

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday October 25th, 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: None.

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

Minutes from October 11th, 2005 were approved as written.

Gary Montrose, Pineridge Subdivision Association, and Sandy and Harry Anderson, Colfax Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board the safety concerns on Valley Drive. Mr. Montrose stated he would like to see the brush cut back in the blind spot areas. Board advised they would go back out there if Mr. Montrose obtained a letter from all residents out there stating it would be okay to cut the brush. Mr. Montrose stated he would work on it. No Action Required.

Jerry Gray, Mid-Michigan Engineering, and Pat Bolhman, Canadian Lakes, were present to discuss with the Board the preliminary plans for Ace Hardware in Canadian Lakes on Buchanan Road and 190th Avenue. Board advised to have the middle driveway line up across from the Medical Arts Building drive on the west side. Mr. Bolhman stated it would be hard to do that right now due to the fact that the project is in three phases. Board advised to have the middle drive be a temporary drive for now and with future development to have the drive be moved to where it will be across from the Medical Arts Building drive. No Action Required.

LaVron Paul, Contractor, was present to discuss with the Board the driveway permit for six lots onto Old State Road. Board advised that the administrative staff needs to see if all driveways meet the standards and if they do, then go ahead and approve the permit. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2005 projects as follows: 1) 200th Avenue South of Hoover in Green Township is the final project to be completed; and 2) 140th North of Jefferson is being worked on. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2005 Michigan Transportation Fund distribution. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, updated the Board on the chemical storage facility as follows: 1) the facility is primarily done and salt will start coming in on October 27th; and 2) the sand pad is complete in which winter maintenance sand started being delivered on October 25th. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on the Fuel depot progress as follows: 1) the tank will be delivered on October 26th; and 2) the city got the driveways in that are 36' wide. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Northern Heights Gas and Grocery project on 11 Mile Road and Northland Drive. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, stated that MDOT has not gotten back with the residents. Board advised to have someone from the project come into the next meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the fraud policy letter #3-27. Board advised they still need to read it over before a decision can be made. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the Paul Bunyan meeting on November 17th, 2005 in Wexford County. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, and Randy Maxwell plan on attending with John Currie a possibility. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Chippewa Lake building that is located in the Right-of-Way. The property owners need an easement from the Road Commission before they can sell the property. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the pole barn built in the Right-of-Way located out by Horsehead Lake. Board advised to see if the property owners would come into the next meeting. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the letter to the former employee in regards to his discharge. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence to Wolgast Corporation in regards to the change request from the Road Commission on the preliminary plans for Big Rapids Medical. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, stated that Wolgast Corporation agreed to make the necessary changes. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence to David Mariner in regards to Buchanan Road. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Jim Stillwell, Canadian Lakes, is willing to shut down drives to Manitou and Winnipeg Drives with another speed study to be conducted; 2) winter maintenance sand at consumers pit is all gone, wondering if a possibility to get it from Halliday's pit on Tyler Road for 1.25/yard, Board advised okay; 3) reminder of the township meeting on October 27th, 2005; 4) request for mechanic to go on overtime when not conflicting with his regular job, Board advised not to do; 5) Federal Screw is taking the entire storage building as of November 1st, 2005 and the Road Commission has no place to store the items that are in the building now, Board advised to check with the Fair Board and see if they would allow us to use some storage and for how much; 6) night patrol position is posted; and 7) Savoy Energy L.P. paid their \$11,000 for road damage on 190th Avenue in Green Township. No Action Required.

Brooke Steiner, Clerk, informed the Board in a vote by the Mecosta County Commissioners to increase the mileage rate from 40.5 cents to 48.5 cents from September 1st – December 31st, 2005. Board advised they would leave their mileage rate where it is currently at. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 10/25/05 for payment in the amount of \$95,799.68. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date

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