

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001154

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, May 9th, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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.

Jim and Helen Cuismano, Fred Faysal, Big Rapids Township residents, and Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, were all present to discuss with the Board 15 Mile West of 220th Avenue. Mrs. Cuismano stated they filed for a permit to fill and would like to have the confusion straightened out on the drainage pipe. Mrs. McClelland stated the culvert extends onto the property but is within road right-of-way. Mrs. Cuismano stated the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality stated they could fill in certain parts of the property and not others. Mr. Faysal stated he has no intention of blocking the culvert. Board advised to meet Mr. & Mrs. Cuismano and Mr. Faysal at the site at 1:00 p.m. No Action Required.

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board the restructuring of 18 Mile and Northland Drive. Board advised that MDOT sent a sketch of the project but do not plan to help with the cost at this time.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to sign the contract with Big Rapids Township for 230th Avenue, 13 Mile south .5 Miles. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Janeen Cochi, Leprino's Plant Manager, was present to discuss with the Board the estimate for Michigan and Elm Street in Wheatland Township. Mrs. Cochi stated she would need a little more time. Board approved to extend the use of the street for the truck route until the next meeting on May 23rd, 2006. No Action Required.

Mike Steinman, Wheatland Township Treasurer, and Joyce Garner, Wheatland Township Clerk, were present to discuss with the Board project estimates for 10th Avenue from 7 to 8 Mile and 7 Mile from 20th to 30th Avenue. Mr. Steinman was wondering if the Road Commission might consider cost sharing in the project of 10th Avenue from 7 to 8 Mile. Board advised they would purchase the culverts needed for the 10th Avenue project. Mr. Steinman was also wondering about getting traffic counts done on 10th Avenue and 7 Mile Road. Board advised to have them done. No Action Required.

Minutes from April 25th, 2006 were approved as written. No Action Required.

Board advised Mike Maneke, Superintendent, to get the centerline painting going. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2006 project list update. No Action Required.

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

Terry Morrison, Martiny Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the possible purchase of his property for gravel. Board advised Mr. Morrison that research was done at the Register of Deeds and was found that Mr. Morrison only owned 50% of the mineral rights. Board advised at this time they would not be interested in purchasing the property. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the Deerfield Township 4 Mile Road Contractors Contract. Board advised to hold off on signing the contract until Township decides what they plan on doing for the grade project. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Deerfield Township 4 Mile Road estimate. Board advised to go ahead and send to the Township. Board also advised they would not be interested in participating in the cost if the Township does not go all the way with the blacktop. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the guardrail estimate for 7 Mile Road East of 100th Avenue in Morton Township. Board advised to send out estimate with a letter stating that the Road Commission will pay 50% of cost if the Township goes with used material, but if the Township wants to use new material then they would be responsible for 100% of cost. No Action Required.

Supervisor's meeting at 11:15 a.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon, and Nick Kaye.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, cutting trees and brush, installing tubes, maintenance, shoulder maintenance, blading roads, ditching, repairing washouts, hauling trash, repairing old salt shed, picking up sand barrels, planting trees, and fixing trucks. No Action Required.

Board reviewed Resolution #2006-2 from Mecosta Township giving the Road Commission ownership of Birch Drive. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that the Road Commission has been maintaining Birch Drive, in which it is not on the certification map. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to accept Resolution #2006-2 from Mecosta Township in regards to transferring ownership of Birch Drive to the Road Commission and have Birch Drive certified. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the letter from MDOT in regards to the signal denial at Northland Drive and 8 Mile Road in Mecosta Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in regards to a complaint with Mr. Clark on Bullhead Lake Drive in Chippewa Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Big Rapids garage drive asphalt estimate. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that the final plat of Hills of Mitchell Creek was filed with the Register of Deeds on April 13, 2006. Ms. Randall stated that the Irrevocable Letter of Credit for asphalt and guardrail expires on June 1st, 2006 and no formal Resolution has been made to take the Road over. Board advised to check and see if Wilcox wants to extend the Irrevocable Letter of Credit or the Road Commission will have to collect the money and do the work through Rieth Riley Construction.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. at the site of 15 Mile Road West of 220th Avenue with Mr. & Mrs. Cuismano and Fred Faysal. No Action Required.

Board returned to the office at 1:45 p.m.

Board reviewed the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality violation in regards to property owner on 18 Mile Road in Chippewa Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Paul Bunyan meeting on May 18th, 2006. No Action Required.

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

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Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve the Letter of Understanding in regards to 4-10 working hours for summer of 2006. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Robert and Theresa Dawkins, and Skip and Diane Ritchey, Mecosta Township residents, were all present in support of the Road Abandonment of Pierce Road. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, presented the Minutes of the Mecosta Township meeting stating they do not want Pierce Road Abandoned. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to approve Resolution #06-03 in regards to the denial of Road Abandonment of Pierce Road. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the health care renewal rates. Board advised to set up a meeting with Roy Farrell, Employee Benefit Services, and the Health Care Panel. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Notice of Public Hearing from the Mecosta Township Zoning Board. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 7th annual Newaygo County Road Commissions golf outing. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Frederic D. Byrne in regards to right of way violations. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from County Road Association of Michigan in regards to passing of Earl F. Rogers. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items; 1) Merwin Doxtater down by Byers pit was wondering about spraying for Gypsy moths, John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to pay Maurices of Lakeview \$230.00 to spray the Gypsy moth in Byers Pit. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried; 2) summer mowers are hired and set to begin from May 15 through June 5th, 2006; 3) Public Hearing for the addition of Seasonal Roads is coming up on June 13th, 2006; 4) does have the plat of the property in Chippewa Lake that has the old blue house on it, still not heard back from Andy Lattimore, Lattimore's Mobile Home Sales and Service; 5) updated progress on equipment postings; 6) reminder of the Finance and Human Resource meeting coming up on May 23-25, 2006; Ms. Randall would have to miss the night meeting, Board advised okay; 7) skeet shoot coming up on May 13 – 14, 2006; and 8) were to crush some gravel, Board advised to crush 20,000 yards in consumers pit and 20,000 yards at Pines Pit; get a price on gravel at Tyler Pit and check on cost to crush at Derby Pit, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, stated that there is no gravel available at Tyler Pit and it would cost approximately \$3.00/yd to crush at Derby Pit. No Action Required.

Board interviewed the following applicants for the Big Rapids District Supervisor position:
3:00 p.m. Buck Vallad
3:30 p.m. Nick Petersen
4:00 p.m. Bob Thumser
4:30 p.m. Stephen Hubbard

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to offer the position of Big Rapids District Supervisor to Bob Thumser with a 6 month probation period. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date

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