

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001160

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 Joanne Davis, Payroll Clerk. Note: Brooke Steiner, Clerk, absent on maternity leave.

At 9:02 A.M. Michael Steinman and Vern Doerr from Wheatland Twp. appeared before the Board regarding project costs & contracts received from Road Commission for two (2) proposed projects on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. bet. 7-8 Mile, and on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. bet. M-66 and 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Board will pay for cost of culverts on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. project agreed to earlier with Twp., but no other financial assistance for any other cost(s) on these projects will be authorized. No other action required.

Bruce Cummings, Martiny Twp. Supervisor, appeared before the Board requesting an update on current brine status in Mecosta County. No action required.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Twp. Treasurer, appeared before the Board voicing concern about a curve problem on East Chipp. Dr. near public access, and requested status update on 100<sup>th</sup>. Ave. N. of Pine Lake. No action required.

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Twp. Supervisor was present to thank the Board for work done on 230<sup>th</sup> S. of 13 Mile Rd. The Twp. was pleased with finished project. No action required.

Sandy Farlow, Grant Twp. Clerk, requested signs on 195<sup>th</sup>/Round Lake Rd. project be moved to a different (or better) location than where they're currently set up as residents are complaining about not having enough time to turn around, etc. Board directed Supt., Mike Maneke, to review signing and see if changes could be made. No other action required.

John Todd, County Commissioner, addressed Board voicing concern(s) about various trucking and logging companies who are hauling loads on County roads within Mecosta County and not using appropriate truck routes, etc. No action required.

Board reviewed 2006 Project List Update. No action required.

Moved by Randy Maxwell and seconded by John Currie bids be opened and read for gravel haul project on 4 Mile Rd. from Northland Dr. East approx. 6000'. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: (3) Nays (0) Motion carried. The following bids were received and will be placed on file for review by Staff, with award to be made at a later date.

Mohawk Transport	\$2.88/yd (Loaded)
L & D Carey	\$3.20/yd.
Medler Trucking	\$3.85/yd.
Fisher Transportation	\$4.13/yd.

Minutes from May 23, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

Moved by Randy Maxwell and seconded by John Currie, Aetna Twp. 200<sup>th</sup>. Ave. Contract be approved . Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Moved by Randy Maxwell and seconded by John Currie, Chairman be authorized to sign Aetna Twp. 200<sup>th</sup>. Ave. Contractor's Contract. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

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Moved by Randy Maxwell and seconded by John Currie, Chairman be authorized to sign Deerfield Twp. 4 Mile Rd. Contractor's Contract. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Moved by Randy Maxwell and seconded by John Currie, Green Twp. 200<sup>th</sup>. Ave. Bit. Contract be approved upon receipt of signed Contract from Green Twp. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Martiny Twp. Gravel Haul Update: Road Commission will be doing the grading. Contract has been given to the Twp. for their signatures. No further action required at this time.

MDOT – M20 Informational Meeting was attended by Randy Maxwell. No action required.

Lengthy discussion was held regarding on-going problems with a proposed driveway entrance into University Parke Suites off 14 Mile Rd. Big Rapids Twp. Those in attendance were: John Foster and Gus Skank, Big Rapids Development, James Davis, University Parke Suites Engineer, Robert Stanton, Attorney, Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Twp. Supervisor, and Edward Burch, Engineer (MCRC). Board informed those present that further discussion would have to continue later on in the meeting, as a public hearing was scheduled for 10:00 AM.

At 10:23 A.M., Moved by Randy Maxwell and seconded by John Currie, public hearing for Seasonal Road Additions be held. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Public in attendance were: John Martz, opposed to adding Hayes Rd., E. of 212<sup>th</sup>. Ave. (Mecosta Twp.) as seasonal, Bill Fuller, **not** opposed to adding Oak Rd., 2900' W. of 160<sup>th</sup>. Ave. (Grant Twp.) as seasonal, and correspondence from Skip Richey with concerns for adding Pierce Rd. E. of Newcosta Ave. (Mecosta Twp.) as seasonal.

Moved by Randy Maxwell and seconded by Paul Jefts, Resolution #06-04 be approved for the Seasonal Road additions excluding Pierce and Hayes Roads (Mecosta Twp). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: (2) Paul Jefts, Randy Maxwell. Nays (1) John Currie.

At 10:40 A.M., Sherry Samuel and Jackie Fitzgerald from the Mecosta County Drain Commission office appeared before the Board regarding drainage problem on 45<sup>th</sup>/17 Mile Road (Sheridan Twp.). The Drain Commission is requesting a petition from either the Road Comm. or Township so that drainage ditch would be made an extension of the Green Drain, and thus establishing it as a County Drain. Another option would be if she can secure necessary easements from property owners involved, maintenance of the drainage ditch would than fall under the Drain Commission office with Road Commission (or property owners) no longer involved.

