

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

No. 001092

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday June 14th, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.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.

Jim Kopschitz and Wayne Walter, Chippewa Township residents, and Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, were all present to discuss with the Board the water problem on 3rd street and Lake Street. Mr. Kopschitz stated that when it rains the water runs down and washes out his backyard, he would like to be able to use his backyard in the future. Mr. Kopschitz also stated that this has been the only year it has been a problem. Mrs. Austin stated that the Drain Commission had mentioned that maybe a tile was broken somewhere. Board advised to have Joyce Randall, Managing Director, and Mike Maneke, Superintendent, go out and take a look. No Action Required.

Edward Aemisegger, Mecosta Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the water problem on Old State Road 1 Mile South of 8 Mile. Mr. Aemisegger stated every spring the water comes down and around his house. Mr. Aemisegger also stated that many years ago when the road was gravel there was a culvert but now that the road has been raised and paved the culvert got covered up. Mr. Aemisegger would also like to see the curve widened because one side is 9 foot and the other side is 11 foot, causing trucks, buses, and campers to go off the road and raise a bunch of dust and along with creating holes on the edge. Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, go out and take a look at the area. No Action Required.

At 9:15 a.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to open and read bids received for Alma Lake Road Intersection in Grant Township and 200th Avenue South of Hoover in Green Township. 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:

Alma Lake Road Intersection

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| Dave Aris Excavating | \$27,139.50 |
| L & D Carey & Sons | \$29,879.50 |

200th Avenue South of Hoover

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| Medler Trucking | \$73,465.25 |
| Jamieson Construction Co. | \$81,466.00 |
| Dave Aris Excavating | \$66,793.50 |
| L & D Carey & Sons | \$84,170.00 |

Big Rapids Garage Floor Drains

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| Bechaz Construction | \$16,800.00 |
| Steve Jones Construction | \$23,134.00 |
| Stilson Concrete Construction | \$18,216.00 |

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Julie Gallourakis, Big Rapids Township resident, and Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, were present to discuss the problem on 183rd Avenue and 13 Mile Road. Mrs. Gallourakis stated she does not want to see it opened up as goes the same with Mr. and Mrs. Kailing. Mrs. Gallourakis also stated that Mr. Mudrak is cutting trees; the Board advised he can do this as long as he has an easement through there. Board also advised that there is nothing they can do until Mr. Mudrak, Mr. Boone, and Mr. Galloup all come to an agreement. No Action Required.

Jack and Gloryann Olthuis, Grant Township residents, were present to discuss the possibility of saving the trees where the Road Commission is planning on doing their Road project on 165th Avenue from 18 to 19 Mile. Mrs. Olthuis brought in a letter from Jeanette Flurry to have the Board read. Anja Wing stated that this section of road is on the color tour so if the Road Commission could possibly save as many trees as possible that would be great. Board advised that all the trees that are marked will be cut. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the estimate for 6 Mile Road West of 80th Avenue in Morton/Hinton Township. Board advised to go ahead and send the estimate out to the property owner and see what happens. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to have the Board sign the Bit contract with Sheridan Township for 17 Mile Road from 10th to 30th Avenue. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the curb estimate for 17 Mile Road in Sheridan Township. No Action Required.

Ken Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor, was present to let the Board know they are having trouble with people dumping junk down a seasonal road. Mr. Vredenburg checked with Sheriff Sonntag about placing signs on the road. Mr. Vredenburg was wondering if the Township paid for the signs would the Road Commission put them up, Board advised this would be okay. Mr. Vredenburg was also wondering if 130th North of Buchanan could be abandoned. Board advised no it could not be abandoned. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to sign the Bit Contract with Chippewa Township for West Chippewa Lake Drive South of 21 Mile. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Notice of Public Hearing on June 28th, 2005 for Road Abandonment of 120th North of 5 Mile. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Board sign the Contractors Contract to do the whole project on 165th Avenue from 18 to 19 Mile including 18 Mile and Alma Lake Road intersections with the Township paying \$20,000.00 in payments. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the 95th Avenue North of 7 Mile right of way issue with Canadian Lakes. Jim Knapp, Surveyor, has not had a chance to survey the road yet. Canadian Lakes does not want 95th Avenue opened up. The property owner on the East side of 95th Avenue cannot access his property without crossing Madison Avenue and in order to do that, the property owner would need to become a member. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Mecosta Township Zoning Appeals scheduled for June 23, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. No Action Required.

Minutes from May 24, 2005 were approved as written.

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Board reviewed the plans for Ryan Creek Apartments on 16 Mile Road in Big Rapids Township. Ed Burch, Engineer, stated the plans looked good and there were no problems. No Action Required.

Board visited the new salt shed location North of the Big Rapids Garage to decide exactly where to put the new building and sand pad.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:37 p.m.

Upon visiting the site for the new salt shed the Board decided to put the building closer to the Big Rapids Garage at the North end of the building and about 25 feet from the sidewalk. The sand pad will be located at the south west end of the salt shed with a possibility of building a lean to in the future. Board also advised to take the two side doors off and leave the one large door at the West end of the new salt shed and putting the calcium chloride tank on the outside with the filling options to be inside or outside. No Action Required.

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

Supervisor's meeting at 1:25 p.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Tom Peters, and Randy Wilson.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, shoulder maintenance, blading, ditching, installing tubes, pulling burms, brining, working on seasonal roads, repairing guardrails, preparing roads for sealcoat, hauling clay, and mowing. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the salt shed public hearing on June 15, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Board advised to have the Chairman attend the meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Bond reissue request for Riverview Estates over to Underground River Management for \$40,000.00. Board advised to send them a letter stating there would be no problem transferring the Bond but would like to have a reevaluation of the Bond for current cost. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2004 Michigan Department of Treasury Audit Report of the Road Commission. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Board sign traffic control order #S-R-54-23-04 in regards to speed on West School Section Lake Drive in Morton Township and traffic control order #P-R-54-22-04 in regards to parking on 20 Mile Road in Green Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Board sign the Engineer Reimbursement from MDOT for \$10,000.00. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Critical Bridge Application. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the MCRCSIP candidates for the Board. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the Rush-Pac golf outing. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Mecosta County Medical Centers ice cream social. No Action Required.

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Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following item: 1) guardrail on Arthur Road and Costabella was damaged due to an accident and will cost \$6800.00 to repair, Board advised not to do at this time; 2) received an invoice from the city for a false alarm, Ms. Randall called Kevin Courtney to have it removed; 3) 7 Mile West of Old State Road is on the seasonal road list but is not certified, Board advised to recertify it; 4) dead tree on 85th Avenue South of 5 Mile should have been removed when the project was done but the property owner did not want it removed, but now he does want it removed, Board advised to check with the utility company first, if they won't then the property owner needs to hire a contractor; 5) received a letter from Craig Lange, Attorney, in regards to the Civil Rights Discrimination was dropped; 6) can sell the wood chips to New Horizons for \$2,000.00 but the Road Commission would have to haul it, Board advised that would be okay, also Morley Stanwood Schools would like to get some wood chips for free, Board advised to have them get some out of Pines Pit; 7) look at getting a different logo, Board advised to bring in some samples; and 8) Poe Street in Remus got all staked out and Wheatland Township called and said thank you for resolving the issue. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Engineer Department order a plotter machine for \$4500.00. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to pay voucher 6/14/05 in the amount of \$361,432.48. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board drove out to look at 120th Avenue North of 5 Mile in Deerfield/Hinton Township, which is up for road abandonment. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve administrative staff pay raises according to the sheet on file in the office. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date