

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001110

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday September 13<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: John Todd.

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

Minutes from August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 were approved as written.

Tim & Troy Dowell, Sheridan Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board Madison Avenue and 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Dowell stated that Madison Avenue runs across their property and they are wondering if the old road bed could be deeded back to the property owners. Jim Knapp, Surveyor, was present and stated that in 1966 the property was split North and South of the Road. Board advised they would need to go out and take a look at the road before making any decisions. No Action Required.

David Wilkerson, Chippewa Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the cutting of trees in the right of way on 22 Mile Road West of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue in order for Mr. Wilkerson to access his hayfield with his haybine. Mr. Wilkerson stated that he was previously accessing the field through his neighbors' property, in which the neighbor no longer wants Mr. Wilkerson to enter onto the property. Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, go out and look at the road. No Action Required.

At 9:15 a.m. the Chairman called for the Public Hearing on the proposed Road abandonment of 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Austin Township. The following people were in favor of the road abandonment: Bill Walker and Eric Methner, Austin Township residents, Glenn Merrill, ANR Pipeline, due to problems with road hunters, dumping of garbage, and safety concerns. The following were opposed to have the road abandoned: Ken Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor, Susan Mayham, Austin Township resident, due to the fact property owners use the road to get back to their property, and the possibility of future development. At 9:36 a.m. the Chairman asked for any questions. At 9:45 a.m. Chairman closed the Public Hearing. At 9:50 a.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion for Resolution #05-11 for denial of road abandonment of 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Austin Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board street light placement for the Hills of Mitchell Creek Subdivision. Mrs. McClelland was wondering if the Road Commission made any recommendations for street lights. Board advised they never discussed street lights but states they are needed. No Action Required.

Tom Bihlmeyer, Wade Trim, was present to discuss with the Board the Fire Hydrants that ended up in the road right-of-way after work was completed. Mr. Bihlmeyer stated the Fire Hydrants are anywhere from ½' to 4' within the right-of-way. Mr. Bihlmeyer was wondering if he could get a permit approved for working in the road right of way, if not then he would have the contractors move the Hydrants. If the Fire Hydrants had to be moved than they would be back about 11 – 14 foot from the road. Board advised that they would need a letter from Big Rapids Township stating that if 18 Mile Road was ever worked on and widened were the Hydrants needed to be moved then it would be the responsibility of the Township. No Action Required.

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At 10:10 a.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to open and read bids received for 2005-2006 Winter Maintenance Sand Haul Bids and Fuel Depot Bids. 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:

**2005-2006 Winter Maintenance Sand Haul:**

	<u>Remus</u>	<u>Morley</u>	<u>Big Rapids</u>
L & D Carey	\$7.52	\$1.95	\$4.60
Mohawk	\$4.28	\$1.49	\$3.39
Fisher	\$6.75	\$2.10	\$4.10

**Fuel Depot**

Larson's	\$154,654.00
Mellema's	\$174,542.00
Rohr	\$177,470.83
Mercer	\$198,720.00

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, was present to discuss with the Board 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Pine Lake Road. Mrs. Austin stated that Dave Wilkerson, Chippewa Township resident, got a letter to testify on behalf of the lawsuit. Mrs. Austin was also wondering if Brining was done for the year, Board advised yes. Mrs. Austin would like to have someone check and see how many times 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue North of 20 Mile was brined because a resident is stating it has only been brined once. No Action Required.

Ken Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board what the Board is planning for project cost for 2006. Board advised they have set up a meeting on October 27, 2005 with all Townships to discuss this topic and any other business. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2005 Projects as follows: 1) 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue South of Hoover in Green Township Dave Aris is working on; 2) 15 Mile/92 Avenue to 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Martiny Township is getting ready to be paved; and 3) all other projects are done. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from David Mariner, Canadian Lakes resident, in regards to safety concerns on Buchanan Road. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Board sign the Contract with Martiny Township for 15 Mile/92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to have the Board sign the Contract with Chippewa Township for 3<sup>rd</sup> & Lake Street. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the estimates for 4 Mile Road between Northland Drive and 9000' East and 4 Mile Road from 155<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 4040' West in Deerfield Township. Board advised to go ahead and send to the Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the annual road mileage certification from MDOT. No Action Required.

