

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1917

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday November 20, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

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 and Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Minutes from October 16, 2018 were approved as written.

Michelle Graham, Mecosta Township Supervisor, inquired about the cost of turning 200<sup>th</sup> back to gravel, 8 Mile Rd in front of Ice Mountain needs to be worked on, and 11 Mile primary section needs to be patched.

Randy Vetter, Grant Township Supervisor, asked for RC input on what to do to save Fir Dr between Round Lake Rd and Youngs Lake Rd. He was informed we would look into it and get back to him.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board that the county is working on the budget, they're still in negotiations and they're working on hiring more paramedics.

Amy Kailing reviewed financials with the Board.

Tim Nestle reviewed 2019 Project List with the Board.

Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion for Budget Hearing for proposed 2019 budget, motion carried. The Board reviewed the proposed budget for 2019. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve 2019 Budget. Roll call vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle reviewed the 5 year federal aid plan with the Board.

Tim Nestle reviewed Resolution 18-03 with the Board. Mecosta County is taking the Resolution to the board meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve resolution 18-03, motion carried.

The Board discussed Reith Riley Special use permit on 18220 Taft Rd and decided to stay neutral on the topic.

The Board reviewed the CRA Negotiating Committee Update.

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Tim Nestle discussed upgrading the Big Rapids garage fire suppression system. The Road Commissions equipment is over 20 years old. The Board asked for another bid on the equipment before deciding.

Incident/Accident Report was reviewed.

The Board reviewed and approved Jerry Wright retirement letter.

The Board reviewed correspondences.

The Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson motioned and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve vouchers for 11/20/18 for payment in the amount of \$757,926.38. Roll call vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Amy Kailing informed the Board that MERS is our option for opening a trust to address our OPEB liability.

The Board reviewed and approved 2019's meeting calendar.

The Board discussed turning part of 1 Mile back to gravel.

Interviews were held for a District Supervisor position in Remus. The Board interviewed the following; Markko Lumsden, Dennis Cummings, Nick Kaye, Butch Losey, and John Wernette.

Board discussed the District Supervisor's position and agreed to offer the position to Nick Kaye and recommended appointing John Wernette as Lead Person.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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BOARD SECRETARY

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DATE