extend its 2009 bid price for paving to 2010 with a maximum tonnage of 15,000 tons. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

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

Gratiot County Road Commission

- Grub, grade, sandlift and gravel resurface East County Line Road from M-57 north 0.50 mile - \$23,602.

Belvidere Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm on local roads - \$22,091.
- Repair bridge deck on Fleck Road east of Six Lakes - \$11,143.

Bloomer Township

- Grub, grade, sandlift and gravel resurface East County Line Road from M-57 north 0.50 mile - \$23,602.
- Four applications of chloride at 1,000 gpm on local roads - \$12,280.
- Gravel resurface Jenks Road from Blackmer Road to Fish Creek - \$15,319.
- Gravel resurface Fenwick Road from Mt. Hope Road to East County Line Road - \$4,778.
- Gravel resurface Snows Lake Road from Miner Road to Blackmer Road - \$9,556.
- Gravel resurface Miner Road from Snows Lake Road to South County Line Road - \$9,556.

Bushnell Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm on local roads - \$27,820.

Day Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm on local roads - \$21,556.

Fairplain Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm on local roads - \$24,897.

Home Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm on local roads - \$21,714.
- Salt stabilize Cutler Road from Wyman Road to Peoples Road - \$2,011.
- Salt stabilize Schmeid Road from Wyman Road to Neff Road - \$2,011.
- Salt stabilize Deaner Road from Deja Road to Neff Road - \$2,011.
- Salt stabilize Peoples Road from Edgar Road to Tamarack Road - \$2,011.
- Salt stabilize Deja Road from M-46 to Deaner Road - \$2,011.
- Gravel resurface Almy Road from M-46 to Old M-46 - \$5,139.
- Gravel resurface Fleck Road from Neff Road to Deja Road - \$10,278.
- Gravel resurface Pine Street from Cedar Lake Road to Academy Road - \$5,139.

Montcalm Township

- Reconstruct intersection of Fitzner Road at Sidney Road - \$9,000.

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Pierson Township

- Salt stabilize Lake Drive and Main Street - \$1,206.

Reynolds Township

- Three applications of chloride at 1,650 gpm on local roads - \$15,951.

Winfield Township

- Three applications of chloride at 2,000 gpm on local roads - \$36,482.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve Andrews Material Testing Services contract for the 2010 construction season. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to state that the Board hereby consents to vacating a portion of Center Street described as commencing on its westerly boundary with Whitefish Lake and going easterly to the north-south line between the southeasterly most point of what was previously Lot 14, Block D, and the northeasterly point of what was previously Lot 1, Block B, in Skinner's Resort and lying between the south line of Lot 1, Block G, and the north lines of Lot 1, Block H, in the Skinner's Resort Plat, as recorded, in Section 20, T11N, R10W, Pierson Township, Montcalm County, Michigan. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT due to safety concerns at the following locations and a lack of funding to provide needed upgrades and improvements, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Montcalm County hereby requests the Michigan Department of Transportation to provide funds for the following safety projects under the Local Agency Safety Program:

- Stanton Road at Wyman Road – Construct passing flare
- Dagget Road south of Tamarack Road – Install guardrail
- Various locations – Upgrade bridge railings

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Road Commission for Montcalm County hereby agrees to provide 20 percent of the construction cost in addition to the cost of design and construction engineering.

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

Manager's Report

- The 10-hour, 4-day schedule will start on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you to our crews for doing a great job this past winter.
- The roads came through winter in pretty good shape—much better than we expected.
- Spring weight restrictions ended last Friday.
- The culvert crew has started replacing culverts on the proposed Federal Aid projects.
- Met with the new Bloomer Township supervisor; discussed project on East County Line Road.

Jay Syrewicze and Dave Leusby of Lake County Road Commission came before the Board to discuss problems with their two-way radio system, which is on the same frequency as ours. According to them at about the same time we upgraded our two-way radio system to digital, they started to have problems with loud background noise and static in some of their radios, which are still analog—at times it is so annoying that their drivers turn their radios off. Their radio contractor told them it might be coming from our repeater in Howard City, but Mark Christensen advised them that the repeater had been turned off when we went to digital and everything comes off the Stanton repeater now. It was decided we would turn off the GPS and the repeater next Friday to see if the problem disappears when it's turned off.

