

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001168

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

Mary Quinlan, Mecosta Township Treasurer, John Boyd and John Johnson, Mecosta Township Trustees, Mary Ratliff, Micki Peltz, and Tom Nicholson, Mecosta Township Residents, were all present to discuss with the Board the Lawrence Drive project. Mr. Boyd was wondering if the Road Commission would cost share in the project. Board advised they would be willing to cost share on the culvert portion and offered the Township Gravel at Road Commissions cost. Mr. Boyd stated he would take that back to the Township and let the Road Commission know what the outcome is. No Action Required.

Deb Sviezikas, Chippewa Township Resident, was present to discuss with the Board 120th Avenue North of 18 Mile Road. Mrs. Sviezikas stated she has someone to do the trees and stumps and is wondering what the Road Commission could possibly do. Board advised to have her check with the Township on cost sharing in the project first and advised they would go 1/3 cost share. Board also advised to check on the price of pit run gravel and sand close to the project. No Action Required.

Mike Leschuck, Mecosta Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the driveway permit for Cold Creek Road off of 11 Mile Road. Mr. Leschuck stated he has 16 acres and would like to have 4 lots put in with one entrance. Mr. Leschuck stated he does have visibility and drainage for the drive and it will meet county specifications. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve the drive for Cold Creek Road. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Jim McLachlan and Aaron Maney, Chippewa Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board Evergreen Road East of 100th Avenue. Mr. McLachlan stated he built a cattle facility on Evergreen Road, in which, he holds public events and has water problems that he would like to fix. Mr. McLachlan also stated that two vehicles cannot fit side by side on Evergreen road causing safety concerns. Mr. McLachlan was wondering if he could get approval and help from the Road Commission. Board advised they would provide the gravel, culvert extensions, and also perform the ditch work with the gradall. Mr. McLachlan would also like to close the portion of Evergreen Road beyond his place. Board advised they would have Jim Knapp, Surveyor, check into the road. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2006 projects as follows: all projects are complete except for paving and gravel haul on 4 Mile Road 6000' East of Northland Drive in Deerfield Township and the Lawrence Drive relocate in Mecosta Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Wedging Estimate for North Chippewa Lake Drive at Boat Launch and West Chippewa Drive in Chippewa Township. Board advised it would not be possible to do at this time. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Winter Maintenance Sand Haul and Screening Bid tabulation. Board advised to have the sand hauled in by the contractors. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve Resolution #06-07 in regards to the acceptance of Venlo Drive to the County Road System. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the letter from County Road Association Self Insurance Fund in regards Board of Trustees positions. Randy Maxwell stated he would like to enter his name. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the letter from the United States Environmental Protection Agency in regards to the closure deadline for Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal Drains. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, stated that the Morley and Remus garages are the ones that this applies to. Board advised to go ahead and close the drains and then look into next year on getting larger storage tanks for the Morley and Remus garages. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Truck and Trailer Hydraulics training classes. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, recommended sending the mechanics to the classes. Board advised to go ahead and send Mechanics Barrett Noggle and Tom Peters to the classes. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the correspondence from Concrete Pipe Association of Michigan in regards to their Annual Golf Outing. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Livingston County Road Commission in regards to acceptance of bids for used equipment. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve voucher 7/25/2006 for payment in the amount of \$35,361.83. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Minutes from July 11, 2006 were approved as written.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) the tax bill received was for the storage building only, Board advised to check into the assessed value of the building; 2) cost on the computer for the maintenance software was approximately \$2,100.00; 3) working on draft of driveway policy, Board will review at the next meeting; 4) request to use 3 hours vacation per day as Workers Compensation Supplement before anniversary date, Board advised okay; 5) John Joyce wants to know decision on the Road Commission taking over maintenance of the Rest Area, Ms. Randall stated she is checking on what other Road Commissions contracts state; and 6) wondering about part – time workers, board advised to have their last day be Thursday, July 27, 2006. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following: 1) L.C. Redi – Mix water problem on Millpond Road in Big Rapids Township, the plant would like to put concrete from our asphalt to their building. L.C. Redi – Mix would stand behind the work and maintain it. Board advised they would need a letter from them stating this; 2) Cliff Halliday, Halliday Sand & Gravel, is planning to crush 30,000 – 40,000 yards of gravel in late August to September at Baumann Pit. No Action Required.

Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, was present to discuss with the Board on the possibility of charging for permits. Board advised to bring back a list of possible fees to the next meeting. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

DATE

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