

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1895

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent: Jerrilynn Strong

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: None

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Superintendent/Manager and Elizabeth Bramer, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Minutes from March 20, 2018 were approved as written.

Jim Chapman, Green Township was present to inform the Board of the new developments of the Spruce Road bridge. Additionally, he presented updates on the Round Lake Road project.

Dick Wheeler, Morton Township Supervisor, along with members of the Morton Township Recreational Committee were present and informed the Board of a new 30-mile hiking and biking trail that they are hoping to implement. They have hired a consultant to distinguish what trails could be connected and help establish a plan design.

Gabe Sanderson and Ben Covey, members of Haymarsh Club, and representing full Quiver Farms presented to the board an interest in purchasing 19 acres on 125th Avenue to expand their hunt club. They informed the Board that the Road Commission could still use the property for its current purpose for up to 25 years. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to sell the 19 acres of land at \$2,500 per acre, and still use the land for up to 25 years. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Pam Gilbert, Fork Township Trustee was present to discuss various locations throughout the county that need attention. She specifically mentioned pot holes on 50th Avenue.

Elizabeth Bramer reviewed the finances and cash flow with the Board. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve 2018 Budget Revision #1 and to authorize the Finance Director to make the adjustments. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle went over the 2018 project list. Tim discussed how the new Local MTF Distribution could be allocated throughout the County. The Board agreed to do a County ride around on Monday April 23rd at 12:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed the Big Rapids Township contract for paving Isabella Drive this upcoming year with an estimated amount of \$18,814.85. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to sign the Big Rapids Township contract. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

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Tim Nestle reviewed the road project estimates for Big Rapids, Austin, and Wheatland Township with the Board. Tim will send estimates to the Townships.

Board reviewed the 2018 bid tabulations. Tim Nestle explained who the high and low bidders were.

Interviews were held for a service technician and a custodian. The Board interviewed the following for the service technician position; Bradley Charron, Jonathan Bowman, Kyle Payne and Mark Pischel. The Board interviewed the following for the custodian position; William Belligan, Lauren Ladner, Roger Sova, and Melanie Luther. Mike Wernette moved and Van Johnson seconded a motion to hire Mark Pischel for the service technician position. With a vote of three years, motion carried. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to hire Roger Sova for the custodian position. With a vote of three yeas, motion carried.

Bruce Carey, Aetna Township Supervisor was present to discuss 200th Avenue; Jefferson to 4 Mile Road project in regards to doing a cost sharing. The Township would contribute \$350,000.00 to that project. Bruce also discussed the Mecosta Township biking trail.

Tim Nestle reviewed F&B's tree removal service estimates for various projects in the County to the Board.

Tom Lodden, Deerfield Township Supervisor and Gary Lambrix Trustee were present to discuss 155th Avenue with the Board. Tim Nestle will provide an estimate to the Township for pulverizing and paving from 3 Mile Road to the bridge. A cost share and putting 155th Avenue back to gravel was discussed.

The Board reviewed the updated 2018 Capital Outlay list.

The Board reviewed dust control contracts from various townships. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve signing the dust control contracts for 2018. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Gene Heintzelman, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor discussed the condition of the fleet. He presented some pieces of equipment that are getting fixed and some that may need attention in the future. He informed the Board how the new GSA trucks were coming along.

Tim Nestle reviewed Resolution #18-02 with the Board. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to adopt Resolution #18-2 supporting the applications for Critical Bridge Funding under the Local Bridge Program for various bridges in the County. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

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Tim Nestle discussed the Lynwood Lane plan design with the Board. Tim stated this design should help eliminate excess water from staying in this area.

Tim Nestle discussed purchasing a used 2010 motor grader from Antrim County for \$32,500 with the Board. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to buy the 2010 motor grader from Antrim County for \$32,500 if it clears inspection. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report.

John Currie informed the Board that he and Tim Nestle met with health care agents to review their proposals for Road Commission health care benefits. John stated that Lerner Financial Group and 44 North presented their proposals. Employee Benefits was unable to attend. John recommended to change agents from Employee Benefits to Lerner Financial Group. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to elect Lerner Financial Group as the Road Commission's health care benefits agent. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve the vouchers for 3/29/2018 for payment in the amount of \$3,446.55 and vouchers for 4/18/2018 for payment in the amount of \$580,271.58 as presented. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle discussed a restructure of administrative staff that included advertising for a full-time Finance Director with the Board. Board agreed to move the May 22, 2018 board meeting to May 15th, 2018 to allow conducting interviews for the finance director's position earlier.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE