

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday April 13th, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: John Todd.

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

Brad Eldred, Wildlife Gallery Owner, was present to discuss Brine resources with the Board. Mr. Eldred stated he has a 5,000-gallon holding tank and can haul 1,650 gallons at a time. Mr. Eldred usually hauls about 1,500 gallons a day. Board advised to have the Brine tested and if everything comes back okay, then to have the Road Commission go ahead. No Action Required.

Wendy and Dan Fenton, Deerfield Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board 140th Avenue North of Jefferson Road. Mr. Fenton stated that they needed to get a double wide home down the road but the road has too many overhanging branches and a little dip in the road. Board advised they could cut some trees and brush and put some pit run gravel down so the Fenton's could get their home down the road. Board also advised into checking whether or not the road should remain on Seasonal Road status or not. No Action Required.

Kimberly Hinds, Austin Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board on whether or not to remove the stop sign at the intersection of 8 Mile and 170th Avenue. Mrs. Hinds opposes the removal of the stop sign for safety reasons. Bernard Brenner, Austin Township resident, Ron Bongard, represents Morley Stanwood Schools and John Boyd, Bus Supervisor, John Sonntag, Mecosta County Sheriff, Kenneth Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor, were all in opposition of the removal of the stop sign. Board advised the stop sign at the intersection of 8 Mile and 170th Avenue will stay. No Action Required.

Judy and Roger Winegar, resident and Treasurer of Big Rapids Township, were present to discuss with the Board 215th Avenue. Mr. Winegar would like to see 215th Avenue paved. Mr. Winegar believes that Lowe's is closer to coming to the Big Rapids area than Menard's is. Ed Burch, Engineer, was also present stating that Lowe's has to build a 10-foot wall along 215th Avenue and also talked about cutting the hill 3 foot on 15 Mile Road. Board advised if the road gets paved it will be after the construction is done for Lowe's or Menards. Board advised Mr. Winegar to let the Board know which company plans on coming to the area. No Action Required.

At 9:45 a.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to open and read bids received for Winter Maintenance Sand Haul and AMZ Seal Patching (State Contract). Bids will be read and placed on file for the review of the administrative staff and if and when awarded, will be in the best interest of Mecosta County. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried. Bids were read as follows:

Winter Maintenance Sand Haul	<u>Remus</u>	<u>Big Rapids</u>
Mohawk Transport	\$3.19	\$1.78
L & D Carey & Sons	\$3.25	\$1.98
AMZ Seal Patching (State Contract)		
D & D Contracting	40,000.00	

Charles Powell and Terry Fuller, Colfax Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board Emma Street in Rodney. Mr. Powell stated that the land owner is piling up trash into the right of way on Emma Street where people can no longer pass through. Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, check into the trash in the right of way. The Board also informed Mr. Powell and Mr. Fuller that they would need to go to the Township about fixing up the road. No Action Required.

Joe Miller, Deerfield Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board 4 Mile East of Northland Drive. Mr. Miller stated about three years ago the road was resurfaced and with the residents having the impression it was going to be paved later on. Mr. Miller also stated the road is currently very hard to get down especially, earlier this spring. Deerfield Township told Mr. Miller that 4 Mile is on hold until 3 Mile Road work is complete. Board advised that the Road Commission would take the responsibility for fixing the water problem, but when the road gets fixed would be up to the Township. No Action Required.

Sandee Farlow, Grant Township Clerk, was present to discuss with the Board the water issue in her yard. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, recommended putting in a catch basin which should help with the water problem, but she needs our permission since it would have to be put in the road right of way. Mr. Farlow is checking on some prices for a catch basin. Board advised to have Mike Maneke put some numbers together and bring back. No Action Required.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, was present to ask the Board if the Road Commission could help with the cost of the Project on W. Chippewa Drive. Board advised they would need to find out where they stand on project cost for this year and get back with her. No Action Required.

John Boyd, Mecosta Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board the estimate on 12 Mile Road from Northland Drive to US131. Mr. Boyd was wondering if the Road Commission would help with the cost. Board advised they would split the cost 50/50. No Action Required.

