

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday October 26th, 2004. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Paul Jefts and Randy Maxwell.

Members Absent: John Currie

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 October 12, 2004 were approved with corrections made. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Wilson Road East of 160th Avenue in Colfax Township. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Joyce Randall, Managing Director, went out and looked at the road. Mr. Maneke stated that Kevin Courtney finished cutting the trees. Mr. Maneke also checked on the possibility of upgrading the road from a seasonal road. Mr. Maneke also stated that the road could be upgraded to Mr. Courtney's driveway and then remains seasonal beyond that point. The Road Commission needs to finish up their work this week due to the fact this is the last week to work on seasonal roads until next year. Board advised to prepare an estimate to fix the road. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the ANR gravel lease. The Board advised to write in an estimate of 200,000 yards of gravel in the lease and send back for approval. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts supported motion to have the Chairman sign the Maple Street Building Lease with Federal Screw to begin on November 1st, 2004. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Jefts), one (1) absent (Currie), motion carried.

Board reviewed the Association of Southern Michigan Road Commissions Annual Meeting on December 6-8, 2004. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, and Randy Maxwell plan on attending. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Paul Bunyan Meeting that is hosted by the Mecosta County Road Commission on November 18th, 2004. No Action Required.

At 7:15 p.m. Bob Charleston, Superintendent of FH Martin, was present to discuss the Lowe's Project. Mr. Charleston stated the following two reasons for the Road Commission to reconsider the paving of 215th from M20 to 15 Mile in Big Rapids Township: 1) there is 500 Lineal feet of gutter pan ramped asphalt that would be protected by us paving the road, otherwise it could possibly be destroyed by plow trucks in the winter; and 2) he talked with Rieth Riley and they would have to shut down both sides of the drive when paving it next year, which would cost the business to shut down during the paving process. Ed Burch, Engineer, stated there is no reason why the Road Commission should not pave it this year. Board advised that if they saw a letter from Mr. Charleston stating that all heavy construction equipment was done going in and out of there then the Road Commission would pave it this year. No Action Required.

At 7:34 p.m. Drew Patterson, United Entertainment, and Saroja Devarakonda and Ray Norris, SSOE, Inc., were present to discuss the possibility of an Amphitheater on Jefferson Road West of 131 Expressway in Aetna Township. Mr. Patterson stated that after the traffic study was done there seems to be a need to have four lanes on Jefferson Road. Mr. Patterson also stated he is willing to work with the Road Commission on what they need in order to make it work. Mr. Norris and Ms. Devarakonda presented the traffic study findings and what the possible plan was to resolve the increase of traffic into the area. They proposed making Jefferson a 3-lane from the expressway to the drive for inbound traffic. They also suggested heavily on using police to guide traffic instead of traffic signals due to the fact they are more controlling. Albert Bigelow, Aetna Township Supervisor, Denny Noffsinger, Bill McLaughlin, and Brad Patterson, Aetna Township residents, were all present to show their opposition of the amphitheatre coming into the area. Mr. Noffsinger stated that with the increased traffic there would be traffic safety issues and concerns with the police and security. Board advised they would have to look more closely at what needs to be done to resolve these issues. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the Night Patrol Postings. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Correspondence to Mecosta County in regards to the property transfer. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Chamber of Commerce Workshop on November 10th, 2004. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Public Hearing Notice in regards to Special Use Permits. Board advised Mike Maneke, Superintendent, to go out and take a look at the sites. John Todd, Mecosta County Commissioner, was present to discuss with the Board that Mike Green would like to meet with the Road Commission in regards to the issuance of building and driveway permits what can be done to benefit both sides. Board advised Joyce Randall, Managing Director, to meet with Mr. Green to discuss the permit issues. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Aetna & Deerfield Townships are interested in doing projects along the south county line border; 2) prosecutors office called and would like to meet with the Board on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. in regards to 215th Avenue in Big Rapids Township; 3) letter to townships in regards to the 2005 project cost share; 4) Don Roebuck stopped by to see if any part time truck drivers are needed, Board advised that if there is enough trucks and a man is needed then it be okay; 5) Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts supported motion to approve the safety awards for the employees only and not the Board members, Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Jefts), one (1) absent (Currie), motion carried.; 6) Motor Vehicle records for drivers goes online for no extra cost, Board advised that it would be okay to do so; 7) employee requested to take a truck in the Christmas parade, Board advised this would be okay; 8) employee request to sell back vacation time; 9) Grand Traverse County Road Commission is requesting a letter from the Mecosta County Road Commission in regards to the opposition of the trailer length increasing from 59' to 65' and send it to the senators; 10) Bruce Cummings, Martiny Township Supervisor, requested a School Bus sign on the top of the hill on 75th Avenue, Board advised okay to do as long as the Township purchases the sign; 11) loaders parking in the salt shed, employees wondering if they could leave the loader running between loads, Board advised no they would have to bring the loaders back to the garage. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts supported motion to approve Resolution #04-07 to allow Division #01 AFSCME Retirees the Benefit E cost of living adjustment for 2005. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Jefts), one (1) absent (Currie), motion carried.

Paul Jeffs moved and Randy Maxwell supported motion to pay voucher 10/26/04 in the amount of \$23,477.50. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Jeffs), one (1) absent (Currie), motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date