

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001076

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday March 22nd, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.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 March 8th, 2005 were approved with corrections made.

John Boyd, Mecosta Township Trustee, was present to discuss with the Board of the possibility of placing a blinking traffic light at 8 Mile and Northland Drive. Mr. Boyd would like the Road Commission to send a letter of support to MDOT for the light. Mr. Boyd was also wondering what the project list looked like for 2005 with all Townships. Mr. Boyd would like to see Pierce Road extended to Northland Drive as previously looked at. Board advised that if Mr. Boyd got the property issue taken care of then the Road Commission could re-bid the project for 2005. No Action Required.

Rick Johnson, Mitchell Creek, was present to discuss with the Board the Cul de Sac and the drive coming out onto Madison. Board advised to have Henry Diemer, Wilcox Associates, and Ed Burch, Engineer, get together and discuss the Cul de Sac. Mr. Johnson stated that he does not want to see the two sites connected while having the drive come out onto Sheridan. Board advised to do it that way but put in a gate to help with thru traffic. Board advised to have someone come back at the next meeting to see what changes Mitchell Creek has come up with. No Action Required.

Dave Gilde, Phillip Gilde, and Adam Gilde, L.C. Redi – Mix, were present to discuss with the Board the status of Old Millpond Road in Big Rapids Township. Mr. Gilde was wondering if he could get a letter stating that Old Millpond Road would remain Class A Road. Mr. Gilde stated that L.C. Redi-Mix would participate in any repairs or maintenance on that road through 2017 if any arise. No Action Required.

At 7:36 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to open and read bids received for Hoover Well – Brine Tanks. 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:

	Total Cost
Chemical Containment Systems, Inc.	NO BID
Harper Industrial Construction	\$63,602.00
Dave Aris Excavating	\$15,000.00
Wagner Enterprises	\$22,910.00
Diversified Mechanical Services	\$51,000.00
Coro Tech Co.	\$44,720.00
Phoenix Environmental	\$73,797.00

Cheryl Aris, Grant Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board the rezoning of Youngs Lake Campground on Youngs Lake Road. Board advised Mrs. Aris that the Road Commission only has Highway by user and we cannot help her out. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2005 project list. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board that he has the maps ready for the spring ride – around on April 12th, 2005. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract changes. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2005 Annual Bid Tabulations. Board advised Mike Maneke, Superintendent, to get a cost on culverts needed and bring back to the Board. Bids will be reviewed by the administrative staff and if and when awarded, will be in the best interest of Mecosta County. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Mecosta County Road Commission's property detail. Board advised Joyce Randall, Managing Director, to compile the information and bring back at the next meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Big Rapids garage salt shed. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that MDOT will be coming March 23, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2005 Michigan Bridge Conference in Mt. Pleasant on May 11, 2005. Board advised to have Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, and Ed Burch, Engineer, attend the conference. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Chairman sign the Attest Page of the 2004 Act 51. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the CRASIF Seminar in Big Rapids on April 26th, 2005. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, Mike Simon, Maintenance Supervisor, Charlie Cornell, Randy Wilson, and Frank Randall, District Supervisors, and Mike Maneke, Superintendent will be attending. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Commissioners Seminar on April 10-12, 2005. Board advised to have Randy Maxwell attend. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Night Patrol position. Board advised to have night patrol employee come off nights and resume regular hours on March 26, 2005. Board also advised to have the temporary employee of Big Rapids return to his regular area starting March 28, 2005. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Incident/Accident Report. An employee did request for leave without pay starting on April 26th, 2005 for 30 days. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter to Ferris State University in regards to items for the NACE convention. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter to Wade – Trim in regards to Pioneer Drive Permits. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter to Big Rapids Township in regards to 14 Mile Road Development. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Chuck Luteran in regards to speed survey on Buchanan Road. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) warranty on the trucks is for the life of the truck for failure of like reason; 2) Michigan Cat – options for extended warranty on loaders; 3) Paul Bullock called – wondering on price for building, Board advised they need to wait for an appraisal; 4) did public relations article on potholes in the Pioneer; and 5) map of property for Vandale Farm Lease. No Action Required.

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Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) the new brine tanks sit higher than the last remaining old tank, so the new tanks won't fill as full, Board advised to have all old tanks removed and put in the three new tanks; 2) Isabella County Road Commission is putting 23A Limestone on their gravel roads which is holding up much better; and 3) 21 Mile Road and 220th Avenue guardrail repair is done in Green Township. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to pay voucher 3/14/05 for \$56,893.20 and voucher 3/22/05 for \$28,311.52. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Brooke Steiner, Clerk, informed the Board that Ken Thapa offered to pay \$100.00 for road damage repairs Edgewood Drive in Big Rapids Township. Board advised to split the difference with him, which would be \$150.00. No Action Required.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date