

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001175

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, September 12<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 Brooke Steiner, Clerk.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, was present to discuss with the Board the following items: 1) wondering about getting some patchwork done on East Chippewa Lake Drive just North of the Public Access, Board advised to go ahead and use hot patch to fix the problem: and 2) stated the Township Board approved \$2,000 towards project on 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue North of 18 Mile Road. No Action Required.

Sherry Samuel, Drain Commissioner, Dar Denslow, Sheridan Township Supervisor, and George Shaieb, Sheridan Township property owner, were all present to discuss with the Board the drainage issue on 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 17 Mile Road. Mrs. Samuel stated there needs to be a petition from the Township or Road Commission to have the drain become a County Drain. There needs to be a written Right of Way from all property owners in order for the Road Commission to clean the drain out. Mr. Shaeib stated the water is backing up and causing constant flooding, in which he would like to be able to cross the property. Board advised they would not have a problem working with the Township on getting a petition going. No Action Required.

Dar Denslow, Sheridan Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board M-66 at 15 Mile Road has two holes and a rough section in the road that really needs some work. No Action Required.

Sam Hassen, Big Rapids Township Property Owner, was present to discuss with the Board his options on 225<sup>th</sup> Avenue South of 13 Mile Road upgrade. Board advised they would need to go out and take a look at the Road before any decisions can be made. No Action Required.

Mike Fuller, Churchhill Communications, was present to discuss with the Board the 18 Mile Road Sealcoat damage. Mr. Fuller stated that his company was contracted by Verizon to install optic cable from Barryton to Weidman. Mr. Fuller also stated he was there when the damage was done. Mr. Fuller stated he would take the estimate back to his boss and then come back to the Board. No Action Required.

Minutes from August 22, 2006 were approved as written.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent updated the Board on 2006 projects as follows: 1) 4 Mile Road 6000' East of Northland Drive in Deerfield Township is paved; 2) Wayne Schuberg is ½ done with his work on 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue North of 18 Mile Road in Grant/Chippewa Township; 3) Jim Melachlin is ½ done with his work on Evergreen Road and 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Chippewa Township; and 4) phase 2 painting is done except for the roads that Michigan Pavement Solutions has to come back and re-paint. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Partnership Maintenance Meeting on September 19, 2006. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve \$5,000 for the plans on the Evergreen Road Bridge project. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the small urban program update from MDOT. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the Superintendent's Meeting on October 4 – 6, 2006. Board advised to have Bob Thumser, Big Rapids Garage Supervisor, attend the meeting. No Action Required.

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

Supervisor's meeting at 11:00 a.m. present: Mike Wernette, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon, and Bob Thumser.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, cutting trees and brush, installing tubes, maintenance, shoulder maintenance, blading roads, ditching, repairing washouts, sweeping intersections, hauling clay to Hansen pit, pumping state tanks, brining, finishing old salt shed, sealing floor drains in Morley and Remus, hauling potato stone, and fixing trucks. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from the Muskegon River Water Safety Committee in regards to the Muskegon River Water Safety Project. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from the American Road and Transportation Builders Association in regards to the Officer Elections. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from the Asphalt Pavement Association of Michigan in regards to the 2006 asphalt paving award nominations. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Larry Rice in regards to an erosion problem on West Blue Lake Drive and M-20 in Morton Township. No Action Required.

Board recessed for lunch at 11:35 a.m.

Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Board met with Sam Hassen, Big Rapids Township property owner, at 225<sup>th</sup> Avenue South of 13 Mile Road. Board returned to the office at 1:35 p.m. Board advised they would need written permission from Holly Sterns, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality before any work would be done. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to pay voucher 9/12/2006 in the amount of \$303,047.93. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, presented to the Board the proposed Driveway Policy. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Annual Farm Bureau Resolution; 2) stated George Derby, Derby Pit owner, called and was wondering what the plans were for his property, if any, Board advised to have the administrative staff check into the cost of getting the pit finished up; and 3) Maplewood Subdivision – has some private drives in the Subdivision that the Road Commission has been maintaining that were never taken over, Board advised to send a certified letter to all property owners stating this and inviting them to the next Board Meeting. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

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