Stan Carey, Deerfield Township Trustee, was present to discuss with the Board 175th South of Monroe. Mr. Carey would like to seal coat the road. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded motion to pay for ½ the cost of the seal coat and if the road fails the township pays to asphalt the road. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to sign contract with the Township and Contractor for 3 Mile Road from 165th to 155th Avenue. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve Resolution #04-05 for 2003 Certification Map and have the Chairman sign. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Ed Burch, Engineer, was present to discuss with the Board the Hoover Road Bridge Plans. Mr. Burch stated to the Board, more maintenance work should be done to the Bridges throughout the County. Mr. Burch also stated that the plans for the Isabella Bank & Trust and Hidden Harbor Condo's both look good. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2004 Project update. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, prepared a form showing the Roads that were discussed during the ride around as a yes and maybe project with cost. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to sign the Bit Contract with Chippewa Township; 19 Mile from 105th to 90th Avenue and Martiny Township; 110th Avenue from 13 to 14 Mile. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jeffs seconded motion to sign the Contract with Sheridan Township and Contractor for 17 Mile Road from 10th to 20th Avenue. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the following estimates: Green Township 20 Mile East of Northland Drive; Fork Township – Marion Avenue West of 20th to Bridge; and Martiny Township 15 Mile East of 92nd Avenue. Board advised to send out the estimates to Green and Fork Townships but hold onto estimate for Martiny Township and see what happens. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the estimate for paving the Big Rapids Garage driveway. Board advised to have the truck wash area fixed. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Seasonal upgrade of Wilson Road East of 160th Avenue in Colfax Township. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board that the trees and stumps have been removed. Board advised to have Mr. Maneke prepare a new estimate with the work that needs to be done yet. No Action Required.

Brooke Steiner, Finance Director, presented the Financial Reports to the Board and informed the Board that the audit was successful. No Action Required.

Paul Jeffs moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve 2003 ACT 51 Financial Reports. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jeffs moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Chairman sign the Attest Page of the 2003 ACT 51 Financial Reports. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the auction final settlement. No Action Required.

Paul Jeffs moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to sign contract with Chippewa Township for W. Chippewa Drive South of 21 Mile with the agreement that Grade and Bit projects split cost 50/50 and after completion of these projects the cost needs to be split 50/50 on the remainder of W. Chippewa Drive as the funds are available. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jeffs moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to sign Contractors Contract for W. Chippewa Drive South of 21 Mile in Chippewa Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Commissioner Seminar April 18th – 20th, 2004. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Gravel Processing bid. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that several other Road Commissions she talked with did not recommend Carrick Trucking for crushing gravel. Jim Knapp, Surveyor, was present to discuss Minkel Pit with the Board. Mr. Knapp informed the Board that the pit line does not fall in the same area as the property line falls according to the warranty deed. Board advised to have Ms. Randall go out and talk to property owner and inform him of the situation and get back with the Board. No Action Required.

Paul Jeffs moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve Traffic Control Order #107 placing a speed limit of 35 mph on Waldron Way in Big Rapids Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jeffs moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the DNR request of mowing the grass around the five dams in Mecosta County for cost of work performed. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Jack Wellnitz, Green Township Supervisor, was present to discuss 20 Mile Road from Northland Drive to the East. Mr. Wellnitz informed the Board that the Township is going to check with the Paris Sawmill on cost sharing in the project. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to award the Gravel Processing to Halliday Sand and Gravel per Joyce Randall, Managing Directors, recommendation. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board approved the Minutes from March 9th, March 23rd, March 25th, and April 1st, 2004 with the corrections made.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve the purchase of the Material-testing lab for up to \$500.00. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the memo stating that Night Patrol ended on April 5th, 2004. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the correspondence from Morton Township in regards to Public Hearing notice. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the MERS group life and disability insurance. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter of understanding in regards to 4-10 working days. Board advised to send to the Union to get their response. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 4/13/04 for payment in the amount of \$404,718.62. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board held meeting with employee in regards to retirement options. Board advised the employee to do some checking and number crunching and come back to the Board with the information. No Action Required.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date

