

SEPTEMBER 20, 2005

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 20, 2005.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Linton, to approve the minutes of September 6, 2005 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Linton, to approve the street lighting authorization with Consumers Energy to install a streetlight at the intersection of Stanton Road and Derby Road. Motion carried.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Linton, to approve the following township contract. Motion carried.

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- Paint centerline and edge lines on Peck Road from Fitzner Road to Ferris Road - \$1,150.

Manager's Report

- I've been talking to vendors about extending this year's bid prices into next year. Michigan Pavement Marking stated they would extend this year's price. Due to oil prices, Terry Materials and Central Asphalt both stated that they could not extend prices. The representative from Terry Materials stated that if we were to bid now, prices would be 40-45 percent higher than this year's price. Central Asphalt stated that right now prices would be four to five dollars per ton higher than this year's price. Due to the price of fuel and tires, Michigan Chloride said they cannot commit to prices at this time.
- Sometime in early October, Shook Asphalt will be in to pave the front parking lot; we need to get Blum Construction in to get the curb and gutter done.
- Discussed Ethical Standards & Standards of Conduct Policy adopted by the Board on June 15th. I have had a couple employees express concern about outside employment activities and requiring the Manager's written consent. Discussed the need to be made aware of outside employment for workers' compensation and disability purposes. The Board stated that it will not enforce the areas of the policy regarding outside employment activities until questions can be clarified by the Road Commission's attorney.

Engineers' Report

- Discussed dip on Wyman Road north of M46. Tom Mayan suggested that Bob Buckowing take some shots of the guardrail in relation to the centerline of the road—every 25 feet or so—to determine how far the road is moving. Tom further suggested that the area be crushed and re-paved with a light (170 lb) mat to get it through the winter and see how it holds up.
- Bob Buckowing stated that he has had some discussions with Dave Hendershott regarding KBH's developments on Johnson Road south of Wise Road. Bob advised Mr. Hendershott that Johnson Road would not be paved before the developments are built, and that the township has other roads it can spend its money on. Bob asked Mr. Hendershott to advise Randy of the developer's plans in this regard.
- Discussed the enhancement project in Crystal. Tom Mayan stated that he spoke with Ryan from Scott Civil Engineering and was advised that the job is pretty well finalized, it came in under the estimate, and the contractors have approved everything.
- Tom Mayan stated that Scott Civil Engineering spoke with him about the bridge on Vickeryville Road north of M46. Because of the gravel and asphalt loading on this timber bridge, Bob Scott is going to go over the numbers to determine if the bridge should be posted with a 60-ton limit.

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Linton, to approve the 9/20/05 bills totaling \$317,968.32 and Payroll #19 totaling \$74,882.15. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes: McCracken, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk