

SEPTEMBER 10, 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 September 10, 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 Brundage, supported by McCracken, to approve the minutes of August 20, 2003 as presented. Carried.

Moved by Brundage, supported by McCracken, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of F) Trunkline Maintenance Contract. Carried.

Moved by McCracken, supported by Brundage, to amend the Local Road Policy regarding Grub/Grade Projects to state as follows: Any major sand lifts or grades to be constructed or reconstructed shall be built to the Road Commission's published Plat Standards. These projects shall be subcontracted to private contractors and the full cost of the projects shall be borne by the township. Carried. Ayes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, supported by McCracken, to reschedule the regular meeting scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2003 to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2003 and to schedule a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the proposed FY2004 General Appropriations Budget at 3:00 p.m. on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Carried. Ayes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, supported by Brundage, to adopt a resolution in support of the Washburn and Sycamore Truck By-Pass Project and the application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for funding assistance with the project as follows:

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Montcalm County recognizes that economic development and job creation are important, and

WHEREAS, the Sietsema Farms project brings investment in our community and creates jobs for our citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation has funding assistance available for economic development and all-season road construction, and that development in the industrial park and renaissance zone have created the need for the construction of a truck by-pass along Washburn and Sycamore Streets in Reynolds Township and the Village of Howard City to allow for better truck access from US-131.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. The Road Commission for Montcalm County supports the efforts of Sietsema Farms in developing in the Howard City area and recognizes the need to construct a truck by-pass to allow for better truck access to the industrial park and renaissance zone.
2. The Road Commission for Montcalm County supports the application by the Village of Howard City to the Michigan Department of Transportation for Category 'A' funds in cooperation with the Village of Howard City and the Road Commission for Montcalm County to assist in completing the project. Local match for this application is to be from Category 'D' funds in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 as committed to the project by the regional task force and the Road Commission for Montcalm County. The Board also recognizes that approximately \$245,000 of the project monies will come from Michigan Economic Development Grant #202-006 EDIG.
3. The Road Commission for Montcalm County supports the authorization of Marc Bennett, Village Manager, Village of Howard City, to act as the authorized representative and signatory for this program.
4. The Road Commission for Montcalm County supports the Village of Howard City's agreement to have responsibility for maintaining any improvements made to Village property under this project.

Carried. Ayes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by McCracken, supported by Brundage, to authorize writing off the following account receivables: Account 040-004 - \$81.16 / Account 076-001 - \$32.07 / Account 076-016 - \$209.40 / Account 077-002 - \$46.81 / Account 080-013 - \$2,190.37. Carried.

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Manager's Report

- Gratiot County Road Commission is interested in purchasing some new trucks with the Auto10 transmission. They would like to borrow one of our trucks for their drivers to test drive—is this okay with the Board? Yes.

Superintendent's Report

- There are four remaining townships scheduled to receive their last application of chloride next week—all chloride applications will then be done for this year.
- Updated the Board on the Deaner Road salt stabilization project that was done last year—the road received only routine chloride applications when the roads were done in Winfield Township this season, and the road has held up very well even with all of the truck traffic that this road receives.

Engineer's Report

- Pathfinder Engineering would like to know if the Board would be willing to accept, place on certification and maintain a new road, which would only have the base course of pavement applied before this winter. The Board stated that it would be willing to do this if all other criteria as required by the Plat Standards has been met and the developer provides a Irrevocable Letter of Credit for the full cost to complete the paving along with a stipulation that the second course of paving must be completed no later than next summer.
- The federal aid project in Trufant is nearing completion—the contractor is placing and compacting the shoulder gravel and guardrail has been installed.
- The projects on Stanton Road east of Trufant are ongoing. Guardrail has been installed on the bridge east of Youngman Road. The DEQ has the hydraulics information for the large culvert on the curve just east of Trufant; however, they have not finished their review—I have been calling them on a regular basis and hope to have approval shortly.
- A meeting was held today in regard to the Crystal enhancement project. We were unable to come to a consensus—we will be meeting in the field next week to try to get this finalized. We need to get a written contract between all of the parties involved and spell out the finances, contributions, and who is responsible for what.

Commissioners' Comments

- Where will Central Asphalt go after the federal aid project on Condensery Road is completed? Per Randy Stearns, they will be out of the county for a while and will return later this month or early October to complete paving in the county.
- What is the status on repairing the floor drainage problem in the shop? Per Randy Stearns, Larry Christensen is getting quotes.
- What is the status of the project on Schmeid Road in Richland Township? The grade crew is working on it; it is almost ready for gravel. The grade crew will be going to either Lake Road north of Briggs Road or Arbogast Road north of Almy Road next.

Moved by McCracken, supported by Brundage, to approve the bills 9/10/03 bills and prepays totaling \$285,781.16 and Payroll #18 totaling \$77,723.36. Carried. Ayes: McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk