

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001086

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday May 10th, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.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 26, 2005 were approved as written.

Bill & Maria Langworthy, Gloryann & Jack Olthuis, Grant Township residents, and Cheryl Aris, Grant Township Supervisor, were all present to discuss the cutting of trees on 165th and Alma Lake Road. Mr. Langworthy stated he was very unhappy to hear about cutting trees on the above stated road. Mr. Olthuis stated he would like to see some trees go due to poor visibility on the corner and safety concerns. Board advised they would meet with the residents later in the day at the site. No Action Required.

Robert Snider and Robert Snider, Sr., Wheatland Township residents, were present to discuss Poe Street with the Board. Mr. Snider stated that this alley has never been used as an alley. Mr. Snider also stated that there is a pole barn approximately 2 feet into the alley and along with trees and power poles. Mr. Snider has kept it up and now he has placed black dirt and grass seed in there along with a chain fence across the alley. Mr. Snider stated that the Township told him that he could not block the alley. Board advised he could not block it unless he had it abandoned. The Board advised also that he could place the fence on his property. Board advised to have Jim Knapp, Surveyor, go out and take a look and then when he's done then the Board would go out and take a look at the alley. No Action Required.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, was present to discuss with the Board on the possibility of paving West Chippewa Drive later in the season to make sure everything is going to hold up. Board advised they could do that. No Action Required.

Ken Andersen and Jim Bricker, Michigan Cat, were present to discuss with the Board their options on the loaders that were purchased in 2004. Mr. Bricker stated the Board has a couple of options, which are: 1) the Road Commission can buy 3 new units at \$105,500.00 each and Michigan Cat will take the old units back with a trade in of \$97,000.00 each leaving a difference of \$8,500.00 each with a 5-year or 5000 hour warranty on power train and hydraulics, or 2) buy and extended coverage on each of the current units. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to purchase the three new units at \$105,500.00 each with a trade in of \$97,000.00 each with a total cost of \$25,500.00 with the warranty stated above. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Lee Clemence, Gummer Peat Co., was present to discuss with the Board on the possibility of an all season route for 95th Avenue from Eisenhower to 1 Mile in Hinton Township. Board advised that option two estimate would be for the best interest of everyone and decided to check with the Township to see if they would share in the cost of the project with Gummer Peat Co. and the Road Commission. No Action Required.

John Boyd, Village of Stanwood, was present to discuss with the Board ditchwork at the ballfields in Mecosta Township. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to have the Road Commission do the digging and pay 50% cost of the culvert and have the Village of Stanwood do the remainder of the work. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. Mr. Boyd would also like to purchase 100yds of gravel from Pines pit, Board advised that this was okay.

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Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve 50/50 cost share on option #1 for 200th Avenue from 4 Mile to 5 Mile for approximately \$68,750.25 and the Township pays for 100% of the cost for the curb and gutter. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Karl Koivisto, John Joyce, and Julie Terry, MDOT, were all present to discuss the upcoming M-20 detour route, in which 80th Avenue, Cleveland Road, and 14 Mile Road will be the route for both directions of traffic. Mr. Koivisto stated that 18 Mile Road and 205th Avenue would need safety funds in order for the State to be able to do any work there. Board asked Mr. Koivisto if he would have the classification of M-20 reviewed and get back with the Board. The Board would also like to drive M-20 with MDOT to discuss some other issues. No Action Required.

Henry Diemer and Gary Niethammer, Wilcox Professionals, were present to discuss with the Board any updates on Hills of Mitchell Creek project. Mr. Niethammer stated that a second drive was brought out onto Sheridan with a grade of 8%, took out a Cul de sac, and rotated the Condos appropriately. Ed Burch, Engineer, stated that the plans have met all the changes that the Road Commission requested. Mr. Burch also stated that he would like to see the cross drainage on the drive out to Sheridan be about 400 ft apart. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve the preliminary plans for Hills of Mitchell Creek. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Board sign the grade project contract with Grant Township for 18 Mile Road & 165th Avenue intersection. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the 2005 project list. No Action Required.

Brooke Steiner, Clerk, presented the Financial Reports to the Board. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Sealcoat project for 175th Avenue from Monroe to Jefferson in Deerfield Township. Board advised that the Township needs to pay for 100% of the cost in order to do the project. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the MDOT transportation summit on 5/20/05. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Biodiesel Grant Program and stated to go ahead and fill out the application and send in and see what happens. No Action Required.

Board decided to postpone the Mecosta County Road Commission property list until next meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the upgrade of seasonal road 90th Avenue North of 20 Mile. Board stated that they would split the cost of 1/3 Bill Ervin, 1/3 Chippewa Township, and 1/3 Road Commission. Board advised that if the Township wouldn't split the cost then Mr. Ervin would have to cover the Townships share. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Mecosta Township Zoning Board Public Hearing on 5/9/05 at 7:00 p.m. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, stated we did get the pit but did not get the variance yet. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the damage estimate on 23 Mile Road from 180th to 190th Avenue done by The Tree Doctor. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Letter from Fensco, Inc. in regards to being added to the contractors list for bidding. Board advised that this was okay. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the letter from City of Big Rapids in regards to the Maple Street building Tax Assessment. Board stated it was okay. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Health Care Renewal Rates. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to have the Chairman sign the letter of understanding in regards to 4-10's starting June 6, 2005. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:12 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 5/10/05 for payment in the amount of \$226,487.70. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Newaygo County Road Commission golf outing. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Green Township ride around May 17th, Board advised to have Randy Maxwell attend; 2) discuss change the night meeting time, Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to change the night meeting times from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. 3) Morton Township and Canadian Lakes – Pavement marking stretch of 2 ½ Miles on Buchanan, they would like to see a cost share; waiting for estimate. 4) Jeff Taylor – regards to possible gravel pit on 40 acres, Ms. Randall stated upon boring there is not much gravel on the property; 5) has 5 Township surveys returned and looking positive on the responses; and 6) MDOT training- Board advised to have Nick Peterson, Estimator/Field Inspector, attend the training. No Action Required.

Supervisor's meeting at 1:12 p.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon, and Randy Wilson.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, shoulder maintenance, blading, ditching, installing tubes, removing stumps, pulling burms, brining, roadside cleanup, and reclaiming minkel pit. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) gravel crushing – Board advised to crush 40,000 yards at Byers pit and 20,000 yards at Bauman pit; and 2) discussed projects for this summer. No Action Required.

At 2:50 p.m. Board left to meet with residents out on 165th Avenue and Alma Lake Road in Grant Township to discuss the project issues. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date

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