Superintendent's Report

- The last of the township contracts will be mailed out soon. Over the last few weeks I've spent time with all of the townships discussing contracts and areas of concern. Heard a lot of good things and good comments.
- We've had some issues with the stone coming off the sealcoat we applied last year in Greenville. It was the same emulsion and stone we used everywhere else, but for some reason the stone did not stick. The rep from Terry Materials looked at it; he isn't sure what happened either, but they will provide the material to redo the affected streets and we will provide the labor. This year every sealcoat will be fog-sealed over the top of the stone.
- The bridge on Derby Road south of Station Road has been closed. We will be putting new beams and a new deck on it.
- We are having chloride applied today to the primary roads that were milled last year.

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Engineer's Report

- The stimulus-funded crack-seal projects are being bid through MDOT on Friday.
- The stimulus-funded chip-seal projects will be done through force account.
- The federal aid project for Crystal Road between Stanton Road and McBride Road is scheduled for a May letting, and the project on Pierson Road/Trufant Road from Dagget Road to Federal Road is scheduled for a July letting—hopefully the funds will be available for both projects.
- The safety project at Sidney Road and Fitzner Road is slated for an August letting.
- We are currently working on the plans for North County Line Road between Sheridan Road and Wyman Road—hopefully federal aid funds will be available to do this in 2011.
- The bridge on Grow Road will be in the August letting for a 2011 project.
- Bridge inspections have been completed. We had to lower the limits on Fenwick Road to 16 tons; this bridge is scheduled for replacement in 2012. We also lowered the limit on the Kendaville Road bridge just east of Federal Road. This bridge doesn't meet the requirements for Local Bridge Funds; if something isn't done by 2012 we may have to close it.
- Several bridges that need "Plans of Action" have been done. These are new Federal requirements based on bridge inspections.
- Future funding—Safety grant applications are due in April; Local Bridge applications are due June 1<sup>st</sup> for 2013 funding. Reviewed list of recommendations and prioritized as follows: 1) Replace Fleck Road Bridge over Flat River, Belvidere Township; 2) Replace Sidney Road Bridge over West Branch of Fish Creek, Evergreen Township; 3) Scour countermeasures Dagget Road over Little Muskegon River, Miles Road over Flat River, Johnson Road over Wabasis Creek, Tamarack Road over Tamarack Creek, and Wise Road over Flat River; 4) Replace Carlson Road Bridge over Dickerson Creek in Fairplain Township; and 5) Replace Tow Road Bridge over Fish Creek in Evergreen Township.
- Checking into TEDF-Category F (Small Urban) funds for Peck Road and Vining Road in Eureka and Montcalm Townships. If we can qualify for the funds in 2012, we plan to construct a passing flare at the entrance to what will be the new fairgrounds.
- The portion of the Heartland Trail from Edmore to Riverdale will be done under an enhancement grant; Edmore is looking into building a trailhead with parking and access to businesses. Construction is scheduled for August to October this year.
- The Heartland Trail-Greenville connector is on hold this year due to some issues that have to be worked out.

Clerk's Report

- April MTF is down \$43,342 (7.84%) compared to April 2009; year-to-date MTF is down \$115,438 (3.86%) compared to same time last year; total MTF revenues lost over the last 5-1/2 years is just over \$2 million.
- Jerry Stone and Bill Stehouwer, residents and neighbors on Strait Tow Boulevard at Crystal Lake are requesting that the Road Commission install a sign at the Thelma Street road end that states "Placement of Public Dock Approved – Overnight Watercraft Prohibited". They have stated that other neighbors are docking boats and pontoon boats overnight in violation of their permit. The Board stated that it is not required to install a sign and is not in favor of installing a sign—if we start doing this here who knows where it will go with all of the road ends on the many lakes in Montcalm County. The residents need to comply with the permit, but we do not have the manpower, money or time to police the road ends or get caught up in neighborhood disputes; the neighbors need to work this out amongst themselves.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to reschedule the April 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the bills totaling \$421,735.38 and Payroll #4 totaling \$74,733.60, Payroll #5 totaling \$80,676.53 and Payroll #6 totaling \$69,667.81. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk