

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001126

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

Members Present: John Currie and Paul Jefts

Members Absent: Randy Maxwell until 5:08 p.m.

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 November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 were approved with corrections made.

Paul Jefts stated that Gloryann Olthius called and had a few concerns on 165<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road project in Grant Township. The first concern was in regards to a cable that was possibly pulled out and thrown in the woods. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, stated that the electric cable was taken care of. Mrs. Olthius second concern was with black dirt being removed and then hauled back in later by the Road Commission. Mr. Maneke stated that the dirt was removed and then hauled back in by the contractor, which was all included in the cost of the project. Mrs. Olthius third concern was that the burms were broke down and people could get back into the lake. Mr. Maneke stated that he was not aware of any burms being broken down, if anything they were being built up after washing out. Mrs. Olthius final concern was with putting some delineators in along Alma Lake Road. Mr. Maneke stated he thought the delineators were not necessary. Board also advised the delineators were not necessary. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2006 project list from Green Township. No Action Required.

At 5:15 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to open and read bids received for Fuel for the Big Rapids Facility. 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:

	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Gas</u>
Coyne Oil	.026	
Blarney Castle Oil	.0385	.0331
VanMannen Oil	.019	.019

At 5:20 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to call for Public Hearing on the 2006 Proposed Budget and Federal Funds Exchange. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. Clerk presented the proposed 2006 budget to those in attendance and the Chairman called for any questions. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve Resolution #05-12 for Memo of Understanding for exchange of Federal Funds with MDOT, #05-13 for Rural Task Force, and #05-14 for Mecosta County Task Force. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the 2006 Budget as presented. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the 2006 meeting dates as presented. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. At 5:35 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to close the Public Hearing. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

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Jim Peek, Green Township Trustee, was present to discuss with the Board Charlie Brown Park in Green Township. Mr. Peek stated he has taken care of the maintenance on the park for several years and would like to see the Township take over in the future. Mr. Peek stated the Road Commission has a right of way there and would need to have an intergovernmental agreement stating the Township would have full responsibility and liability for the park. Board advised Mr. Peek to have an agreement made up by the Township and bring back to the Board of Road Commissioners. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the court summons involving Tim Mudrak and 183<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Big Rapids Township. Maxine McClelland was also present to state that the township is responding with a letter. Board advised to get a copy of the townships letter and have the attorney draw up a letter in response to the summons for the Road Commission. According to the summons Mr. Mudrak would just like to have the road built. No Action Required.

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, was present to discuss the Hills of Mitchell Creek in regards to consumers wanting to put their line into the Road right of way. Mrs. McClelland stated the Township had no jurisdiction in this matter. John Currie and Randy Maxwell stated it would be fine. No Action Required.

Ed Burch, Engineer, was present to discuss with the Board the Preliminary Plans for University Suites Apartments on 14 Mile Road. Mr. Burch stated that the distance between the commercial drives for the un-posted speed on 14 Mile Road of 55mph does not meet published guidelines. Mr. Burch stated the Driveway would need to be placed on the other side of the pond in order to have enough distance between both drives. Mr. Burch stated the Road Commission has to decide if it is worth fighting to have the drive moved, or if they want the township accepting the drive, but recommends the Road Commission not permit the drive due to the fact it does not meet the published guidelines. Board advised they will not permit the driveway as it is. Board also advised to send a letter to Jim Shane, Planning and Zoning, stating the Road Commission is not going to approve or permit the driveway. No Action Required.

Dar Denslow, Sheridan Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board on the possibility of a traffic light at the intersection of M-66 and Arthur Road. Board advised they have tried several times and has been turned down by MDOT.

Board reviewed the Letter of Understanding on Night Patrol with MDOT. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 Federal Local Safety Program from MDOT. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the option from MDOT in regards to the realignment of 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue onto M-20 in Morton Township for 2007. Board advised they did not see how this would solve the problem without doing the hill cuts. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Quotes/Estimates for 230<sup>th</sup> Avenue Hill Cuts in Big Rapids Township. Great Lakes would like to put in power poles for the new houses. Board advised they would have to have an agreement with Great Lakes stating that if a project was done to this Road and the power poles needed to be moved, that Great Lakes would move them. Board advised to send the estimate with Maxine McClelland for the Township to review. Board also advised to have the Township send a letter to property owners to see if they would want to split the cost 1/3, 1/3, 1/3. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Certificate of Substantial Completion from JBS Contracting for the Chemical Storage Facility. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the Fuel Depot update. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board the pumps are in, concrete is done, shed was delivered today, and everything is coming along good. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Hills of Mitchell Creek final plat approval request. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that they are planning to come into the next meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed a calcium chloride tank that can be purchased for \$500.00 from Michigan Chloride Sales, which is in excellent shape. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the purchase of the calcium chloride tank for \$500.00. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the winter maintenance overtime road list. Board advised to hold onto the list for the time being. Board also advised to keep overtime plowing down to only necessary plowing. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the Night Patrol assignment which started Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 11/22/05 for payment in the amount of \$45,083.82. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Montcalm County Road Commission is putting up a reward of \$1,000.00 for any information to the tires being dumped along various roads, wondering if Mecosta County Road Commission would be interested in splitting the cost of the reward with them and see if anything happens, Board advised Norm Turner to check with the prosecuting attorney to see if anything will be done; 2) a 20 acre parcel possibly for sale north of Hansen pit on 187<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Mecosta Township, Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, go out and have the property bored for gravel; 3) specifications for tandem trucks will be sent out; and 4) 40 acre parcel is still going to remain up for sale. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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Date