

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001185

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, November 14<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.

Denise Moore, Big Rapids Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the possibility of changing the speed limit on Grass Lake Road and 182<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 55 mph to 35 mph due to safety concerns. Mrs. Moore stated there have been several complaints filed with the Sheriff's Department. Board advised they would have a speed study performed by the Michigan State Police and then go from there. No Action Required.

Dan Judge, Deerfield Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the damage estimate for 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue South of 4 Mile Road. Mr. Judge stated the water line that crosses under the road was capped several years ago and he needed to get water across the road so he uncapped the pipe to put water through and the water pushed up through the road. Board advised that they would have to do some research on why the pipe was capped several years ago and then decide what to do from there. No Action Required.

Kevin O' Reilly, Fork Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board on the possibility of abandoning 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue South of Meceola Road. Mr. O'Reilly stated the road is seasonal right now and has several issues with people littering, loitering, partying, poaching, and other illegal activities. Mr. O'Reilly also stated that Emergency vehicles cannot even make it down the road. Board advised Mr. O'Reilly that the possibility of getting the road abandoned was not very good. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve and authorize signing of the corrected Gas and Oil Leases with Cimarex Energy as follows: 1) 65 acres in Section 3 of Grant Township; 2) 80 acres in section 12 of Mecosta Township; and 3) 8.12 acres in section 30 of Mecosta Township. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board the Private Drive Permit off 18 Mile Road. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed Mrs. McClelland that the permit just needed final approval. No Action Required.

At 10:56 a.m. John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to open and read bids for the Building and Grounds Maintenance of the Rest Area. Bids will be read and forwarded to MDOT for award. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. Bids were read as follows:

R & R Enterprise's	\$1,300.00/week
AJ's Landscaping	\$ 980.00/week
Hi-Tec Building Services	\$1,210.00/week
Blohm Janitorial	\$1,335.00/week

Minutes from October 24, 2006 and Special Meeting November 1, 2006 were approved as written. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2006 projects as follows: 1) 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue North of 18 Mile Road in Grant/Chippewa Township is done; and 2) Lawrence Drive in Mecosta Township is also done. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the estimate for Marywood Drive East of St. Ives Drive in Morton Township. The Township is willing to pay for 50% if the Road Commission will pay 50%. Board advised to have the road put on their list for the spring ride around. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Park Drive bituminous surfacing estimate in Martiny Township. The project estimate was asked for by the Township, which is planning on paying for 100% of cost. Board advised to go ahead and send the estimate to the Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 project priority list for Chippewa Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Ed Burch, Engineer, in regards to taking over the roads in Cherry Meadows Subdivision. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 18 Mile Road Seal coat damage done by Churchill Communications. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, stated the Road Commission has not heard back from Jim Flood. No Action Required.

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, winter maintenance, shoulder maintenance, blading roads, stockpiling salt, replacing culverts, ditching, pumping state tanks, repairing Remus salt shed, repairing washouts, and fixing trucks. No Action Required.

Board recessed for lunch at 12:17 p.m.

Board reconvened at 12:58 p.m.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to pay voucher 11/13/2006 for \$305,594.19, voucher 10/30/2006 for \$357.50 and voucher 11/07/2006 for \$100.00. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to revise Policy #2-1 in regards to Winter Maintenance Operations from 4" to 6" of snow on overtime. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, made the recommendation to make a transfer from Remus Garage to Big Rapids Garage for Winter Maintenance Season. Board advised to go ahead. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the paving estimate for the Big Rapids garage sand pad. Board advised to look at for next year. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Upper Peninsula's Road Builders Association meeting on February 8 – 9, 2007. Board advised to go ahead and make two reservations for the meeting. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve the National Organizations membership. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the new proposed Policy #3-29 in regards to personal cell phone usage. No Action Required.

Connie Larson, Clerk, was present to review the cell phone comparison with the Board. Board advised to go back to Nextel and Alltel and see if the plan that was offered was the best plan possible and bring the information back to the next meeting. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the letter from JDJ Ranch in regards to Evergreen Road in Chippewa Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Wade Trim in regards to Pioneer Drive in Big Rapids Township. No Action Required.

Brooke Steiner, Clerk, presented the financial reports to the Board.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) starting the process for abandoning Keckler Road in Mecosta Township; 2) would like to place no parking signs along 215<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15 Mile Road in Big Rapids Township, Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approved Traffic Control Order #119 for placing No Parking Signs on 215<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15 Mile Road. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried; 3) Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve Traffic Control Order #118 in regards to placing a stop sign on Lawrence Drive where it intersects 187<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the Northeast corner. Motion carried; and 4) more people are interested in the property on the corner of 13 Mile Road and 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Sheridan Township, Board advised to hold an auction to sell the property and to bring a list of all the Road Commissions property into the next meeting to see if other property can also be sold. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with State of Michigan Department of Treasury for the 2006 annual audit. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve Resolution #06-09 in regards to the adoption of MERS benefit E Program for AFSCME Division #1 only. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

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