

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday July 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.

James Starr, Nancy Pennington, and Johanna Bowman, Austin Township Residents, were present to discuss with the Board why the remaining 1.5 miles of 180th Avenue between 8 and 11 Mile has not been paved yet. Mrs. Bowman stated they went to Austin Township and the Township stated that the Road Commission determines what projects are done. Board advised these residents that before a road can be paved it needs to be upgraded and the Township determines when a road is upgraded. Board advised these residents to go back to the Township in order to get anything done to the road. No Action Required.

John Staffen and Dale Ringler, Altona residents, were present to discuss with the Board the ¼ mile of 6th Street North of 5 Mile in Altona. Mr. Staffen stated the road was under about 6" to 8" of water and needs gravel on the back half to bring the road back up. Board advised to have an estimate put together by the next meeting to get the water problem resolved. No Action Required.

Joel Benson and Wendy Davis, Green Township Residents, were present to discuss with the Board the safety issues of gravel trucks and school buses on 200th Avenue off of 23 Mile Road. Mr. Benson stated there is gravel trucks that will sometimes get lined up behind the school buses and create a lot of dust. Mr. Benson was wondering if people could access the gravel pit off of Meceola Road instead of 200th Avenue. Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, go take a look at it and get back with the Board at the next meeting. No Action Required.

Brian Fry, Logger, and Sue and Jesse Colin, Colfax Township Residents, were all present to discuss with the Board the removal of trees from the old County dump in Rodney. Mr. Fry stated he tried several times to contact the office in regards to seeing if he could use the dump to remove the trees. Mr. Colin stated he was only going by what his father-in-law and plat books showed as the property line. Mr. Colin was not aware that the County's property was further back. Mr. Colin is willing to make up for anything that was taken off the County's property. Board advised they would meet with all people involved on site at 11:00 a.m. during the regular meeting on August 10th, 2004. Board also advised Brian Fry to get a rough amount of what he might owe the Road Commission by the next meeting. Board also advised Mr. Fry to hold onto the remaining amount of what is owed to Mr. Colin until this gets resolved. No Action Required.

Matt and Jodi Doxtater, Big Rapids Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board on whether the Road Commission is interested in a gravel lease on the property he is interested in purchasing in Newaygo County. Board advised they can make up an agreement for this year but won't start until next year. Board also stated they need to wait until Cliff Halliday, Halliday Sand & Gravel, comes up and looks at the property before making a final commitment. No Action Required.

