

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday May 25th, 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 of May 11th, 2004 were approved as written.

Tom Flood and Blanche Klaus, Big Rapids Township residents, were present to discuss the water problem on 215th Avenue. Mr. Flood stated that if the ditch were cleaned out it would help the flow of water since there is about 4 inches of fall already there. Mr. Flood stated he just wants to be able to build on the site and put in a drain field. Mr. Flood stated he would have Ron Shoemaker see the site and would get back with Mike Maneke, Superintendent. Board advised not to do anything at this time. No Action Required.

Jack Bark, Fork Township Supervisor, and Richard Collins, Village of Barryton, were present to discuss Coolidge Road. Mr. Bark stated that the contract is in the Townships name and would rather see it in the Village's name since it is there road. Mr. Bark asked what is the difference in the Asphalt on 50th Avenue from 18 to 19 Mile roads and Coolidge Road in the Village. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, stated the difference is due to the footage difference between the two roads stated above. Mr. Bark also asked if any blacktopping has been scheduled? Mr. Maneke stated that there was but the rain is causing a delay. No Action Required.

At 7:31 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to open and read bids received for Gravel Haul bids for Paving and Pulverizing. 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:

Medler Trucking	\$2.58/yd
L & D Carey & Sons	\$2.12/yd

Richard and Linda Myers, Mecosta Township resident, was present to discuss 195th Avenue Road repair. Mr. Myers stated there is about a 40-foot drop off the shoulder and the water is running down the gas line and flushing out. In order to fix the problem it would take about 4000 yards of gravel and two culverts with an approximate cost of \$35,000. Mr. Myers also stated that the ground needs to dry out before any work can be done. Board advised to have Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, prepare an estimate for the work and cost. Board also advised to have Mr. Myers meet with Ed Burch, Engineer, about how to fix the problem. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2004 projects as follows: 1) pulverized 100th from 4 Mile to Jefferson Road in Hinton Township; 2) Rieth Riley cannot pave Road Commission Projects yet due to the rain; 3) Pulverizing 105th from Buchanan to Marywood on June 2, 2004; 4) sealcoats possibly start the 3rd week of June 2004; 5) 3 Mile Road from 165th to 155th is started; 6) also started on 15 Mile Road off of 92nd Avenue in Martiny Township. Board advised not to do any more pulverizing until Rieth Riley can get back to the Road Commission for paving. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Green Township in regards to performing 200th Avenue; South of Hoover/21 Mile/Oak as a three year project. Board advised cannot do this, needs to be done in one year. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to sign the bit contract with Green Township and Paris sawmill for 20 Mile Road East of Northland Drive. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to sign the contract with Morton Township for 105th Avenue from Buchanan to Marywood. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the M-20 detour Non-Maintenance Repair, which is located on Elder Road in Mecosta Township. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, stated MDOT took responsibility for damage done to the road. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 15 Mile Road project bid (Hidden Harbor). The project bid does not include the cost to move the electric poles by consumers energy. Dave Aris has the construction project but the Board decided to postpone the signing of the Contractor's Contract until Greg Adams, Hidden Harbor Owner, informs the Board if he plans to pay for the moving of the electric poles.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, was present to discuss with the Board the Guardrail cuts located on Chippewa Lake Road. Mrs. Austin stated that there are 4 sets of stairs on the other side of the guardrail. Board advised that if the residents were willing to pay for the cuts at no cost to the Road Commission then they would have no problem with putting them in. The Board also advised that there would have to be 4 cuts put in the guardrail. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) stated at W. Chippewa and Bullhead Lake in Chippewa Township the DEQ is sending a letter to Mr. Clark informing him he needs to remove the fill he put in and Ignacio Maldonado is planning on using his existing drive; 2) Lynnwood Lane off of 80th Avenue by Horsehead Lake in Martiny Township and 14 Mile Road and Oak Hollow in Big Rapids Township are having some water problems, but Ms. Randall informed the residents on these roads that the water problem was created due to people building in these areas; 3) in regards to Minkel Pit Ms. Randall is still trying to get a hold of Steve Lobert, Attorney; 4) Halliday is in Pines Pit and then is going to Derby Pit; and 5) Rich Conners, ANR Pipeline, has eight acres on 160th Avenue in Colfax Township with some gravel on it, Board advised to check into getting a possible lease, also the trees would need to be removed. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the MCRISP Annual Meeting on July 21-22, 2004 in Shanty Creek. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, and Paul Jefts will possibly be attending. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the UPRBA meeting on June 16-17, 2004. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, will be attending. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Chairman sign the Letter of Understanding with the Supervisory Union in regards to the 4-10 work schedule. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

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

Board reviewed the Newaygo County Road Commission golf outing on August 14, 2004. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the reply to Detroit News in regards to public records under the Freedom of Information Act. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the regional snowplow rodeo and equipment show on October 13, 2004. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the USDA final notice for 2004 DCP signup. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director informed the Board about the Health Care Meeting on Thursday, May 27th, 2004. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the estimate for the Big Rapids Garage roof from Steve Jones Construction Co. in the amount of \$169,975.00. Board advised to have it bid out. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 5/25/04 for payment in the amount of \$71,974.26. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from the general cash fund to the unreserved cash fund. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board advised to do all the Township, sealcoats, overlays, wedging, lip gutter, 18 Mile from 10th to 30th Avenue in Fork Township, 160th Avenue from 19 to 20 Mile Road in Grant Township, and 100th Avenue from 4 Mile to Jefferson Road in Hinton Township projects so far for the 2004 summer season. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Matt Doxtater possibly might have some gravel to sell to the Road Commission; 2) MDOT is planning on doing some milling on 131 expressway from 13 to 19 Mile and was wondering if the Road Commission would be interested in the mill in trade the use of our trucks to do the hauling; and 3) on 220th Avenue from 14 to 15 Mile in Big Rapids Township Don Kailing would like to have someone come out and take a look at his road and see what can be done to the road, Board advised to go ahead and prepare an estimate. No Action Required.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date