

## **BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Tim Nestle

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerrilynn Strong

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent, Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Tim Nestle opened the floor to appoint Chairman and Vice Chairman. A motion to appoint Van Johnson as Chairman of the Board was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously. A motion to appoint John Currie as Vice Chairman of the Board was made by Van Johnson and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from December 27, 2018 were approved as written.

Don Hamilton was present to talk to the Board about The Fork Trail Plan and asked that when 40<sup>th</sup> Ave is repaved in the future that 10ft of paved shoulders be added.

Jim Chapman, Green Township Supervisor was present and asked about having 22 Mile to the county line plowed on the weekends since there is a lot of traffic on that road on Sundays. The Board approved adding 22 Mile to the hot list. Jim Chapman also asked the Board to cut out and patch back 2-man holes once the township locates them and the Board agreed.

Del Kirkby, MDOT was present and asked the Board to consider contracting out performance-based money projects instead of the road commission doing them. The road commission would still be responsible for overseeing the projects, but this would give the road commission more time to maintain the county roads. The Board agreed to try it this summer and will evaluate it again this fall.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board that the county believes they've found a pathologist for the morgue and the morgue should be open February 1<sup>st</sup>. Dragon Trail hopes to open up. Also 4 of the 5 unions have settled their contracts.

Amy Kailing reviewed the finances and cash flow with the Board. Discussion about putting additional money aside every month for the road commissions upcoming heavy maintenance projects, chip fog and crack seal, capital outlay, and payoff of motor grader, board agreed. Board agreed to reduce amount being put aside for transportation note to \$14,713.07 until payment is made in July and then we will reassess the amount to set aside for the next year.

Tim Nestle discussed the 2019 Project List with the Board.

Board reviewed the Green Township Brine Contract. A motion to approve the Green Township Brine Contract was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

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The Board reviewed MDOT Certification Resolution 19-01 which decertified a half mile of 100<sup>th</sup> Ave seasonal road. A motion was made to approve MDOT Certification Resolution 19-01. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board discussed annual bids and extension requests. A motion to approve contract extensions for Carter’s Surveying, PLC, Halliday Sand & Gravel, Inc, and F&B Stump Grinding was made by John Curried and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board reviewed the 2019 Capital Outlay list. Tim Nestle discussed the condition of the fleet and equipment needs would benefit the Road Commission. A Gradall and Shop Hoist were some of the assets discussed.

The Board discussed the possibility of a 19 Acre Solar Farm going in Mecosta County this summer.

The Board reviewed the Incident/Accident Report.

The Board discussed administrative staff raises. A motion to approve administrative staff raises was made by John Currie and seconded Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board discussed correspondences.

The Board reviewed the vouchers. A motion to approve vouchers for 1/8/2019 for payment in the amount of \$154,825.94 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Tim Nestle discussed the need of 2 interns this summer.

The Board reviewed the audit contract for 2018 and asked that we bid it out before signing the contract.

Amy Kailing discussed contributing a total of \$45,000 per month towards MERS defined benefit. A motion to contribute a total of \$45,000 per month towards MERS defined benefit was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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BOARD SECRETARY

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