

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday April 27th, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Norm Turner.

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

Minutes from April 13th, 2004 were approved with corrections made.

Sam Hasson, Big Rapids Township Resident, was present to discuss with the Board 225th South of 13 Mile Road. Mr. Hesson came to the Road Commission earlier to have 165 feet of the road maintained so he could get an address. The work was done, now Mr. Hesson would like to go beyond the Cul de sac so that he can develop the area. Board advised Mike Maneke, Superintendent, to prepare an estimate for 225th before any decisions can be made to do any more work. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that James Harvey called in regards to 100th Avenue North of 21 Mile Road in Chippewa Township. Mr. Harvey would like the Road upgraded. Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, stated she would also like to see the road improved enough to get fire trucks down the road, but doesn't know when they could do it due to budget constraints. Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, prepare an estimate for the work. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Board sign the Bit Contract with Mecosta Township for Fillmore Road from 190th to 200th Avenue, 12 Mile Road from Northland Drive to US 131, and 180th Avenue from 8 Mile N. 1.5 Miles and Johnson Road. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Board sign Bit contract with Green Township on 190th Avenue South of 23 Mile Road. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to have the Board sign the Bit contract with Wheatland Township for 50th Avenue from 9 to 11 Mile Road. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the estimate for Pierce Road from Northland Drive to 185th in Mecosta Township. Board advised to have Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, prepare a new estimate for the road to county specifications not MDOT specifications. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the estimate for 18 Mile Road West of 60th Avenue near Lost Lake in Martiny Township. Board advised to have it sent to Bruce Cummings, Martiny Township Supervisor, to take back to the residents. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the repair cost estimate for 195th Avenue North of Big Rapids in Green Township from L & D Carey & Sons. Board stated there was no total bottom line cost for the project, so they could not make any decisions at this time. No Action Required.

Kevin Courtney, Colfax Township Resident, was present to discuss Wilson Road upgrade. Mr. Courtney stated that the Township told him they had money in the budget for the road. Mr. Courtney also stated that the trees and stumps have been removed, sand and culverts are the only things left to do. The remainder of the cost is to be split 50/50 between the Township and the Road Commission. Mr. Courtney gave his guarantee that if the Township does not pay their share that he will pay for their share. Board advised to have Joyce Randall, Managing Director, call Glenn Norton, Supervisor, and see if the Board has made a decision on whether to join in on the cost share. No Action Required.

Mike Mott, from Atwell Hicks, was present to discuss the Preliminary Plans for Lowe's with the Board. Lowe's has 16 acres on the corner of Perry St. and 215th Avenue in Big Rapids Township with two access drives on 215th Avenue. Mr. Mott stated that Lowe's has been approved for all permits except the Road Commission. The first drive from 15 Mile is approximately 310 feet. Board stated that 215th has to be upgraded to a class A Road. Board advised to have Ed Burch, Engineer, look at the plans before any decisions can be made. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the M-20 (Eight Mile) Davis Bridge project start date from MDOT. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the winter maintenance sand bids. Board advised to award the bid to Mohawk Transport to haul out of Byers Pit for Big Rapids and to haul out of Chippewa Stone & Gravel for Remus. No Action Required.

Board reviewed Minkel Pit. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that she hasn't had a chance to contact the Hein's yet. Postponed until the next meeting.

Board reviewed the salt order for 2004/2005 seasons, which has already been taken care of. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the truck/mobile home/building move permits from County Road Association of Michigan. Board advised to answer the survey and don't do anything. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Paul Bunyan meeting in Ludington on May 20th, 2004. Board advised that two of the commissioners would be attending. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the Letter in regards to 4-10 working days. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the US Department of Agriculture, DCP annual signup. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the thank you letter from John Kinally, Stanwood area resident, in regards to guardrail installation on Pritchard Drive. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Morton Township in regards to spring cleanup. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2004 project update. The list provided included all the yes projects and Township project cost. Board advised to revise the list and bring back to the next meeting. No Action Required.

Ed Burch, Engineer, and Mike Mott, from Atwell Hicks, came back in after reviewing the Preliminary Plans for Lowe's. Mr. Burch stated that everything looks good on the plans and that the two access drives were over 150 feet apart. Board advised Mr. Mott that the Road Commission could have the paving of 215th done at their cost and then have Lowe's reimburse them. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve the Preliminary Plans for Lowe's on the condition that they provide an Irrevocable Letter of Credit stating Lowe's will reimburse the Road Commission for the cost to overlay 215th Avenue at 225 tons (2"). Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) the loaders will be here around the 1st of June; 2) got a sample of brine from the Wildlife Gallery tested, results good; 3) Mike Simon, Shop Foreman, requested to get a Plasma cutter for the welding shop, if this is purchased it will help to save the bandsaw. Board advised to have Mr. Simon come into the next meeting to explain why; 4) part-time help for summer possibly are: Josh Randall- Big Rapids mower, Dave Simon – Remus mower, Carl Jefts – Morley mower, Trevor Fitzgerald – state mower, and flaggers – Charlie Siegart and Josh Wright, Board advised that they were okay but if they don't work out then get someone else; 5) 7 Mile and 100th Avenue in Canadian Lakes a portion of the road is abandoned in the middle, might create a problem; 6) Emma Street in Rodney has a portion of it not on the certification maps, which needs to be put on, and the trash has been cleaned up; 7) if the Board would like to have any wet night parking tape, Board advised no; 8) if the Board would like to do any more brush spraying, Board advised they need to see results of last year spraying before any decision can be made; 9) whether to do a speed study test on 14 mile from 205th to 215th, Board advised to go ahead; 10) received the new rates for Priority Health, which increased about 9%; 11) employee not showing up for work and will be gone for 1-2 weeks without reason, Board advised to have Joyce Randall, Managing Director, check into the situation; 12) employee came into Ms. Randall's office to discuss retirement options; and 13) gave the commissioners a copy of the bylaws from County Road Association of Michigan. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the 2004 bit, paving/pulverizing, wedging, overlaying, and lip gutter projects. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date