

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday July 13th, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Paul Jefts left at 9:28 a.m. and returned at 2:20 p.m.

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: John Todd.

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

The minutes of June 22, 2004 were approved as written.

Albert Bigelow, Aetna Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board the issue of payment for 200th Avenue from 4 to 5 Mile project. Mr. Bigelow stated that the Township would not pay for the project because they still feel it is a safety hazard at the corner of 200th and 5 Mile. Mr. Bigelow stated he would not have a problem with putting a 3- way stop there to help with the safety issue at the corner. Board advised they would go out and take a look and see where the best place is to put the stop signs. No Action Required.

Joe Fullmer, Fullmer & Sons, was present to discuss with the Board the no truck signs on 18 Mile and 210th Avenue in Big Rapids Township. Mr. Fullmer stated his business is on 18 Mile and the delivery trucks will not deliver there due to these signs. Board advised to change the signs to state no thru commercial traffic and move the signs. No Action Required.

Dawn and Brad Patterson, Aetna Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board to see how things are coming to fix the water problem by their house on Jefferson Road West of the Expressway. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board that he received two quotes to bore a hole under the road to place a culvert, which came in over \$7,000.00. Board advised that this was too much to spend when the Road Commission can do it for less, with cutting a hole in the asphalt and placing a culvert in and then patching the road back up. No Action Required.

Sam Hassen, Big Rapids Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board 225th Avenue South of 13 Mile Road. Mike Maneke, Superintendent informed Mr. Hassen that nothing can be done to the Road due to the fact it is considered a wetland by the DEQ. Mr. Hassen stated he would like to have a letter from the DEQ stating this and would also like to meet with them when available. No Action Required.

At 9:34 p.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to open and read bids received for Pierce Road from 185th Avenue to Northland Drive. 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 two (2) yeas (Currie and Maxwell), one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried. Bids were read as follows:

L & D Carey	\$45,358.15
Medler Trucking	\$38,534.00

John Boyd, Mecosta Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board that his Township Board would do Pierce Road from 185th to Northland Drive if it came in under \$50,000.00. Mr. Boyd was also wondering if at the end of Hayes Road off of 230th Avenue were there are 3 or 4 80-acre parcels that might not have a right of way leading to them all. Board advised that there is a right of way to all the properties. Mr. Boyd was also wondering if he could get a cost for Lawrence Drive. Board advised to go ahead and put a cost together with a 24' width road top. No Action Required.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, was present to discuss with the Board that Pat Linnen south of the Chippewa cemetery would like to have the ditch leveled out so it is smoother to mow it. Mrs. Austin was also wondering if Raymond Miller could get a culvert in front of his house on 19 Mile Road. Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Joyce Randall, Managing Director, go out there and meet with Mrs. Austin and Mr. Miller. Mrs. Austin also would like to have the street sign that says Lake Drive changed to Lake Street. Board advised to go ahead and have this done. Mrs. Austin was also inquiring about whether work is being done for the water problem on W. Chippewa Lake Drive and Bullhead Drive. Board advised they are working on it. No Action Required.

Sandee Farlow, Grant Township Clerk, was present to discuss with the Board the intersection at Alma Lake Road and 160th is a Y instead of a T, believes this is a safety hazard due to low visibility. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Dave Aris Excavating request of Contract extension for W. Chippewa Lake Drive in Chippewa Township. Board advised this extension was okay. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the request for extension from L & D Carey for 17 Mile Road from 10th to 20th Avenue in Sheridan Township. Board advised this extension was okay. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the reply to Aetna Township in regards to not receiving full payment for 200th Avenue from 4 to 5 Mile. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2004 project update. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of currently were the Road Commission is at on all the projects thus far. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to sign the Elder Road Project Contract. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Currie and Maxwell), one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

Board reviewed the 195th Avenue repair in Green Township. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that the gas line is marked, and now are waiting for a cost from Ed Burch, Engineer, Jim Knapp, Surveyor, and Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the ANR Gravel Lease Agreement. Board advised to have an agreement set up for .50 cents/yard for 10 years and see what ANR comes back with. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to sign the 2004 audit contract with the State of Michigan Department of Treasury. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Currie and Maxwell), one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

