

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday January 13, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Paul Jefts, and Randy Maxwell.

Members Absent: Paul Jefts left at 12:30 p.m.

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: John Todd.

Administrative Staff Present: Joyce Randall, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Brooke Niedzielski, Clerk.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to appoint John Currie, Chairman and Paul Jefts, Vice Chairman. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to appoint Brooke Niedzielski, Board Secretary for 2004. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to allow the Chairman to enter into debate; that the Chairman to be allowed to make and/or support any motion; to allow Chairman to vote on all questions; and public comment is limited to 5 minutes unless waived by the Chairman. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Minutes of December 30th, 2003 were approved as written.

Bill Boone, Big Rapids Township Residents, and Jim Knapp, Surveyor, was present to give an update on 183rd Avenue. Mr. Boone stated that Mr. Mudrack is not cooperating with the original plans. Mr. Boone also stated he couldn't put up his pole barn with the trail going through his property. Mr. Boone would like the whole mess cleared up and to possibly get the trail that runs through his property abandoned. Board advised to have Mr. Knapp go to Mr. Mudrack and work out a solution either the prior agreement or else take the gate down and open up the road. No Action Required.

Mary Ellen Blough, Wheatland Township Resident, was present to advise the Board that if any accidents occurred by her drive to her pole barn near the corner of 50th Avenue and 11 Mile Road that the Road Commission would be responsible. No Action Required.

Sandee Farlow, Grant Township Clerk, Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, Bruce Cummings, Martiny Township Supervisor, Albert Bigelow, Aetna Township Supervisor, Dean Floria, Sheridan Township Supervisor, Kenn Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor, Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, Jack Bark, Fork Township Supervisor, were all present to discuss the 2004 Project Proposals. Mr. Bigelow stated that they would not be able to afford to do any roads. Mr. Bark asked if there would be any charges for Brine this year, Board advised that there would be no charges for this year. Mrs. Austin stated that if Pine Lake Road would be added to the Seasonal Road list that Chippewa Township would not object. Mr. Floria asked if 17 Mile Road would be included as a prior year commitment, the Board advised since it was all included in the original proposal that they would honor it. It is a 3-year project, the first year Grade Project on the first mile and the 2nd -year grade project on the second mile and then the 3rd year they would pave the whole two miles. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the lighting problem at the intersection of 215th Avenue/Waldron Way/M-20. MDOT is suppose to be getting back with the Road Commission on whether they plan to put up a street light or put down some reflective tape to make it easier to see the intersection. No Action Required.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Board reviewed the guardrail request for 19 Mile Road in Fork Township and Prichard Drive in Morton Township. Jack Bark, Fork Township Supervisor, was present and stated that the Township is not interested in putting up a guardrail on 19 Mile Road. Dale Dukes was out of town so the Road Commission still has not received an estimate yet for Prichard Drive. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the MTA meeting on January 19, 2004 in Green Township at 7:00 p.m. John Currie and Randy Maxwell plan on attending. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the turnaround on Oak Road off of M-66. Board advised since the Road Commission has been using Anderson's drive for a turnaround with his permission to keep using it the same way. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Work Zone Training on February 10th & 11th through MDOT. Board advised to send the three Foremen: Charlie Cornell, Frank Randall, and Randy Wilson. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the seasonal road list and informed Joyce Randall, Managing Director, to go ahead and setup a Public Hearing to add the Roads to the Seasonal Road status. No Action Required.

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, presented the Preliminary Plans for Isabella Bank & Trust in which they plan to start as soon as possible. Board advised the plans are fine as long as they make the drive coming onto Waldron Way an entrance with a right only exit. No Action Required.

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, was present to discuss the Preliminary Plans for Menards at 15 Mile Road and 215th Avenue. Board advised that at least a three-lane road on 215th is needed with the future plans of making it a 4-lane road. Board also advised to have Chuck Guikema, Progressive Engineering, come into the next meeting. No Action Required.

Sandee Farlow, Grant Township Clerk, was present to discuss Stones Corner Road. Mrs. Farlow was wondering if the road was paved in 2004 if they could just pay ½ of what they owe and pay the remaining ½ the next year. Board advised that this would be all right as long as a written agreement was made up between both parties. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the Office space changes downstairs and the Solid Officer Corner for the Managing Director. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve Resolution #04-01 to Designate the Clerk of the Board as the Privacy Officer, Policy Letter 3-23, and Notice of Privacy Practices to all employees. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the County Road Association of Michigan Directory Changes. Board advised Joyce Randall, Managing Director, to go ahead and place the Commissioners new addresses in the Directory along with Randy Maxwell and John Currie phone numbers. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2004 Capital Outlay. Board advised to bring back at the night meeting with a cost. No Action Required.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Board reviewed the Incident/Accident Report. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the City of Big Rapids Alarm Fee. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 1/13/04 for payment in the amount of \$64,372.57. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the MIOSHA inspection. No Action Required.

Board recessed for Lunch at 12:25 p.m.

Board reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Board reviewed the Young's Lake Right-of-Way on Coolidge Road in Grant Township. Board advised to leave alone at this time. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Horsehead Lake (15 Mile Road) Proposal for Condo site in Martiny Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Upper Peninsula Road Builders Association meeting on February 5th and 6th, 2004. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, plans on attending the meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Michigan Association of Counties Resolution to honor Ronald K. DeCook. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) whether or not to keep plowing the rest area on overtime, Board advised to keep it up; 2) the possibility of using Brine in the wintertime in some places instead of using salt; 3) also had the spring ride around trip prepared. No Action Required.

Foremen's meeting at 1:20 p.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon, and Randy Wilson.

Foremen updated the Board on patching, shoulder maintenance, Cutting trees, blading roads, brush hog, pumped state tanks, and winter maintenance. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) there is a utilities meeting on February 18th, 2004; 2) Tucker is avoiding the Road Commission on the high speed internet; 3) John Joyce and Malcolm from MDOT are planning to come to the Road Commission on January 14th, 2004 to inform the employees the reason behind the usage of calcium chloride. No Action Required.

Brooke Niedzielski, Clerk, presented the Financial reports to the Board. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Date