John Boyd, Mecosta Township Supervisor, was present to see how much the cost estimate came to for Keckler and Lawrence Drive East of 187th Avenue. Board advised to go ahead and send estimate out for bid. Mr. Boyd also stated that the Township Board does not want to do Pierce Road from 185th to Northland Drive. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the estimate for drainage problem on West Chippewa Lake Drive at Bull Head Lake Drive in Chippewa Township. This is were a couple of property owners filled the ditch in creating a water problem. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2004 projects as follows: 1) L & D Carey is almost done on 17 Mile Road from 10th to 20th Avenue in Sheridan Township; 2) Dave Aris is almost done on West Chippewa Lake Drive South of 21 Mile Road in Chippewa Township; 3) Dave Aris will be moving to 15 Mile Road East of 92nd Avenue in Martiny Township as soon as he completes West Chippewa Lake Drive; 4) Paving for this week is 80th Avenue from 23 Mile Road to County Line in Chippewa Township and 50th Avenue from 18 Mile to 19 Mile in Fork Township and next week 110th from 16 to 17 Mile Road in Martiny Township, 19 Mile from 90th to 105th Avenue in Chippewa Township and overlay of 16 Mile from 110th to 120th Avenue; 5) Paving 50th Avenue from 9 to 11 Mile in Wheatland Township on August 18th and 19th; 6) started seal coating this week and should have it wrapped up by week's end; 7) Menard's has renewed there option to come into the area. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Hoover Road Critical Bridge Re-bid set for 8/06/2004; due to the fact the quantities were wrong on the estimate. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 195th Avenue Road Repair in Green Township. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, is still waiting to hear from Ed Burch, Engineer. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the map quotes at 8:25 p.m. Big Rapids Printing was for \$1,577.75 and Cadillac Printing was for \$2,120.00. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have Big Rapids Printing print 5000 county road maps for a cost of \$1,577.75 with the county to share in ½ of the cost and for the maps to be printed in the same format. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the 160th Avenue ANR gravel lease agreement. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Cambridge to Consumers Energy in regards to the gas line break at 10273 105th in Stanwood. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Correspondence from Consumers Energy in regards to moving the poles on 15 Mile East of 92nd Avenue in Martiny Township. Consumers Energy states that 2 poles are on the private section of the road and 3 are outside the right-of-way, in which they believe they are all billable for being moved. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to sign the contract with Dave Aris Excavating for the project at 15 Mile Road East of 92nd Avenue in Martiny Township with a completion date of September 30th, 2004. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Matt Doxtater, Big Rapids Township resident, stopped back in to discuss with the Board a possible price for the gravel on the property he plans to purchase. Mr. Doxtater would like to get .60 cents/yard for gravel. Mr. Doxtater needs something written up so he can go to the bank to purchase the property. Board advised they could give .60 cents/yard for gravel and .50 cents/yard for sand for a length of ten years. Board advised to get something written up and bring back at the next meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Elder Road repair, in which the grade job by L & D Carey is complete and the cost did come in over the estimate due to the fact of the extra clay to haul. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the yield sign at 200th Avenue and 5 Mile Road in Aetna Township. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that the yield sign was put up, but Albert Bigelow, Aetna Township Supervisor, feels the sign is not going to do any good. Board advised to have the Road Commission Board go down to the Township meeting and discuss on how to get the issue resolved. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the County Road Association Self Insurance Fund annual safety meeting on September 8th, 2004. Paul Jeffs moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to nominate Joyce Randall, Managing Director, Officer Delegate and Randy Maxwell Alternate Delegate. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the County Road Association Self Insurance Fund Board nominations. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Parks Gravel Pit cleanup. Boards advised to figure a price to get it cleaned up and bring back to the next meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the gravel lease on 75th Avenue (Morrison), which is approximately 7 acres up by the road. Board advised to have the lease for five years and starting in 2005. Board also advised to have Joyce Randall, Managing Director, and Mike Maneke, Superintendent, meet with Mr. Morrison to find out what he is looking for and bring it back to the next meeting. No Action Required.

Sandee Farlow, Grant Township Clerk, was present to discuss with the Board that 21 Mile Road by the town hall, the asphalt is breaking up and needs some gravel. Board advised that it would be checked into. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Preliminary Plans for Ryan Creek Apartments phase II in Big Rapids Township. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that the plans have gone before the Township, in which they felt the plans were okay except they felt the second drive should come out across from Belmont Drive. Ed Burch, Engineer, has also reviewed the plans and felt the second access drive should come out across from Belmont Drive. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the Murcol Association letter in regards to reduced speed request on Colmur Road in Morton Township. Board advised to go ahead and have a speed study done. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the MDOT memo in regards to Political signs in right-of-way. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, met with Craig Lang, attorney, Ed Clevenger, attorney, and Nile Denslow, Union Chairman, to settle grievances, in which all of them were settled so they do not have to go to arbitration. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Roumell, Lange, and Cholack, P.L.C. in regards to the introduction of George Roumell to their practice. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Price & Company 2004 Open House. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Berrien County Road Commission retirement open house. No Action Required.

Minutes from July 13th, 2004 were approved as written. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) 17 Mile Road from 10th to 20th in Sheridan Township had a cost overrun due to the fact that L & D Carey ran into a water problem out there; 2) MCRCSIP is planning a \$6.1 Million dollar refund and the Mecosta County Road Commission will get a percentage of it; 3) repair bill for the motor grader is \$19,668.85; 4) Canadian Lakes would like to make an access drive to Pierce Road, Board advised to have them fill out a driveway permit, in which that can be denied; and 5) Preliminary Plans for new Martiny Township Hall, Township looking at two drives, one on 15 Mile and one on 110th Avenue. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) what to do about the sheer on 16 Mile Road through the swamp in Colfax Township, Board advised to have it fixed with minimum cost; and 2) 10th Avenue by Jackson Road in Millbrook Township will take a lot of asphalt to fix it. Mr. Maneke got a price to pulverize for about \$600.00. Board advised to go ahead, and have our guys do the remainder of the work after the pulverizing. No Action Required.

At 9:54 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to move into executive session at the request of Joyce Randall, Managing Director, on behalf of the Supervisor to discuss employee issues. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 10:29 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to move back into general session. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date