

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday August 10th, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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 July 27th, 2004 were approved with corrections made.

Rick Lucas, USDA Forester, was present to discuss the issue of the trees that were removed at the old County dump in Rodney. Mr. Lucas recommends doing a stump count to help get the amount of trees that were removed. Mr. Lucas stated depending on what the logger had agreed on for a price will also determine how much the Road Commission gets back for the tree's removed on the Road Commission's property. Mr. Lucas stated by looking at some of the stumps the trees were of good quality. Mr. Lucas also stated that he will figure out the value of the tree's that were removed and it will be up to the Board and Brian Fry, Logger, to negotiate out a price. Board advised Mr. Lucas that the Board, property owner, and Mr. Fry are all going to meet at the site at 11:00 a.m. today if we would like to come along. Mr. Lucas also wanted to give an overview of what the process is to look for the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Lucas was concerned about leaving stumps along the roadside when they have to remove the trees as part of the testing process. Board advised to make sure and cut the trees off flush to the ground and if he has any questions to call Mike Maneke, Superintendent. No Action Required.

Joel Benson, Green Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the gravel pit issue on 200th Avenue. Mr. Benson was just wondering if the Board had made any decision on whether the trucks would be traveling Meceola Road or 200th. Board advised Mr. Benson that Barber Creek Sand & Gravel would be coming in at 10:30 and everyone could discuss it at that time. No Action Required.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, was present to discuss the missing sign that pointed the direction to Chippewa Lake on Colburn and 3rd Street in Big Rapids. Board advised to call the City it is their area. No Action Required.

Kenn Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board that the Township has their project list ready for next year and was wondering if the Board had decided on what they were planning to do for cost breakup for next year projects. Board advised they would have to get back with Mr. Vredenburg after they had time to talk it over. No Action Required.

At 9:34 a.m. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to open and read bids received for Keckler and Lawrence Drive East of 187th Avenue in Mecosta 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:

Medler Trucking	\$29,006.25
L & D Carey & Sons	\$31,431.25

Darwin Booher, 102nd District Representative candidate, and Patrick Tiedt, were present to introduce themselves to the Board and let them know that if Mr. Booher won he would like to work closely with Road Commissions and get their input. No Action Required.

Dawn Patterson, Aetna Township resident, was present to get an update from the Board on fixing the water problem on Jefferson Road west of the Expressway. Fred Carey, L & D Carey, and Charlie Cornell, District Supervisor, felt the problem could be fixed without tearing up the road. Board advised to go ahead and try to fix it. No Action Required.

John Boyd, Mecosta Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board on whether they are planning to do Pierce Road 185th to Northland Drive. Mr. Boyd feels the Township is not going to do the project this year. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2004 projects as follows: 1) L & D Carey will be done with 17 Mile from 10th to 20th Avenue in Sheridan Township this week; 2) Dave Aris Excavating will be done with West Chippewa Lake Drive in Chippewa Township this week; 3) paving is done on 110th from 16 to 17 Mile Road in Martiny Township, 50th Avenue from 18 to 19 Mile in Fork Township, 80th Avenue from County Line to 23 Mile in Chippewa Township, and 19 Mile Road from 105th to 90th Avenue in Chippewa Township; 4) 3 Mile Road from Northland Drive to 165th in Deerfield Township and Fillmore Road from 200th to 190th Avenue in Mecosta Township is being paved this week; 5) 110th from 13 to 14 Mile is going to be paved in September; 6) Seal coat is all done; 7) 50th from 9 to 11 Mile in Wheatland Township is going to be paved August 25th and 26th, 8) wondering how far to pave on 215th Avenue in Big Rapids Township, Board advised to pave the whole distance; 9) state is doing a TWA for guardrail on Northland Drive; and 10) heavy truck traffic on 230th from 19 to 22 Mile and 19 Mile to Woodward, Board advised to put no truck traffic signs up. No Action Required.

Bob Doerr, Canadian Lakes, was present to say thank you for getting 105th North of Buchanan done and to discuss with the Board where they stand on the 7 Mile Road closure and the gate. Mr. Doerr would like to be able to get the trucks through there and back to the other property. The Board advised they don't see a reason why the road cannot be opened back up unless a legal reason is there. Board advised Mr. Doerr to come back to the next meeting when more information has come available. No Action Required.

Kim Langworthy, property owner, Dan Groenke, Barber Creek Sand & Gravel, and Joel Benson, Green Township resident, were present to discuss the issues with the Board out at the gravel pit on 200th Avenue. Mr. Groenke stated he was not aware he needed to get a driveway permit, but the driveway he is currently using is okay and he will come in and get a driveway permit. Board advised Mr. Groenke that he is responsible for dust control. Mr. Groenke stated that if he could be notified of when the road needs to be brined and he will go ahead and get it done. No Action Required.

Board left at 10:50 a.m. to meet with Brian Fry, Logger, and property owner out at the old County dump in Rodney.

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

Board reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

Brooke Steiner, Clerk, presented financial reports. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Aetna Township meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 10th, 2004. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that the yield sign was placed down on 200th Avenue and 5 Mile Road. The Township felt it was not safe enough yet. Board advised they could not attend the meeting later this evening. No Action Required.

Foremen's meeting at 12:53 p.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon, and Nick Kaye.

Foremen updated the Board on mowing shoulders, mowing dams, seal coating roads, paving, hauling potato stone, blading roads, replacing culverts, shoulder maintenance, hauling gravel, installing cross tubes, ditching, brining, pumping state tanks, piling clay consumers pit, and patching. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the final critical bridge contract approval. Miller Development, Inc was low bidder with \$199,977.31. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the ANR 160th Avenue Gravel lease. ANR is working on the lease and suppose to bring it back to Joyce Randall, Managing Director, when done. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 75th Avenue Morrison gravel lease. Mr. Morrison is requesting that no one can be in the pit during hunting season, October 1st through January 1st and to have the berm put back like it was. Board stated that the Road Commission would be able to do what he requested. No Action Required.

Board reviewed Doxtater's gravel lease. Board advised to have Mr. Doxtater come into the meeting later on in the day. 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 Paul Bunyan meeting on August 19th, 2004 in Traverse City. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, and John Currie are planning on attending. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Mecosta County Board Resolution in regards to commissioners insurance and retirement. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Mecosta County Board approval on paying for ½ of the county maps. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Apex Engineers in regards to the preliminary plans for Ryan Creek Apartments Phase II. Board advised to have the drive come out across from Belmont Drive. Board also advised to have Ed Burch, Engineer, look at the plans and bring his comments back to the Board at the next meeting. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission in regards to Asset Management. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Lobert & Downey in regards to Minkel Pit. Board advised that the Road Commission should go ahead and pay Mr. Hein the \$1,000.00 for the clay needed to make the gravel. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 8/10/04 for payment in the amount of \$472,168.48. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded motion to issue a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Walter and Velda Hein to pay for the clay needed to make the gravel from Minkel Pit. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts and Currie), one (1) nay (Maxwell), motion carried.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) waiting to hear back to see if the Road Commission will get any FEMA money for storm damage this year; 2) Montcalm County Road Commission needs to borrow our roller for Seal coat projects, Ms. Randall stated that Montcalm could use the roller whenever we were not using it ourselves. Board stated that was fine; 3) Ms. Randall also talked with Peter Wendling, attorney, in regards to the gate on 7 Mile Road, in which Mr. Wendling stated the Road Commission has two options: 1) leave it alone and let Bob Stanton work on the case, or 2) have Mr. Wendling write a letter to Mr. Stanton stating what the Road Commission wants to do and see if a judge will allow a court order for the Road Commission to take down the gate.

Cliff Halliday, Halliday Sand and Gravel, was present to discuss various gravel pit issues with the Board. Mr. Halliday stated that the North side of Mr. Doxtater's pit had approximately 100,000 yards of gravel just need to remove a good amount of sand to get to it. As for the South side of the road does not have much for gravel in it. Mr. Halliday stated it would be about a 1-½ weeks before getting into Minkel Pit in Morton Township to crush gravel. Board advised to have Joyce Randall, Managing Director, check with George Derby and see if he will let the Road Commission get sand out of Derby Pit. No Action Required.

Matt Doxtater was present to discuss gravel lease options with the Board. Mr. Doxtater reviewed the gravel lease and felt it was fair. Board advised to have Mr. and Mrs. Doxtater come in at the next meeting to sign the lease if everything looks good for them. No Action Required.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date