

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001106

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, August 9th, 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.

Minutes from July 26, 2005 and August 3, 2005 were approved with corrections made. No Action Required.

James Obert and Walter Addington, Mecosta Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board the seasonal road 205th Avenue South of 12 Mile. Mr. Addington stated that he is putting a trailer in on the road and would like to have the Road Commission put some gravel down on the road or if he could he would do the work if the Road Commission would provide the gravel. Mr. Addington stated he would need approximately 20 yards of gravel. Board advised that if he did the work then the Road Commission would provide the pit run gravel. No Action Required.

Mark Derevage, Mecosta Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board his options for leveling off his property and removing the gravel on 10 Mile West of 185th Avenue. Mr. Derevage stated as the property sits right now he cannot do anything with it until the hills are lowered. Mr. Derevage stated there would be approximately 200,000 yards of gravel to remove, which will be hauled by Medler Trucking. Board advised that the haul route could not go east but would have to go west to Northland Drive. Board advised Mr. Derevage to get an Irrevocable Letter of Credit and come back to the Board. No Action Required.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, was present to inform the Board that the Township Board approved the drainage project for 3rd Street/Lake Street to correct the water problem. No Action Required.

Jim Stilwell, Canadian Lakes – Morton/Austin Township, was present to discuss with the Board 95th Avenue and 7 Mile Road. Mr. Stilwell stated the property owner is currently using Madison Avenue to get back to his property which is private. The property owner would like to have a guarantee that himself or anyone in the future can continue to use Madison to get back to his property. Mr. Stilwell stated that he would be willing to work with the Road Commission on getting this issue resolved. Mr. Stilwell mentioned having an easement drawn up for Madison Avenue. Board advised Jim Knapp, Surveyor, check with the property owner and see what his plans are for the property in the future before making any decisions. Board also advised to have the property owner come into the next meeting to discuss this issue further. No Action Required.

At 9:30 a.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to open and read bids received for Realtors. 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: No Bids Received.

Board advised to put signs up on the property For Sale by Owner and have a minimum bid of \$80,000.00 for the 40 acres on 13 Mile and 55th Avenue and \$25,000.00 for the 5 acres on 160th Avenue and to have the bids opened on November 8, 2005. Board also advised to advertise the property for sale in the newspaper. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2005 project update. No Action Required.

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

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Board reviewed the correspondence from MDOT in regards to proposed Amphitheater. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the chemical storage facility update. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the direct deposit for payroll. Board advised to check with Chemical Bank to see if they would waive any fees for the direct deposit. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Paul Bunyan meeting on August 18, 2005 in Cadillac with Joyce Randall, Managing Director, and Randy Maxwell attending. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the CRAM Public Relations Workshop on September 29, 2005 in Mt. Pleasant with Joyce Randall, Managing Director, attending. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Chippewa Hills High School Fuel Depot Summary. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the correspondence from Seneca Petroleum Company in regards to the Ground Tire Rubber modified liquid asphalt. No Action Required.

Supervisor's meeting at 11:08 a.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon, and Nick Kaye.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, Cutting trees and brush, blading roads, shoulder maintenance, seal coat projects, brining, ditching, replacing tubes, sweeping intersections, hauling potato stone, and fixed washouts. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Bechaz Construction started floor drains in Big Rapids Garage August 9, 2005; 2) Road Abandonment petition addition for 130th Avenue was received; 3) sent Blue Lake Drive estimate to Morton Township; 4) sent 15 Mile project estimate to Martiny Township; 5) received quote for guardrail on 160th Avenue in Colfax Township; 6) 6 Mile off of 80th Avenue in Hinton/Morton Township was surveyed by Jim Knapp, Surveyor; 7) does not have an update on where engineer is with the Critical Bridge application; and 8) Road Commission/Township Meeting, when: October 27th, 2005 at 6:30 p.m., where: Chippewa Lake Community Building. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 8/09/05 for payment in the amount of \$157,089.72. . Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m.

Board reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

At 12:46 the Board went out to visit various roads in Mecosta County.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date

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