

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001115

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday September 27th, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.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 September 13, 2005 were approved as written.

Mike Sikkenga, Progressive Engineering, was present to discuss with the Board the Preliminary Site Plans for Menards. Mr. Sikkenga stated 215th Avenue has some changes, such as the road will be 4 lanes to Menards first drive and then taper to 3 lanes through to where the second drive will be in the future and then has a 450 foot taper down into two lanes. The driveway will have four lanes for truck and customer traffic. Board still would like to see a second drive for truck traffic only. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve the Preliminary Site Plans for Menards. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Jefts), one (1) nay (Currie), motion carried.

Todd Chwastek, Jack Rokos, Rod Broad, and Phil Corey, Savoy Co, were all present to discuss with the Board road damage on 190th Avenue and 23 Mile Road in Green Township. Mr. Chwastek was wondering what could be done to fix the damage. Mr. Broad stated that the road could be heated by torch and pack in a mix of sand and adhesive. Mr. Maneke stated it would look fine for about a year or so and then would break apart due to the fact that when you heat it up all the oil is burned off. Mr. Rokos is willing to pay for half of the cost to repair the road. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to accept ½ of the estimate of \$22,521.39 to repair 190th Avenue from Savoy Co. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Wendy Fenton, Deerfield Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board 140th Avenue North of Jefferson. Mrs. Fenton stated she was not aware that the road was a seasonal road when they bought the property. Mrs. Fenton was wondering if the road could be removed from seasonal road status. Board advised to go all the way to the end of the road and put in a cul-de-sac. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to remove 140th Avenue North of Jefferson from Seasonal Road status. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tom Bihlmeyer, Wade Trim, was present to discuss with the Board the Fire Hydrants that were put in the road right-of-way. Mr. Bihlmeyer was wondering if the Board had anymore questions. Board advised to leave the Fire Hydrants alone and it would be the responsibility of the Township if, and when any future projects are done on 18 Mile Road to remove the Hydrants. Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, stated they would be responsible if the Fire Hydrants needed to be moved. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the permit for work in the road right-of-way. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Robert Doerr, Canadian Lakes, was present to discuss with the Board 120th Avenue North of 5 Mile. Mr. Doerr stated that where the turn around comes in it crosses his property about a foot. Mr. Doerr would like to have a drive off of this road back into his property. Mr. Doerr would like to have the Road Commission cut the trees so he can get through and then he would come in and grind the stumps. Board advised that if Mr. Doerr would give up some property so the Road Commission could put the cul-de-sac in the proper location and allow them to increase the size, then the Road Commission would cut the trees while Mr. Doerr grinds the stumps and furnishes the gravel.

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Board reviewed the Big Rapids Medical Preliminary Site Plans located on 15 Mile and 220th Avenue in Big Rapids Township. There are three lots that have a service drive with two driveways coming out onto 220th Avenue. Ed Burch, Engineer, was present and stated he has a problem with the one drive that comes off 220th Avenue and is centered on the property lines for two of the lots. The Board advised to have one drive come off 220th Avenue and put it on either side of the property lines along with widening it. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Universal Suites Apartment Preliminary Site Plans on 14 Mile Road in Big Rapids Township. Ed Burch, Engineer, stated that the project has four phases with phase one to have 120 units. Mr. Burch also stated he did not have enough information to make a decision. Board advised they would need more information before they could make any decision. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2005 projects as follows: 1) 15 Mile/92nd to 95th Avenue in Martiny Township will be paved on September 28th weather permitting; and 2) Dave Aris is working on 200th Avenue South of Hoover in Green Township. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the project extension for Dave Aris on 200th Avenue South of Hoover in Green Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the estimate for gravel surfacing on 4 Mile from 60th to 85th Avenue in Hinton Township. Board advised to go ahead and send out to Township. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to extend the full project payment of \$20,000 from Grant Township until 2006. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Fraud Policy #3-27. Board advised they need to read it over before giving any approval. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Farm Bureau Resolution. No Action Required.

Board reviewed MERS Benefit E adoption information. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve adoption of MERS Benefit E for the Employees Union division #01 only. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

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

Board reviewed the correspondence from MDOT in regards to the realignment of 80th Avenue in Morton Township. Board advised to send a letter back addressing the Road Commission concerns. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Mecosta County Drain Commission in regards to the Agreement for the Hills of Mitchell Creek. No Action Required.

Board reviewed correspondence to David Mariner in regards to concerns on Buchanan Road in Canadian Lakes. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the MERS Regional Meeting on October 18, 2005 in Lansing. No Action Required.

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Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) wondering about agenda for meeting with Townships on October 27th, Board advised to prepare one and bring back at the next meeting; 2) District Foreman's concrete certification expires shortly, wondering if possible to send him for recertification, Board advised not at this time; 3) while Morningstar is at Big Rapids garage working, wondering if Board would like dirt hauled at a cost of \$1.25/yard; 4) Mike Maneke, Superintendent, unable to attend Superintendent's meeting October 5-7, wondering if she could take his place, Board advised okay; 5) Madison & 45th Avenue the Board has not gone out and looked at yet, Board advised they would do that at the next meeting; 6) 22 Mile West of 90th, Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent go out and look at; and 7) wondering what to do about pole barn in road right-of-way at Horsehead Lake, Board advised they would go out and look at during next meeting. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 9/22/05 for \$557.28 and voucher 9/27/05 for \$24,171.33 for payment. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the Board sign letter to Platinum Plus for Business credit card Company allowing them to put the Road Commissions tax exempt on the front of credit cards. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date