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City of Big Rapids, Mecosta County, Big Rapids Public Schools, and MOCAT were all present to discuss with the Board the possibility of putting in a Fuel Depot at the Road Commissions Big Rapids garage. There will be 10,000 gallons for gas and 20,000 for diesel with 2 dispenser and 2 hoses each. Mike Simon, Shop Foreman, stated the bid included everything such as cement slab, footings for canopy, excavation per codes, and all necessary permits. The project would take about 1 to 1 ½ months to complete. The City of Big Rapids said they were all for it. MOCAT is undecided until they see what happens after the election. Big Rapids Public Schools and Mecosta County needed to do some more calculations before making a final decision. Board advised everyone to do what they needed and come back at the next Board Meeting with a possible decision. No Action Required.

Board recessed for lunch at 12:09 p.m.

Board reconvened at 12:56 p.m.

Supervisor's meeting at 1:05 p.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon, and Randy Wilson.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, Cutting trees and brush, blading roads, shoulder maintenance, paving projects, brining done, ditching, replacing tubes, sweeping intersections, shoulder gravel, and putting up gates. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Menards preliminary site plans. Ed Burch, Engineer, was present and stated that Menards is only having one drive off of 215<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 215<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be four lanes from 15 Mile to their drive then tapering down into two lanes. Board advised that Menards needs a second drive for truck traffic and that where the four lanes end needs to taper to 3 lanes to the end of Menards property south of the church and then taper to two lanes. The Board advised to have Menards obtain an Irrevocable letter of credit. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Northern Heights Gas & Grocery Site Plans. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that MDOT and Jim Knapp, Surveyor, have sent letters and have not heard anything back yet. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the correspondence from MDOT in regards to a signal request at 8 Mile and Northland Drive in Mecosta Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Policy Fraud letter #3-27. Board advised they need to review the policy before any decision can be made. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Savoy Co. in regards to the road damage on 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 23 Mile Road in Green Township. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and John Currie supported motion to approve the Preliminary Plans for Muskegon River Development of 36 residential ½ acre lots with homes. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts and Currie), one (1) abstained (Maxwell), motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve Resolution #05-10 in regards to Direct Deposit of Payroll checks. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

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

Board reviewed the correspondence from Morton Township to Robert Lessa in regards to the cul-de-sac at the foot of Mohawk Court. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the Scientific Certification Systems Public Notification letter. No action required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Grant Townships request for extension of payment to 2006 for their portion of Alma Lake Road and 18 Mile Intersections project, Board advised they would like to receive a copy of there financial statements before any decision can be made; 2) MDOT is planning to do the hill cut at M-20 and 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Morton Township during 2007 project as long as the Road Commission will realign 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue up to M-20, Board advised that if MDOT performs all the Road Commissions request then they may use the detour as discussed; 3) Hinton Township would like to look into gravel program on 4 Mile Road, Board advised to prepare an estimate with adding a charge of .50 cents/yard to the gravel price; and 4) Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve employees request for vacation carryover. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Mike Maneke, superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) tube is ordered for 12 Mile and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Martiny/Morton Township; 2) 8,000 – 10,000 yards of pit run gravel is available for purchase at \$2.00/yard including hauling, Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to purchase 8,000 – 10,000 yards of gravel at \$2.00/yard including hauling. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried. 3) Wondering whether to fix 23 Mile Road or not, Savoy Co. mentioned they would pay for the overlay on 23 Mile Road and not pay for the Seal coat on 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Board advised to have one of the Board members go with Mr. Maneke and look at the road. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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