

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001136

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members Present: Paul Jefts, Randy Maxwell, and John Currie.

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 January 10, 2006 were approved with corrections made.

Manuel Rupe, Big Rapids Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the traffic and safety concerns on 14 Mile Road where it enters into the subdivision. Mr. Rupe stated that he did meet with Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, in regards to possibly fixing the problem and was informed that there is no money in the Budget to do work on that road. No Action Required.

John Boyd, Mecosta Township Trustee, was present to discuss with the Board on getting support from the Road Commission for a light to be installed on Northland Drive and 8 Mile Road through MDOT. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, stated the Road Commission has sent a letter in support of a light and heard nothing back. Board advised that he can keep trying and possibly go to MDOT's Region Office in Grand Rapids. No Action Required.

Mary Ratliff, Margaret Rankin, Tom Nicholson, Mecosta Township property owners, Eric Lepley, Mecosta Township Zoning Board, and John Boyd, Mecosta Township Trustee, were all present to discuss with the Board the possibility of road work on Keckler and Lawrence Drives in Mecosta Township. Mrs. Ratliff stated that the property owners would like to see Keckler Drive and approximately 500' of Lawrence Drive abandoned and straighten the remainder of Lawrence to go through and connect to 187<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mrs. Ratliff also stated that Doug Barnes, property owner, would give up 33 feet the length of the Road Commission's property that they might purchase and then 66 feet the remainder of the way to 187<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mrs. Ratliff was also wondering if the Road Commission did purchase the property that they could allow the other 33 feet needed for the Road to be put in. Mr. Boyd stated the Township is waiting to see a cost before they will say whether they are going share in the cost or not. Mr. Lepley stated that the Zoning Board can probably use the 33 feet that the Road Commission will possibly give up as part of the set back. Board advised they would all go out and look at the location. No Action Required.

Eric Lepley, Mecosta Township Zoning Board, was also present to discuss with the Board on the possibility that when driveways are approved for property that have splits on them the Road Commission could check a little further and see if the splits are approved or not. Board advised that it could be possible. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2006 project list and road ratings. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve the Letter of Understanding in regards to cost sharing 50% of the Blacktop for 4 Mile Road East of Northland Drive for existing grade project and new grade project ending approximately 1,930 feet west of 155<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Deerfield Township. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

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At 10:00 a.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to open and read bids received for the purchase of four 4x4 ½ ton or ¾ ton pickups. 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>½ Ton</u>	<u>w/warranty</u>	<u>¾ Gas</u>	<u>w/warranty</u>	<u>¾ diesel</u>	<u>w/warranty</u>
Phillips	\$16,855.95	\$17,680.95	18,919.04	19,839.04	22,999.04	24,159.04
Bollingers	\$18,255.00	\$18,255.00	21,497.00	21,497.00	26,319.00	26,319.00
Garber	\$18,995.00	\$20,580.00	21,917.00	23,502.00	26,390.00	28,090.00
Jorgensen	\$17,042.00	\$17,762.00	19,000.00	19,820.00	23,500.00	24,660.00

Board reviewed the letter from Green Township in regards to a speed limit change request for 19 Mile Road from Northland Drive to 205<sup>th</sup> Avenue. No Action Required.

Ed Burch, Engineer, was present to discuss the 9 Mile Road Bridge structure. Mr. Burch stated that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality would like to see a wider structure. Mr. Burch also stated that MDOT would cover 95% of cost as long as the bridge still falls under the critical bridge funds. Mr. Burch also stated that the road needs to be raised approximately 1 foot and is not sure if this cost is included in the 95% or not. Board advised to see what the cost increase would be on their 5% for the road to be raised. Board also advised that the Road Commission would take care of the work to raise the road. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2006 capital outlay. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the tire dumping situation and Joyce Randall, Managing Director, stated the person was caught. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the auction coming up on March 21, 2006. No Action Required.

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

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve the gravel processing extension letter with Halliday Sand and Gravel for 2006. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve Joyce Randall, Managing Director, as the designated voter for the County Road Association of Michigan conference on March 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Local Technical Assistance Program workshop on intersection safety problems. Board advised that the three commissioners will be possibly attending if time permits. No Action Required.

Supervisor's meeting at 11:06 a.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon, and Nick Kaye.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, cutting trees and brush, thawing tubes, pumping state tanks, stockpiling salt, picking up tires, installing culverts, brining roads, winter maintenance, and fixing trucks. No Action Required.

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John Currie moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve the purchase of four ½ ton pickups from Phillips Automotive Group for \$67,424.00 without extended warranty. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts & Currie), and one (1) nay (Maxwell), motion carried.

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

Board reviewed the correspondence from JBS Contracting in regards to their appreciation for letting them build the salt shed. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Eagle Realty in regards to the possibility of listing Hesley Pit on 13 Mile and 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Remus for sale. Board advised to bid out the property again. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Annual Asphalt Paving Conference. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence in regards to the retirement of Fred Walkington, Gratiot County Road Commission Superintendent. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence in regards to the 2006 Mecosta County Commissioner Appointments. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from the State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth in regards to Hills of Mitchell Creek proposed plat. No Action Required.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:44 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 1/24/2006 for \$36,343.11, voucher 1/25/2006 for \$250.00, and voucher 2/14/2006 for \$227,975.37 for payment. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) quote from consumers energy to move poles for \$1090, Board advised that if Elmer would split the cost then go ahead and move all the post; 2) stated she will be attending the Mecosta Township Zoning Boards meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006; 3) also the employees arbitration settlement; and 4) will be advertising for the District Supervisors position in Big Rapids and to have all the applications due by March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) estimates for old salt shed, to remodel the cost is \$2,771.65 and to rebuild is \$20,542.63; 2) box culvert on 19 Mile Road needs work, which is a seasonal road; and 3) Sackett Potatoes is wondering about getting a Letter of Credit during the frost laws, Board advised to go ahead. No Action Required.

Board is calling for a Special Meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to pick applicants to be interviewed at the March 14, 2006 meeting for the District Supervisor position in Big Rapids. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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