

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001179

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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.

Minutes from September 26, 2006 were approved as written.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2006 projects as follows: 1) Craig Medler, Medler Trucking, is starting Lawrence Drive October 10, 2006; and 2) 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue North of 18 Mile Road in Grant/Chippewa Township is being worked on by the Road Commission. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the MDOT routine budget authorization for \$17,000. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Business after Hours meeting on October 19, 2006. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Township Meeting on October 26, 2006. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the damage to 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue South of 4 Mile Road in Deerfield Township. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, stated the damage was done by Dan Judge. Mr. Maneke also stated that Mr. Judge felt it was not his problem. Board advised to have an estimate prepared and possibly look at fixing the road next year. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, stated he talked to Verizon and gave them a cost in regards to the 18 Mile Road Seal coat damage and has not heard anything back yet. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan meeting on October 17, 2006. No Action Required.

Steve Rapanos, Cimarex Energy, was present to discuss with the Board the possibility of a gas lease on the Boyd Property, a 60 acre parcel located in Section 3 of Grant Township. Mr. Rapanos stated the Road Commission rights included the Mutual consent Clause and the Restoration Clause. Board wanted to know how close they will be able to mine to a well if one is placed on the property. Board advised to have the requested information brought back to the next meeting for further discussion. No Action Required.

Steve Hanford, Hanford Properties, and Kaye Inglis, Mid-Michigan Engineering, were present to discuss with the Board on the possibility of the Road Commission taking over the roads of the Cherrywood Subdivision located off 19 Mile Road and 205<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Green Township. Mr. Hanford stated there is a possibility of 31 driveways but currently only 17 are sold. Board advised they would need to have Ed Burch, Engineer, go out and take a look at the roads to make sure they are up to County Specifications before any decision can be made. No Action Required.

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

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Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion at 10:00 a.m. to hold Public Hearing for proposed Driveway, Road Approaches, Banners and Parades on and over Highways Policy. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. Bruce Cummings, Martiny Township Supervisor, was present and wondered whether residential driveway surface approach affected the existing driveways, Board advised it only affects any new driveways; Gary Todd, Green Township Trustee, was present and wondered who would maintain the asphalt on the driveway if it was required, Board advised the property owner would be, just like if they had to put in a culvert or gravel; John Wellnitz, Green Township Supervisor, was present and asked if the Township or Road Commission paved a gravel road would the residents need to pave their driveways, Board advised the policy is only for new driveways; Vernon May, Sheridan Township Trustee, was present and stated there Board really didn't have the time to review the packet to say whether the Township approved or not of the policy; John Todd, County Commissioner, asked about the clear vision paragraph on page 4 of residential driveways on the word shall vs. should, and an appeal process should be stated in the policy somewhere. Board advised to leave the clear vision paragraph as is and added an appeal process on page 2 of the policy. At 10:35 a.m. Chairman called to close Public Hearing on the proposed Driveway, Road Approaches, Banners and Parades on and over Highways Policy.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve Resolution #06-08 in regards to the Driveway, Road Approaches, Banners and Parades on and over Highways Policy with the addition of an appeals process stated on page two of the policy. Roll Call Vote of (2) yeas (Jefts and Maxwell), and (1) nay (Currie), motion carried.

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

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, cutting trees and brush, routine maintenance, shoulder maintenance, blading roads, removing sand pad at Big Rapids garage, paved Northland Drive near Paris, stockpiling salt and winter maintenance sand, replacing culverts, wedging, and fixing trucks. No Action Required.

Mike Simon, Shop Foreman, was present to discuss with the Board brine equipment estimates. No Action Required.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:54 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, presented to the Board the 4-10's vs. 5-8's analysis. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to pay voucher 10/10/2006 for payment in the amount of \$298,555.14. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve 2006 Budget Revision #2. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the correspondence in regards to the Mecosta/Osceola Career Center Open House. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence in regards to Malcolm Smith, MDOT, retirement. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence in regards to Ferris State program offerings. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the correspondence in regards to the Wetland mitigation requirements from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in regards to the opening of County Road systems to Off-Road Vehicles. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) stated cannot gate a county road unless you are planning to give up jurisdiction; 2) hunting in gravel pits; and 3) possibility of putting crushed concrete in front of salt shed. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following item: 1) Michigan Chloride has a chloride tank they would sell to the Road Commission for \$500; Board advised okay to purchase the tank at \$500 for the Remus garage. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the write off of invoice #64 to Kristopher Bruce Ducat in regards to accident damage repairs due to non-payment and no insurance coverage. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

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DATE