

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday November 23rd, 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 November 9, 2004 were approved as written. No Action Required.

Rocky Simons and John Blask, Mecosta Township residents, were present to discuss the water issue on O Tah Na Gon Drive. Mr. Blask feels that he has fixed the water problem and helped it to drain better. Mr. Blask also feels that it might also help if one of the other property owners does the same thing somewhere else down the road. The culvert length is a total of 115 feet. Board advised that the other side of the road needs to be ditched and cleaned up to help the water flow better. Mr. Blask stated that he would be willing to pay for any work that might need to be done if the work he has done fails. Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, go out and take a look at the area. No Action Required.

At 7:20 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to call for Public Hearing on the 2005 Proposed Budget and Federal Funds Exchange. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. Clerk presented the proposed 2005 budget to those in attendance and the Chairman called for any questions. Board advised to discuss later in the meeting. At 7:25 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to close the public hearing. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Dale Owens, Grant Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board why the Road Commission wants to open up 175th Avenue off of Beech Road. Mr. Owens stated that there is Seasonal Road signs now placed on the road. Board advised that the Road Commission held a public hearing to place the road on Seasonal status and was just putting up signs to show the road is Seasonal. Board also advised Mr. Owens that if he would like to see it closed he would have to have it abandoned. No Action Required.

Mike Wilberding, DeShano Construction Co., was present to discuss with the Board the possibility of the Road Commission taking over 600' of the drive leading up to phase II of Ryan Creek Apartments, which the drive is straight across from Belmont. Mr. Wilberding stated that he understands he would need a Cul de sac and bring the drive up to County Standards. Board advised they usually don't like the idea of taking over roads that lead up to private drives especially when there is a good amount of traffic involved. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Austin Township Correspondence in regards to withdrawing all projects for 2005. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from MDOT in regards to the 2006 Federal Local Safety Program. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the MDOT M-20 Scope Meeting Minutes. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 14 Mile Road Traffic Counts in Big Rapids Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 12 Mile Road Closure in Martiny and Morton Township. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board that Holly Stearns from the DEQ is coming up to take a look at the site. Board advised to send a letter to both Townships informing them of what is going on and to see if they might participate in the cost. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the County Road Association Self –Insurance Fund Settlement Authorization. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to authorize Joyce Randall, Managing Director, as primary and Brooke Steiner, Clerk, as alternate to discuss private workers compensation issues. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the MCRCSIP corrected refunds. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from West Michigan Regional Planning Commission in regards to Economic Development Project request. No Action Required.

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

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve employee's request to donate 8hrs/man of sick time to another employee. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the letter from Michelle McManus in regards to HB4358. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the reply to Mecosta County in regards to meeting appearance to discuss property transfer. Norm Turner, County Commissioner, informed the Board the meeting is on December 2nd, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. Board advised to have Joyce Randall, Managing Director, and John Currie, Chairman, attend. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the MDOT Transportation Summit. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Hoover Road Bridge is complete in Fork Township; 2) need to address the issue with the farmer driving up and down Hoover Road in Fork Township and leaving manure all over it; 3) ANR Gravel Lease is done and was suppose to be dropped off but no one ever did; 4) contacted the prosecutor in regards to 215th issue in Big Rapids Township and has not got back with us; 5) Article in paper in regards to the DEQ investigating the habitat around the proposed site of the Amphitheatre for butterflies; 6) want to buy or pay rent for L & D's Roller, Board advised to offer \$25,000 for the roller; 7) anyone who fills in ditches without permission can be given a written notice to put the ditch back the way it was in 10 days or the Road Commission will do it and bill the individual for the cost, Board advised to send a notice certified mail to the resident who filled the ditch on Bullhead Lake Dr and West Chippewa Drive and see what happens; 8) traffic studies done by Ed Hancock, Michigan State Police, on Buchanan Road the 85th percentile was 54 – 60mph and for McKinley the 85th percentile was 59 – 60mph, Board advised to leave the speed limit as it is. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, stated it would cost \$1,800.00 for L & D Carey to clean up Larry Cox's property to the way it was. Board advised to go ahead and get it done. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve Resolution #04-08 for the Federal Exchange Funds three-year road plan. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve Resolution #04-10 for Federal Funds Exchange Local Task Force Agreement. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve Resolution #04-09 for Federal Funds Exchange Rural Task Force Agreement. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

At 8:26 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to move into Executive Session requested by Joyce Randall, Managing Director, to discuss employee issues. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

At 9:20 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to move back into General Session. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the Budget for 2005. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 11/23/04 for payment in the amount of \$39,423.01. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9.25 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date