

September 3, 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 September 3, 2008.

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

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the minutes of August 25, 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

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

Reviewed Memorandum of Understanding regarding a proposed compensatory time policy to be discussed with the officers of Local 1071.07. The Board stated that it approves of the language in the proposed policy.

Reviewed the Local Road Policy and discussed possible changes. Changed the deadline dates for when contract requests and approved contracts must be returned by the townships to the road commission. Discussed charging overhead on all projects except on applications of dust control chloride and on salt stabilization projects

Moved by McCracken, seconded by Brundage, to approve the Local Road Policy as amended. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to reschedule the September 17th board meeting to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to set a public hearing at 3:00 p.m. on September 24, 2008, for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2009 General Appropriations Budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to cancel the board meeting scheduled at 3:00 p.m. on October 1, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to schedule the annual meetings with township boards on October 20, 22, 27 and 29, commencing at 4:00 p.m. each day. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

- Weather permitting the contractor will be putting the first course of asphalt on the Condensery Road project this Friday.
- Weather permitting crack sealing will start tomorrow in Coral.
- The insurance adjuster was in last Friday to look at truck #35; the preliminary estimate for repairs is about \$14,000 to \$15,000. Duthler Truck is sending someone up today to give us an estimate.

Clerk's Report

- August MTF was down 3.1% (\$14,213) compared to August last year and September MTF is down 8.36% (\$34,425) compared to September last year. The year-end total MTF for 2008 compared to 2007 is down 2.27% (\$125,907). If you compare each of the last four years of MTF revenues (2005 through 2008) to what we received in 2004, which was the last year in which revenues did not go down, we have actually lost \$1.3 million in MTF revenues—in other words, if MTF revenues had stayed at the same level as 2004, we would have had \$1.3 million more for roads and equipment. That loss of revenue coupled with large increased costs for diesel fuel, asphalt, emulsion, tires, culverts, underbody blades—anything made from petroleum or steel—is why we do not have money for equipment or primary road projects. And the bad news is Lansing is forecasting another drop in MTF revenues in 2009, which starts October 1st. We are being told to plan on a four percent drop in MTF revenue compared to 2008.

Moved by Brundage, seconded by McCracken, to approve the 9/3/08 bills totaling \$233,087.20 and Payroll #18 totaling \$90,471.93. Motion carried. Roll call: Yes-McCracken, Brundage, Linton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk