

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001157

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday May 23rd, 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, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Brooke Steiner, Clerk.

Nicole Arthur and Deb Sviezikas, Chippewa Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board on the possibility of opening up 120th Avenue off of 18 Mile Road enough so they can put a driveway back to their property. Mrs. Sviezikas stated they do have an easement to get back to their property through another persons property but would make for a very long driveway. Board advised that Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, would go out and take a look at the road and bring back to the next Board Meeting. Board would possibly consider splitting cost 1/3 residents, 1/3 Road Commission, and 1/3 Township, if the Township is willing to contribute. No Action Required.

Mike Newman, Big Rapids Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board 230th Avenue South of 13 Mile Road grade project. Mr. Newman stated the project looks great except where his drives are. Mr. Newman stated that one of the drives had post and cable that were tore down and would like to see them put back. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, stated that the post and cable will be put back as soon as all the gravel is put down and also stated he will look into the culverts as the work gets completed. No Action Required.

Karen Neal, Green Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board 205th Avenue and Ross Parkway. Mrs. Neal stated that the curve on 205th Avenue is very unsafe and many vehicles are going into the ditch. Mrs. Neal also stated that there are several new houses going in and feels with this increase in the number of residents and speed concerns that someone will get hurt. No Action Required.

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board 18 Mile Road and 205th Avenue intersections off of Northland Drive. Mrs. McClelland stated that they are having someone from Progressive Engineering look at both intersections and draw up a sketch. Board advised that would be okay. No Action Required.

John Foster, Big Rapids Development, Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, Roger Winegar, Big Rapids Township Treasurer, Scott Morningstar, Morningstar Enterprises, Inc, James Davis, University Parke Suites Engineer, Gus Skank, Big Rapids Development, Bob Stanton, Attorney, were all present to discuss the driveway to University Parke Suites off of 14 Mile Road in Big Rapids Township. Mr. Foster stated that Ed Burch, Engineer, stated the drive did not meet commercial drive requirements. Board advised that they would need to talk to Mr. Burch before making any decisions. Mr. Foster stated the pavement for the drive will start 34' from center of 14 Mile Road and was wondering if they could get gravel or brine for the remaining portion. Board advised nothing will be done by the road commission until this matter gets resolved. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, stated that a dozer did some damage to the side of the road just down from the drive. Mr. Morningstar, stated that it could be fixed. Mr. Foster stated that a possible option would be to close the drive to Oakwood Townhouses and redirect their drive into University Parke Suites and have both developments use the one drive. Board advised that nothing can be resolved until Ed Burch, Engineer, can be present to discuss the issue. No Action Required.

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At 5:47 p.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to open and read bids received for project bids. 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 (3) three yeas, motion carried. Bids were read as follows:

2006 Gravel Haul Bids:

Fisher Transportation Co.	\$3.99/Yard
L & D Carey	\$3.90/Yard

200th Avenue; 5 Mile to 6 Mile:

Medler Trucking	\$33,099.50
L & D Carey	\$49,437.50
Dave Aris Excavating	\$35,271.90

Lawrence Drive; 187th Avenue to Cul De Sac:

Medler Trucking	\$49,827.50
Dave Aris Trucking	\$59,626.25
Dicks Dozing, Inc.	\$42,700.00

10th Avenue; 7 Mile to 8 Mile:

Jamieson Construction Co.	\$60,381.75
Dave Aris Excavating	\$54,642.00

Gordon Galloway, Deerfield Township Supervisor, Sheila Lingle, Deerfield Township Treasurer, Gary Lambrix, Deerfield Township Trustee, Stan Carey, Deerfield Township resident, were all present to discuss with the Board 4 Mile Road grade and asphalt project. Mr. Galloway stated the Township does not want to pave past Mallory's due to the fact there are no residents beyond that point and only potato fields. John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to pay ½ of asphalt cost and provide the grader and the Township pay 100% of the cost for gravel work along with the remaining ½ of asphalt on 4 Mile Road from Northland Drive just past intersection of 170th Avenue. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Janeen Cochi, Leprino's Plant Manager, was present to discuss with the Board Elm & Michigan Street in Wheatland Township. Mrs. Cochi was wondering what the Road Commissions position would be for cost sharing. Board advised that if Mrs. Cochi could get the Township to go in on 1/3 the cost, then the Road commission would possibly cost share 1/3 and then Leprino's would pay the remaining 1/3 cost share. No Action Required.

Minutes from May 9th, 2006 were approved with corrections made.

Board reviewed the Hills of Mitchell Creek. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2006 projects as follows: 1) 5 Mile from 40th to 50th Avenue in Millbrook Township, Pierce Road from Village to 170th Avenue in Austin Township, 135th Avenue from 16 Mile to 17 Mile in Colfax Township, 60th Avenue from 11 Mile to 13 Mile in Morton Township, and Millpond South of Arnold in Big Rapids Township are all completed; 2) 22 Mile from Northland Drive to 220th Avenue in Big Rapids Township and 220th Avenue South of Madison will be completed on May 24th, 2006. No Action Required.

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Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to have the Board sign the Letter of Understanding with Aetna Township for 200th Avenue from 5 Mile to 6 Mile Road. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to have the Board sign the contract with Millbrook Township for 50th Avenue from 2,110' South of 5 Mile to Jackson Road to 45th Avenue. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to have the Board sign the contract with Morton Township for 7 Mile Road East of 100th Avenue used Guardrail installation. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Notice of Public Hearing on June 13, 2006 in regards to Seasonal Road additions. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality letter in regards to 15 Mile Road in Big Rapids Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2006 phase one center line painting, which is suppose to start next week. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the retirement party notice for Jim Lehman from Saginaw County Road Commission. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Buchanan East of 150th Avenue has a 13,000 lb/axle weight limit, Board advised to take sign down; 2) 205th from 15 Mile to Arthur Road has a 13,000 lb/axle weight limit, Board advised to take the sign down; 3) 14 Mile Road from 205th to 215th Avenue Lowe's is running it loaded, Board advised to put as no truck traffic route; 4) Menards is willing to sell Black Dirt for \$1.00/Yard, Board advised not interested at this time; 5) 230th Avenue from 12 Mile to 13 Mile is almost complete; and 6) Verizon is planning to take the Road Commission to court in regards to a cut cable on 18 Mile Road from 40th to 50th Avenue, that they would not do a Miss Dig due to the fact it was out in the middle of a swamp, the Road Commission was also told the line was dead and it ended up getting cut. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve leave without pay for 2 weeks per employee's request. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, reviewed the traffic counts for 10th Avenue and 7 Mile Road in Wheatland Township with the Board. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve voucher 5/12/2006 for \$72.00 and voucher 5/23/2006 for \$48,292.86 for payment. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, was present to discuss the following with the Board: 1) is their a limit on the amount of asphalt tonnage purchased, Board advised no; and 2) wondering about the possibility of resurfacing 18 Mile Road, Board advised probably not at this time. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Secretary

Date

CHAIRMAN

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