

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001118

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, and Randy Maxwell.

Members Absent: Paul Jefts

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 Special Meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and regular Meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005 were approved as written.

Bill Langworthy, Grant Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board on tree cutting on the project at 165<sup>th</sup> Avenue and also brush cutting on Hoover Road. Mr. Langworthy stated the roads look awful. Board advised they will go out and take a look at the Roads. No Action Required.

Mark Derevage, Mecosta Township resident, was present to discuss the gravel haul route from his property. Mr. Derevage stated he is not going to crush gravel now, instead he is just going to have the rock screened and separated to form pit run gravel. Board advised the route to be 185<sup>th</sup> to 8 Mile Road. Board advised Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, prepare a permit for the haul routes. Mr. Derevage stated he would only be doing this for no more than two years since there is only 4 acres of property there. No Action Required.

Dodie Smith, Exit Realty, and Lavonne Gemnon, Deerfield Township resident, were present to discuss with the Board on the possibility of opening up 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 4 Mile to 5 Mile. Board advised that it could be done for the cost share to be 1/3 property owner, 1/3 Township, and 1/3 Road Commission. Mrs. Smith stated that the plan is to sell the 170 acres and needs access to the property. Board advised Mrs. Smith that the project would not be done until next year. Board also advised to have an estimate prepared. No Action Required.

John Asselin, Asselin Associates, and Karl Schwartz, Wolgast Corporation, were present to discuss with the Board preliminary plans for Big Rapids Medical on 220<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15 Mile in Big Rapids Township. Mr. Asselin stated that there will be two drives coming onto the secondary road that has one drive onto 220<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Asselin also stated the drive was widened from 26' to 36' as requested and a paved shoulder will be put in up to the drive of the current development and then finished the rest of the way when the other lots are developed, and any joint access agreements for current drive is being prepared at this time. Ed Burch, Engineer, stated everything looks good. Board advised they would go out and take a look at the area. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence to Lapham Associates in regards to Universal Suite Apartments preliminary plans in Big Rapids Township. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, stated she has not heard anything back from them. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2005 projects as follows: 1) Dave Aris will probably be done this week with 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue South of Hoover in Green Township; 2) culvert work on 12 Mile & 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Martiny/Morton Townships is done; 3) catch basin on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lake Street in Chippewa Township is in. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from MDOT in regards to 9 Mile Road Critical Bridge project. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the Fuel Depot update. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that the Building Department needs sealed engineered plans. Ed Burch, Engineer, stated he would take care of it. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Frederic D. Byrne in regards to removal of pole barn in right-of-way. Board advised they would go out and take a look at it after lunch. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Chemical Storage Facility update. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to pay voucher 10/11/05 in the amount of \$482,300.88. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas, one (1) absent, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Northern Heights Gas drive on 11 Mile Road and Northland Drive in Mecosta Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the possibility of a new Road Commission Emblem. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, presented an example of the new emblem. Board advised to go ahead and use the new emblem. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the DNR seminar in regards to State Forest Land. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Association of Southern Michigan Road Commissions annual meeting on December 5-7, 2005. Board advised Joyce Randall, Managing Director, could attend the meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the preliminary plans for ACE Hardware in Canadian Lakes. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, stated there is a three lane driveway. Board advised the new drive needs to come out across from existing drive. Board advised Ms. Randall to send a letter with the Boards request. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the Night patrol posting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from David Mariner in regards to Buchanan Road. Board advised Joyce Randall, Managing Director, to respond back to him. No Action Required.

Supervisor's meeting at 11:05 a.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, ditching, replacing tubes, sweeping intersections, finishing up seasonal road work, moving sander racks, repairing guardrail, and pumping state tanks. No Action Required.

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

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to approve budget revision #2 for 2005. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas, one (1) absent, motion carried.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Ed Burch, Engineer, is in the Supervisors division and Fred Carey is in the Administrative division for retirement; and 2) need sand to put around fuel tanks at Fuel Depot, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, stated that Mohawk will deliver the sand for the bid price for our winter maintenance sand, Board advised to go ahead. No Action Required.

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Board recessed for lunch at 11:52 a.m.

Board reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Board then left to visit various areas in Mecosta County.

Board returned at 3:10 p.m.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to purchase two wing blades for next year at a price no more than \$20,000.00. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas, one (1) absent, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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Date