

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001145

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Norm Turner

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

Minutes from March 10<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, and March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 were approved as written. No Action Required.

Bruce Cummings, Martiny Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board Horsehead Lake Drive off of 15 Mile Road. Mr. Cummings stated that where the road ends at the water the Township put an outhouse down there every summer, which is the road right of way. Mr. Cummings is just wondering what the Road Commission would like to do about it. Board advised they would need to go out and take a look at it before any decision can be made. No Action Required.

John Simaz, John Conati, and Pam Muccio, Big Rapids Township residents, were all present to discuss with the Board 15 Mile Road where the pavements ends down to the next corner, which is about a ¼ Mile stretch. Mr. Simaz was wondering what needed to be done in order to have the road brought up to Road Commission specifications and taken over by the Road Commission. Board stated that 15 years ago the Road Commission did try taking the road over but could not because they could not get enough radius for a cul de sac. Mr. Simaz stated he is willing to give up property to the Road Commission so they can have the correct radius for a cul de sac. Board advised to have an estimate put together for having the road brought up to Road Commission specifications. No Action Required.

Tom Bihlmeyer, Wade Trim, was present to discuss with the Board the extension of Pioneer Drive off of 18 Mile Road at the Industrial Park in Big Rapids Township. Mr. Bihlmeyer stated the project is going well. Mr. Bihlmeyer would also like to build the extension of Pioneer Drive from the current cul de sac down to the pump house drive (approximately 700') to Road Commission specifications and have the Road Commission take it over in the future. Mr. Bihlmeyer is wondering if the Road Commission is going to require him to put in a new cul de sac at the end of the extension or can the existing service drive to the pump house be used as the turnaround and whether or not to close off the current cul de sac. Board advised they would have to go out and take a look at it before any decision can be made. No Action Required.

Cheryl Aris, Grant Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board that the new guardrail on 165<sup>th</sup> Avenue road project has washouts around it, which could be a problem down the road. Mrs. Aris also was wondering why the new paint on 165<sup>th</sup> Avenue did not last. Ed Burch, Engineer, stated that due to state regulations the contractors can only use certain materials in the paint when applying them, which may be causing the paint not to last very long. No Action Required.

Terry Morrison, Martiny Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board on the possibility of purchasing or leasing his property for gravel use on the Southwest corner of 13 Mile and 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Morrison stated that he is surrounded by county property and has been having trouble with vandalism and littering on his property. Board advised to meet with him at the next meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2006 project list. Board advised to have the seal coat projects bid out and would like to see a breakdown of the seal coat cost by contractor and Road Commission for the next meeting. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the Mecosta Township Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing in regards to variance setback for the new Gravel Pit on 187<sup>th</sup> Avenue. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the Chairman to sign resolution #06-02 in regards to Federal Funds Exchange. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the letter to MDOT in regards to the 9 Mile Road critical bridge project in Morton Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 205<sup>th</sup> and 6 Mile Drainage issue. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the board that there is a washout on the west side of 205<sup>th</sup> Avenue, if continues will cause a problem. Ms. Randall stated that MDOT has a Warranty Deed along that stretch of road were the drainage issue is located. Boards advised to have an estimate put together and bring back to the next meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the towing service quotes. Board advised to postpone discussion for the next Board meeting with Mike Simon, Maintenance Supervisor. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2006 capital outlay. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2006 Auction update. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in regards to the 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 4 to 5 Mile upgrade in Deerfield Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool in regards to candidates for Board of Director positions. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Commissioners conference on April 23 – 25, 2006. Board advised to have Paul Jefts and Randy Maxwell to attend. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the County Road Association of Michigan letter in regards to Federal Aid buyout workshop. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the annual bid tabulations. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the United States Department of Agriculture signup for Conservation Reserve Program. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Conference on May 10, 2006. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) meeting with Canadian Lakes went well on Saturday, March 25, 2006; 2) would it be possible to have the Road Commission do the final grade on 2006 projects, Board advised not at this time; 3) wondering about getting summer help for mowing, Board advised to go ahead and get four mowers; 4) John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the purchase of sign post through the state contract in the amount of \$8,463.00. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried. 5) new district supervisor will be starting Monday, April 3, 2006; and 6) discussed removing weight restrictions Monday, April 3, 2006. No Action Required.

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John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the Municipal Employees Retirement System additional monthly contribution to \$6,000.00. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 3/23/2006 for \$3,160.00 and voucher 3/28/2006 for \$19,619.68 for payment. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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Date