

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday May 11th, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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.

Minutes from April 27th, 2004 were approved with corrections made.

Homer Wilbur, Morton Township Resident, was present to discuss with the Board 7 Mile Road West of 100th Avenue. Mr. Wilbur stated that in 1986 a portion of 7 Mile was abandoned, right now 600 feet west of 100th Avenue Canadian Lakes owns and 600 feet east of 110th Avenue he owns. Mr. Wilbur would like to close the middle section off and is willing to provide a turn around for the Road Commission. Mr. Wilbur stated there is currently a lawsuit to keep the road open for Canadian Lakes. Mr. Wilbur stated that his lawyer said he could close the road if he liked to. Board advised to wait until they see what happens with the Canadian Lakes lawsuit before they do anything. Mr. Wilbur also stated that at the end of 100th Avenue at 7 Mile is a yield sign, in which he would like to have it replaced with a stop sign. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to sign the Bit Contract with Grant Township for Stones Corner Road 150th to 160th Avenue. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board 215th Avenue. Mrs. McClelland was wondering if there was a deadline when 215th Avenue would be done. Board advised they wanted to wait and pave it when they see whether Menard's will come in or not. Roger Winegar, Big Rapids Township Treasurer, was also present and stated he would like to see 215th Avenue paved. Board also advised that it would be possible to pave 215th Avenue from 13 Mile to just south of Menard's property line and leave the remainder for later to see what happens. No Action Required.

Sam Hassen, Big Rapids Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board 225th Avenue South of 13 Mile Road. Mr. Hassen would like to see the road fixed up and a culvert placed across the creek so he can start developing the area. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board that there is a possibility of permits needed from the DNR before work can be done. Board advised to have Mr. Maneke get a cost estimate for the project and to see if Holly from the DEQ can take a look at the road to see if permits are needed before any decisions can be made. No Action Required.

At 9:40 a.m. Paul Jeffs moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to open and read bids received for AMZ Seal Patching (State Contract) and 15 Mile Road Project in Martiny Township. 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:

AMZ Seal Patching

D & D Contracting	\$35,250.00
Fahrner Asphalt	\$76,354.00

Martiny Township – 15 Mile; East of 92nd Avenue

Dave Aris Excavating	\$10,657.50
Jamieson Construction	\$12,355.00
L & D Carey & Sons	\$15,405.00

Board reviewed Pierce Road from 185th to Northland Drive estimate in Mecosta Township. Board advised that it was fine to send out. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2004 project update. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board that 200th Avenue in Aetna Township is currently being worked on and L & D Carey will move to 3 Mile Road in Deerfield Township as soon as they are done with 200th. Also that Paving and Pulverizing will start next week. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the rural consultation transportation planning document. No Action Required.

Board reviewed Minkel Pit. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board she is waiting to see when Halliday is coming up. No Action Required.

Board reviewed Byers Pit; 160th Avenue (ANR Pipeline). Jim Knapp, Surveyor went there and is now waiting on ANR Pipeline. Board advised checking to see if possible to get a lease. No Action Required.

Bruce Cummings, Martiny Township Supervisor, was present to discuss getting a couple of driveway culverts for the drive on 15 Mile and 110th Avenue for the new Town hall. Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, get some cost for the culverts. Mr. Cummings was also wondering when starting project on 110th from 13 to 14 Mile, Board stated end of July or early August. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Green Township 195th Avenue North of Big Rapids repair. Board advised to bring it back to the next meeting with a total cost figure. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Bit estimate for 215th Avenue in Big Rapids Township in which Lowe's has agreed to pay for the asphalt overlay of \$27,153.00. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the property appraisals. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2003 Annual Report prepared by Joyce Randall, Managing Director. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the request for guardrail cuts from the Township and residents, which is located at 19394 E. Chippewa Lake Dr. in Chippewa Township. Board advised to have the residents, township, and Road Commission meet there and see what can be done about the cuts in the guardrail. It would cost about \$450.00 each per Dale Dukes. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the Letter of Understanding in regards to 4-10's working days. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Chairman sign the letter. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the 2004 Insurance Premium Rate Increases. Board advised to set up a meeting with the committee to discuss the different options available. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Thank You letter from Bamber Creek Farms in regards to the trash being picked up by their place. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Tri- County District 7 Meeting notice. Randy Maxwell is going to attend. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the CRAM correspondence in regards to legislative alert on 2004-05 Transportation Budget Bill. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the option to purchase clay from Fred Carey of approx. 2500 yards at .50 cents per yard plus hauling. Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, find out how much is at consumers and get cost for hauling. Ms. Randall also stated the Loaders will be here on Thursday morning. Also the brine spill last year in Altona killed some Lilacs now the property owner would like to have his water tested. Board advised to have Ms. Randall talk with the resident. No Action Required.

Board recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

Board reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 5/11/04 in the amount of \$120,976.12 for payment. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Ed Burch, Engineer, was present to discuss with the Board the issue on 7 Mile Road 600 feet west of 100th Avenue and 600 feet east of 110th in Morton Township. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board that Cliff Halliday needs 3000 yards of clay on top of what is in consumers pit to crush gravel there. No Action Required.

Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, and Ed Burch, Engineer, was present to discuss with the Board the estimate for 18 Mile Road West of 110th Avenue hill cut in Chippewa Township. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to purchase 3000 yards of clay from Fred Carey at .50 cents per yard and 2.00 per yard for L & D to haul. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts and Maxwell), one (1) Nay (Currie) motion carried.

Foremen's meeting at 1:10 p.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon, and Randy Wilson.

Foremen updated the Board on patching, Cutting trees and brush, blading roads, repairing washouts, replacing culverts, shoulder maintenance, sweeping intersections, hauling gravel, picking up trash, installing cross tubes, ditching, hauling potato stone and started brining. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the plasma cutter request. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the employee's request leave without pay for funeral. Board granted the request. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that the Motor Grader training was coming Friday, May 14th, 2004. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded motion to purchase the plasma cutter in the amount of \$1,900.00 to \$2,300.00. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Brooke Steiner, Clerk, presented the financial reports to the Board. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to move into executive session at 3:20 p.m. requested by Joyce Randall, Managing Director, to discuss confidential personnel matters. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to move back into regular session at 3:38 p.m. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve leave without pay for Willie Ysasi until the next Board Meeting on May 25th, 2004. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date