

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001173

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

Minutes from August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 were approved as written.

Craig Close, Cimarex Energy, and Gary Deloister, Arrow Energy, were present to discuss with the Board a driveway permit on 230<sup>th</sup> Avenue South of 19 Mile Road. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, recommended getting an Irrevocable Letter of Credit. John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the driveway permit and have an Irrevocable Letter of Credit for the listed location above in the amount of \$70,000. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2006 projects as follows: 1) 4 Mile Road 6,000' East of Northland Drive in Deerfield Township will be paved after the Labor Day holiday; and 2) Lawrence Drive in Mecosta Township has the trees cut. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, discussed with the Board the Lawrence & Keckler Drives issues. Doug Barnes, property owner, is willing to give up the 33' foot of his property to the Road Commission if he could get a portion of Lawrence and Keckler abandoned. Ms. Randall was also wondering about the Road Abandonment fee, Board advised to waive the fee. No Action Required.

Jeff & Suzie Pierce, Big Rapids Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board the driveway issue out at University Parke Suites on 14 Mile Road. Mr. Pierce stated that he was never expecting to have his driveway closed after the construction on University Parke Suites was complete. Mrs. Pierce stated that with the snow fence up is helping to keep people from using the drive and most people use the paved drive instead. Board advised to put up Private Drive Signs. Will wait to see what happens. The purpose of this drive would be for single residential use only. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter in regards to the 2006 MDOT Maintenance Conference – reminder on August 23, 2006. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, is planning on attending. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the driveway policy. Board advised to make the necessary changes and bring back for review at the next meeting. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve Traffic Control Order #116 in regards to placing No Parking, Standing and Stopping Signs on 5 Mile Road where it intersects 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the North side for Westbound traffic and West side for Southbound traffic. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve Traffic Control Order #117 in regards to placing stop signs on 17 Mile Road where it intersects 230<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the Northeast and Southwest corner, turning the intersection into a 4-way stop. Roll Call Vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Currie), one (1) nay (Jefts), motion carried.

Board reviewed the 2006 winter weather transportation safety summit. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the DEQ permit for brine spreading. No Action Required.

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

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Board reviewed the Letter of Understanding in regards to working hours. Board advised okay for Chairman to sign if it comes back approved from the Union. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Jaycees golf outing on September 16, 2006. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Thomas Sage, P.C. in regards to safety issues at the intersection of 17 Mile Road and 230<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Big Rapids Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Traffic Engineering Associates, Inc. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Terry Asphalt Materials in regards to the Fiber Mat product demonstration. No Action Required.

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

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the water problem on Newcosta Avenue North of 19 Mile Road in Green Township. Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, stated the culverts are old and the road has narrowed over the years. Mr. Petersen also stated the shoulder gravel is washing into the culverts and plugging them. Board advised to clean out the culverts and put extensions on the culvert if possible and see what happens. No Action Required.

Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, updated the Board on Pavement Preservation after attending a conference on the topic. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items; 1) wondering about the possibility of doing anymore brining, Board advised to go ahead, and also discussed the bad condition of the brine tankers and trailers; 2) Colfax Township offered their hall for the Township Meeting on October 26, 2006, Board advised okay, Board also advised to have brining be a topic of discussion; 3) reminding the Board of the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions Conference coming up September 6 – 8, 2006; and 4) wondering about the Road Commission employees doing the maintenance on the Rest Area, Board advised to leave the maintenance for the contractors. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) trees are cut on 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue North of 18 Mile Road in Colfax/Martiny Township; and 2) Centerline Painting starting today August 22, 2006. No Action Required.

At 7:20 p.m. John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to move in Executive Session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCLA 15.268(h), to discuss an attorney/client privileged communication from the law firm of Young, Graham and Elsenheimer, P.C., dated August 8, 2006, which is exempt from disclosure by Section 13(1)(h) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, being MCLA 15.243(1)(h). Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 7:25 p.m. John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to move back into General Session. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

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