Board reviewed the 15 Mile Road (Hidden Harbor) Correspondence to Consumers Energy. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board she is waiting to hear back. The Board advised to get a signed contract from Greg Adams, Hidden Harbor Owner, in regards to the project. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Hoover Road Critical Bridge Letting results, with the lowest bid being \$200,704.00 from Millbocker & Sons. Next the pre-construction meeting needs to be held before getting started. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the NMARC meeting on September 8-10, 2004 at Shanty Creek; the three commissioners are planning on attending. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to approve the preliminary plans for the division of property and cul de sac off of 18 Mile Road in Big Rapids Township. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Currie and Maxwell), one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

Board reviewed the County Road Association of Michigan Public Relations Workshop; Joyce Randall, Managing Director, and Randy Maxwell are planning on attending. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from the Michigan State Police in regards to rescinding the Traffic Control Order for No Parking signs on Calle De Largo Street in Morley in Aetna Township. Board advised to check into the matter. No Action Required.

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

Edward Hancock, Michigan State Police, was present to discuss with the Board the procedures of doing a speed study. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Green Township in regards to the sanitary sewer issue. No Action required.

Board reviewed the 36th annual McGuire's golf outing. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the thank you letter from Dave and Tracie Alger in regards to replacing the culvert on 205th and Thornapple Lane in Big Rapids Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Mecosta County Building and Zoning in regards to the special use permit at Langworthy gravel pit. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the appreciation letter from Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the highway construction work zones and traffic control hazards training session. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from the American Arbitration Association in regards to arbitration training. No Action Required.

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

Board reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

Foremen's meeting at 12:55 p.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon, and Randy Wilson.

Foremen updated the Board on blading roads, repairing shoulders, replacing culverts, blacktopping, mowing, placing shoulder gravel, shoulder maintenance, hauling gravel, installing cross tubes, brining, and patching. Board advised to have the foreman thinking about how winter maintenance routes should possibly be. Boards also advised to have the administrative staff put together recommended winter maintenance routes and bring back to the Board. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following: 1) Village of Barryton would like an original contract signed; 2) heard nothing regarding the Hills of Mitchell Creek; 3) MDOT met with the Road Commission at Sunrise Haven Estate; 4) Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Ms. Randall met with Big Rapids Township and Lowe's in regards to where they are at on their project, Menard's is also still trying to come into the area; 5) Ms. Randall met with the Mecosta County Parks and Mike Maxwell, Big Rapids Printing, in regards to doing the County Maps free for putting advertising on them. Since the Road Commission is not going to advertise the parks are going to do theirs separate and Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector is looking into getting some quotes to have the maps done; 6) the guardrail on Front Street in Stanwood in Mecosta Township is installed along with a 25 mph sign; 7) Big Brothers/Big Sisters was possibly interested in leasing the office space in the old building until they realized how much it would take to fix it up; 8) received a bill from consumers energy for the break in the main gas line on 105th in Morton Township; 9) also 23 Mile Road that runs along Pogy Lake in Chippewa Township the Mclachlan were wondering if something happened to someone along that stretch of road who would be liable since they own both sides of the road, the residents were going to go back and check with their lawyer. No Action Required.

Ed Burch, Engineer, was present to discuss with the Board the gate across 7 Mile and 100th Avenue in Morton Township. Mr. Burch advised to talk with an attorney to see what the Road Commission options are. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, stated the attorney said the Road Commission has two options: 1) take the gate down and continue on with maintenance or 2) let the resident keep the gate up and abandon. Board advised to give the resident a 10 day notice to take the gate down and to let the attorney know. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, was present to discuss with the Board the culvert removal issue on 180th and 15 Mile in Big Rapids Township. Board advised to leave it alone this time but next time residents need to ask before removing. Board also advised to have that resident write and sign a letter stating that if any water problems come up in that spot they will fix at there own cost. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to pay voucher 7/13/04 in the amount of \$712,439.41. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Currie and Maxwell), one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.