

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001083

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday April 26th, 2005. 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 from April 12, 2005 and April 19, 2005 were approved as written.

Garrold and Jeanne LaValle, Big Rapids Township residents, Daryl Fenstermacher, Fensco, Tom Horan, Fensco, Mikki McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, were all present to discuss the road condition on 220th Avenue. Mr. LaValle stated that the contractor is hauling sand from Zimmerman pit to jobsite and the road is in worse condition then before they started hauling. Mr. LaValle is wondering if the contractor is going to fix the road now or wait until the project is done. Mr. LaValle also stated he heard that the Road Commission can only brine 3 times per year, so now that two applications have already been put on the road does that mean the road will only get one more application this year. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, stated the contractor is putting water on the road not brine. Mr. Horan presented to the Board letters from residents stating favorable and unfavorable opinions of the condition of the road. Mr. Horan also provided an itemized list of materials and cost for the work done on 220th Avenue. Mrs. McClelland stated that if there is one more violation the Special Use Permit will be revoked. Mr. Fenstermacher stated that it was his understanding that the Irrevocable Letter of Credit was in effect through weight restrictions. The Board stated it was there understanding the letter was to go through the project end date. Mr. Fenstermacher stated that he would be willing to extend the Letter of Credit if that holds true for every contractor that does work in Mecosta County. After some more discussion Mr. Fenstermacher decided to extend the Letter of Credit. No Action Required.

Cherly Aris, Grant Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board that the loggers by her place on 150th Avenue are leaving sticks and brush in the road making it hard for cars to pass through. Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, go out and take a look at it. No Action Required.

William McIntosh, Great Lakes Geophysical, was present to discuss with the Board the permit for Seismic Cables in the right-of-way for various roads in Grant and Green Township. Mr. McIntosh stated the cables are going to lie on top of the ground and there will be no explosions in the right-of-way or pounding on the roads. Board advises that this would be fine as long as these guidelines are followed. No Action Required.

Linda Bechaz, Mecosta County Zoning Board, Foy Heffron, Steve Peterson, and Rich Brennick, Mecosta Township residents, were all present to discuss travel route coming to and from Heffron pit for the Special Use Permit. Mr. Heffron stated to have the trucks come in Newcosta to 7 Mile Road and out through Elder Road and M20. Board advised that this does not work, because the trucks would end up going both ways on all these roads. The Board advised to have the truck traffic travel 7 Mile to Newcosta and take care of any dust control as necessary. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Aetna Township 5 Mile/200th Avenue estimate. Board advised to go ahead and send to the Township. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed Aetna Township 1 Mile from 200th to 210th Avenue estimate. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that the Township approved to do and pay for the project per Al Bigelow, Aetna Township Supervisor. Board advised to go ahead and let out for bid along with 165th Avenue and 18 Mile Road, and 165th Avenue and Alma Lake Road in Grant Township. Board advised the Road Commission would pay for one of these projects if the Township pays for the other. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts supported motion to have the Chairman sign Resolution #05-07 Chemical Storage Contract. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the National Functional Classification Approved changes in Mecosta County and Big Rapids Urban Area. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Critical Bridge Selection Plans and New Bridge Program deadline for applications. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed Ed Burch, Engineer, of the deadline changes. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to have the Board sign the property lease with Scott Vanderkolk. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board decided to take the Mecosta County Road Commission property list home for review. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the denied FEMA request for repair work on 12 Mile and 90th Avenue in Martiny Township. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Board sign the property lease with David Marek for 18 acres at \$325.00/year. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Paul Bunyan Meeting on May 19, 2005. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, and Randy Maxwell are planning to attend. No Action Required.

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

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to approve Traffic Control Order #112 in regards to placing a stop sign on 14 Mile where it intersects 215th Avenue on the Northeast corner. Roll call vote of (2) two yeas (Currie and Maxwell), (1) one nay (Jefts), motion carried.

Board reviewed the Traffic Safety forum on April 27, 2005. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Letter of Understanding in regards to 4-10's this summer. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter to Wilcox Professionals in regards to the Hills of Mitchell Creek and along with the traffic counts for Madison. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter to Glenn Norton, Colfax Township Supervisor, in regards to speed study on McKinley Road. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter to MDOT in regards to the Road Commissions support for traffic signal on 8 Mile and Northland Drive in Mecosta Township. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the letter from Donald Maronde, St. Clair County Road Commission Managing Director, in regards to requesting support for MCRCSIP Board of Directors Position. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Canadian Lakes Property Owners Corporation in regards to Speed limits and safety in the Canadian Lakes Community. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from MCRCSIP in regards the corrections for April 4, 2005 candidates for MCRCSIP Board of Directors Positions memo. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Michigan Biodiesel County Road Commission Fleet Grant Program. Board advised to get information on the Biodiesel product and bring back to the Board. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) 40 acres of property off 195th Avenue next to Derby Pit for gravel is available. Board advised to go out and bore it and check it out; 2) Priority Health rates decreased; 3) Green Township requested ride around with the Board on May 17th, 2005 at 6 p.m.; 4) Finance meeting starts around 6 p.m. in Sault St. Marie would like to leave after the Board Meeting on May 10th, 2005; 5) need to repair the concrete by the floor drains, Board advised to get ideas from different concrete contractors and then bid out; 6) Public Hearing, City of Big Rapids for projects on Maple Street from 3rd Avenue to Bronson; 7) Have most of seasonal employees for summer 2005; 8) wondering if able to get someone part time to help Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, with the RoadSoft program, compiling and entering the information, Board advised to check with Ferris State University and see if anyone in that field needs an internship; and 9) road projects for 2005, Board advised to go ahead and do all the sealcoats listed except for 21 Mile Road from 140th to 150th Avenue. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to pay Dan Kirwin \$500.00 for Big Rapids Garage Building appraisal. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 4/26/05 for payment in the amount of \$230,319.81. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, made the recommendation to re-evaluate the allowance of Road bonding or Irrevocable Letters of Credit during frost laws. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date