Moved by John Currie and seconded by Randy Maxwell that engineering assistance from Road Comm. staff be given to help offset costs that will incurred to Drain Commission for doing required survey work, etc. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

At 11:00 A.M., Foremen met with Board for status update on road projects, maintenance issues, etc. Those in attendance: Bob Thumser, Charlie Cornell, Frank Randall and Mike Simon. No action required.

At 11:05 A.M., Discussion resumed regarding driveway permit issue with University Parke Suites Development. Options for the possibility of establishing other road entrance(s) to tie into the existing driveway was brought up. The Board agreed to meet with any parties involved that want to be present and review the property again today following lunch. No further action required at this time.

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Update given on 120<sup>th</sup>. Ave. N. of 18 Mile (Sviezikas) Property – Ms. Sviezikas was not in attendance at meeting.

Janeen Cochi, Leprino Foods Plant Manager was not in attendance either regarding future improvements on Elm & Michigan Street in Wheatland Twp. discussed at May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Hills of Mitchell Creek – Warranty Deed. Moved by Randy Maxwell and seconded by John Currie, Warranty Deed be accepted. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Moved by John Currie and seconded by Randy Maxwell, Resolution #06-06 be adopted for the acceptance of the roads in the Hills of Mitchell Creek. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

CLPOC; Manitoba & Winnipeg Road Closures – Proposed road end closings are within their right of way with alternate routes established.

Moved by John Currie and seconded by Randy Maxwell that Joyce Randall be named as voting delegate to attend the MCRC SIP Annual Meeting on 7/19-7/20/06. Paul Jefts named as alternate delegate and will attend, if needed. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M. for lunch and to meet with Big Rapids Development LLC.

Meeting reconvened at 1:10 P.M.

Discussion held on driveway permit received from Big Rapids Twp. for an access drive to a sanitary sewer pump station (14 Mile Rd. east of Northland Drive). No action taken.

Moved by Randy Maxwell and seconded by John Currie that Ed Burch do soil borings on Evergreen Road Bridge E. of M-66. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Board reviewed Budget and Financial Reports. Manager informed the Board that additional \$64,000 has been added to MDOT budget through 9/30/06. No action required.

Moved by Randy Maxwell and seconded by John Currie, Traffic Control Order #115 be approved as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Moved by John Currie and seconded by Randy Maxwell that Brooke Steiner, Clerk, be appointed Officer Delegate, and Joyce Randall, Managing Director, appointed Alternate Officer Delegate to attend the MERS Annual Meeting at Amway Grand in Grand Rapids, Michigan on Sept. 19-21, 2006. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

DEQ Laboratory Water Test Results for Hansen Pit were reviewed. No action taken.

Charlie Brown Park – Green Twp. would like to make improvements. Resolution to be drafted to allow maintenance. No action taken.

John Currie left meeting at 1:50 P.M. (Returned at 2:20 P.M.)

Remus Heritage Days Detour Request – Board directed Manager to contact Glenda Orr from Wheatland Twp. requesting she attend the next regularly scheduled meeting (6/27/06) for further discussion of MDOT requirements with parade detour/traffic control/signing on M-20/M-66.

Moved by Randy Maxwell and seconded by John Currie, Resolution # 06-05; Accepting Mecosta Township Resolution #2006-2 offering Mecosta County Road Commission right of way for Birch Drive. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Incident/Accident Report Reviewed. No action required.

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Correspondence from Legal Counsel and AFSCME Union was reviewed and placed on file. No action required.

Moved by John Currie and seconded by Randy Maxwell, grievance regarding reimbursement of health care benefits be resolved. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Other Misc. Correspondence below was reviewed and placed on file with no action required:

Seneca Petroleum/Modified Asphalt Solutions has developed new product they will be demonstrating at Saginaw CRC on June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

HEC-RAS Workshop – 7/10/06 – 7/13/06

Unique Paving Materials Corp. Golf Outing – 7/21/06

Newaygo Co. Annual Golf Outing – 8/12/06

Moved by John Currie and seconded by Randy Maxwell the Board release a Letter of Credit back to Visser Brothers that was originally submitted allowing them to haul full loads into their site during weight restriction period. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Moved by John Currie and seconded by Randy Maxwell that Engr. Dept. be authorized to purchase a data collector from Michigan Laser West LLC. Est'd cost \$2,850.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Moved by John Currie and seconded by Randy Maxwell the Engineering Reimbursement from MDOT for \$10,000.00 be accepted and Board members authorized to sign. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Moved by John Currie and seconded by Randy Maxwell vouchers totaling \$448,224.67 be approved for payment. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 3:30 P.M. for review of 11 Mile Rd. Project. Reconvened at 4:00 P.M.

Moved by Randy Maxwell and seconded by John Currie, Administrative Staff Wage Increases be approved with a copy to be placed on file in Road Commission office. Roll Call Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

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Chairman

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Acting Board Secretary

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Date

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