

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001099

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 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: Norm Turner.

Administrative Staff Present: Joyce Randall, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Brooke Steiner, Clerk.

Minutes from June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005 were approved with corrections made.

Derek Hall, Department of Treasury, was present to review with the Board the 2004 Annual Audit Report and the overall financial position of the Road Commission. No Action Required.

Dale & Bonnie Peck, Deerfield Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board the possibility of paving 4 Mile Road from Northland Drive to 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Peck stated they own 10 acres just before 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue and are in the process of building a house and was wondering if anything is going to be done to the road in 2006. Also present was Stan Carey and Jim Covey, Deerfield Township residents, Gary Lambrix, Deerfield Township Trustee, wondering if the project could be done in 2006. Board advised that the Road Commission will look into it next year. No Action Required.

Darwin Booher, State Representative, was present to discuss with the Board on any opinions the Board had in regards to the various Bills that are in legislation. Board stated in regards to the Bill for 5 member Road Commission Board that they would rather have it stay as a 3 member Board due to financial constraints and possibility of resolving issues with too many members. No Action Required.

Wayne O'Neil, Mecosta County Commissioner, was present to discuss with the Board the resurfacing of 14 Mile Road in Big Rapids Township. Mr. O'Neil states that with the student housing and increased traffic to the road it is getting really broken up and wondering if anything could be done. Board advised that nothing can be done this year but would look at it for next year. Board also advised that resurfacing would not be a very good fix; they would like to see the road pulverized and paved. Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, stated that the Road Commission trucks are causing a lot of the damage to the Road. Also present was Roger Winegar, Big Rapids Township Treasurer, and Vivian Smith, Big Rapids Township Trustee, in favor of resurfacing 14 Mile Road. No Action Required.

Sam Hasson, Big Rapids Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board 225<sup>th</sup> Avenue South of 13 Mile Road. Mr. Hasson was also wondering how the money received for the allocation to primary and local roads is determined. Board advised that it is on a per mile basis. Mr. Hasson was wondering if he could come off 225<sup>th</sup> Avenue by 13 Mile and go around the wetland area and come back onto 225<sup>th</sup> at the other side. Board advised that he would need to have Holly Stearnes, DEQ, come up and meet with Mr. Hasson and Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and then go from there. No Action Required.

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At 9:43 a.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to open and read bids received for M-20 & US 131 Guardrail projects. 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:

**M-20 Guardrail**

J & J Contracting	\$13,995.00
Dale Dukes	\$14,500.00

**US131 Guardrail**

J & J Contracting	\$13,545.00
Dale Dukes	\$14,500.00

Board reviewed the 2005 project update. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, stated that Seal coat is all done, the pulverizing machine is broke down, and hoping to get Reith Riley for paving 2-3 days per week starting August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to sign Contract with Grant Township for Alma Lake Road and 18 Mile Road. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Cheryl Aris, Grant Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board the following items: 1) stop sign request for the intersection of Round Lake Road and Fir Drive. Board advised that Fir Drive should have the stop sign but it can't due to the safety concerns it would create; and 2) received a \$200 fire run bill from Colfax Township for the grass fire located on Road Commission Property. Board advised Mrs. Aris to check with Colfax Township to see if they realize that is the Road Commissions property and get back with the Board. No Action Required.

Board recessed at 10:30 a.m. to attend a ride around with MDOT.

Board reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Brooke Steiner, Clerk, presented the financial reports to the Board. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve 2005 Budget Revision #1. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed MDOTs Small Urban Program Project selection. No Action Required.

Robert and Lois Lessa, Canadian Lakes, were present to discuss with the Board the Hidden Valley Canadian Lakes Plat. Mr. Lessa stated the Cul de Sac was never completed according to the plats. Mr. Lessa is wondering what the Road Commission is going to do about it. Board advised they are not going to do anything due to the fact that the road is private. Mr. Lessa states that his neighbor has put a mailbox in the center of the Cul de Sac. Mr. Lessa's main concern is for safety personnel and their equipment. Board also advised that Canadian Lakes are the ones responsible. No Action Required.

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Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, was present to discuss with the Board the following items: 1) Bio-diesel Grant application approval. Mr. Petersen stated that additives have been added to prevent the freezing up of the fuel, there is also a form to fill out each month, and it is environmental friendly. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve the use of the Biodiesel at the Morley Garage. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried; and 2) brought pictures in of the new Hoover well brine tanks. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Board sign the contract with Bechaz Construction for the work on the Big Rapids Garage floor drains. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the salt shed update. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that the project was let out to Bid and will be opened at the next meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Roads 2 Recovery in regards to insurance claims. Board advised to compile more information on what the company does. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve Traffic Control Order #114 in regards to placing a 3 – way stop sign at the intersection of 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7 Mile Road. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Currie & Maxwell), one (1) nay (Jefts), motion carried.

Board reviewed the Incident/Accidents Report. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Volvo factory tour in Canada offered; 2) advertise garage for sale located on Road Commission property on 187<sup>th</sup> along with dog kennel, pallets, and shelving items; 3) 27 Amish signs have been ordered, wondering where they are going to be placed; 4) Camp Lawsuit – appeals is in Grand Rapids; 5) Ingham County Road Commission won their court case in regards to violating the Open Meetings Act; 6) Big Rapids Realty has 40 acres for sale on 13 Mile Road for \$259,000, Board advised they are not going to purchase any land right now; and 7) possibility of cell phone policy; Board advised to check and see what other Road Commission policies are, if any, for cell phones. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 7/12/05 for payment in the amount of \$275,576.43. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) John Doyle has 5000 yards of clay to get rid of if the Road Commission wants to load and haul, Board said okay; 2) went out and bored the Morrison property, which showed approximately 180,000 yards of gravel, Mr. Morrison is selling approximately 35 acres; and 3) fix drainage problem with a catch basin and 400' of 6" drain that will come out to an open ditch, Board advised to go to the Township and County to see if they will help with the cost. No Action Required.

Board also advised to get quotes from different Real Estate companies on what their commission rate is for selling property. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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