

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001151

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday April 25th, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 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 April 11th, 2006 were approved as written. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to sign contract with Deerfield Township for 4 Mile Road ½ Mile West of 155th Avenue. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried. Also discussion to see if the Township will split the asphalt cost 50/50 all the way to 155th Avenue and the Road Commission will pay for the remaining grade work cost to 155th Avenue.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion at 5:15 p.m. to hold Public Hearing for proposed Road Abandonment of Pierce Road East of Newcosta Road in Mecosta Township. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. Skip Ritchey, Mecosta Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board why he was in favor of the Abandonment. Mr. Ritchey stated he would not like to see the road go all the way through and also feels it would be too costly to even bring up to a seasonal road standard. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, had a letter from Mecosta Township stating they were not interested in doing any work on this road any time soon. No person was present in opposition of the road abandonment. Ms. Randall stated that Pierce Road along that section is an unimproved two track that is hilly and closing the road would not land lock any of the property owners, she also feels it would be too costly to upgrade but could be put on seasonal road status. Board advised they would need to go out and look at the road before any decision could be made. John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to postpone discussion until the next meeting at 9:15 a.m. when they have had a chance to look at the road. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried. John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to change the time from 9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 5:35 p.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to close the Public Hearing on road abandonment of Pierce Road. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Mike Fleitman, Executive Director of Mecosta County Development Corporation, and Janeen Cochi, Leprino's Plant Manager, were present to discuss with the Board Elm Street in Remus, Wheatland Township. Mr. Fleitman stated he would like to see Elm Street stay open for truck traffic to Leprino's. Mrs. Cochi stated that Leprino's has 9 facilities in 7 states with two in Michigan; one in Remus and one in Allendale. Mrs. Cochi stated that the plant in Remus employs 120 people and receives 17 to 18 milk trucks per day. Mrs. Cochi stated that the trucks use Elm Street to enter for weigh in; then go dump and wash; then return to the scales to weigh the truck again, and then leave out on Elm Street. Mrs. Cochi was wondering what the options are for the plant to be able to keep using Elm Street. Board advised that an estimate was put together to have Elm and Michigan brought up to a Class A road so that the trucks could use that route all year long. Board also advised to leave the route as a through truck route until the next meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2006 project list estimates. Jack Wellnitz, Green Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board 18 Mile Road and Northland Drive Realignment in Green Township. Mr. Wellnitz stated the realignment drawing from MDOT looked good. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, stated that MDOT is not planning on participating in the project. Board advised to see if Green Township would help in the cost. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the letter from Wheatland Township in regards to the possibility of cost sharing on 7 Mile Road from 20th Avenue to 30th Avenue. Board advised they could not afford to cost share in the project at this time. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion approve Michigan Pavement Solutions for the 2006 Seal Coat projects for the estimated cost of \$232,844.06. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Cheryl Aris, Grant Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board the property owner on 175th Avenue and 20 Mile road, which was wondering if the Road Commission could cut down the trees and the property owner would cut them up and take care of them. Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, go out and take a look at the trees. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the grade project estimate for 200th Avenue from 5 to 6 Mile in Aetna Township. Board advised to go ahead and send out to the Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the gravel/limestone project estimate for 18 Mile Road in Martiny Township. Board advised to go ahead and send to the Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from MDOT in regards to the Local Bridge program deadline for applications. Ed Burch, Engineer, recommends putting the bridge on Buchanan West of 100th Avenue on the list. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to have the bridge on Buchanan West of 100th Avenue in Morton Township be put on the Local Bridge list. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded motion for the approval to let MDOT use 15 Mile Road (M-20) as a detour route in Big Rapids Township. Roll Call Vote of (2) yeas (Jefts & Currie), (1) nay (Maxwell), motion carried.

Board reviewed the project management class offered by MDOT. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the Fuel Depot Intergovernmental Agreement. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve the Chairman of the Board of Road Commissioners to be the Fuel Depot representative. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve the 2006 proposed seasonal road additions. Roll Call Vote of (2) yeas (Jefts & Maxwell), (1) nay (Currie), motion carried.

Board reviewed the Seal Coat annual bid tabulation. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2006/2007 winter season salt requisition report. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, would like to order 100% of the 2005/2006 winter season salt usage. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the correspondence from Muskegon County Road Commission in regards to the safety conference and training. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Conference. Board advised to have Joyce Randall and Paul Jefts attend if available. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) 180th Avenue and Taft Road in Big Rapids Township were the asphalt is torn up needs some work, Board advised to put some gravel down and double Seal Coat; 2) what to do about property agreement with Terry Morrison, Board advised to have the seller set up the closing and pay all the closing cost; 3) wondering whether to start brine, Board advised to hold off as long as possible and to only apply two applications in 2006; 4) received a letter from Mecosta County Building and Zoning to recommend the removal of the pole barn located in right of way out at Horse Head Lake; 5) Ron Fredricks sent a quote in to purchase old radio equipment no longer used; John Currie move and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to accept Ron Fredricks quote of \$50.00 for the old radio equipment. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried. 6) had a meeting with Mike Roan, Young Industries, Inc, in regards to V-Bottom Trailers; 7) wondering what to do about credit cards for Board of Road Commissioners, Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to allow all Board of Road Commissioners to have a credit card. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried. 8) wondering if anyone interested in golf outing in August, Board advised they would be interested; and 9) wondering about Andy Lattimore's property in Chippewa Lake that has the blue house on it, Mr. Lattimore would like to put two houses on it and tear down the old blue house, Board advised that if Mr. Lattimore would deed Road Commission access to the drain, abandon the alley, and get a variance from the township to build close to the right of way but not in it, that would be fine. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Jimmy Zuern has approximately 15,000 yards of pit run gravel at \$2.25/yard if Board interested, Board advised they would like to buy it but could not guarantee they would; 2) Jimmy Zuern has two lots located behind the subdivision on 14 Mile Road in Big Rapids Township that he would like to sell and was wondering if he could have the drive hook up to the subdivision, Board advised they would need more information before a decision could be made; 3) wondering about centerline painting, Board advised to do the necessary roads and the new projects this year; and 4) also wondering about wedge paving, Board advised to have a list of roads with cost put together and bring back. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, would like to know what the Board wants to do about the Big Rapids District Supervisor open position. Board advised to check with previous applicants if available and interested in a second interview. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to have a criminal background check on all new employees that get hired from April 25th, 2006 and on. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date

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