

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001188

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, November 28th, 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 November 14, 2006 were approved with corrections.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, updated the Board on 130th Avenue South of 4 Mile Road in Deerfield Township. Ms. Randall stated that the contractors working on the road project never went deep enough on the road to hit the pipe. Board advised to send a letter to Dan Judge letting him know of this information and find out if he wants to put a new pipe through and that he will have to pay for the repairs of the road in the spring. No action required.

Eldon Birtles, Big Rapids Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the pavement markings on 215th Avenue just south of Menards driveway. Mr. Eldon stated the pavement markings do not make any sense. Board advised that the pavement markings were done for future development. No action required.

Bettie Harper, Big Rapids Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the safety concerns with 15 Mile Road and 205th Avenue up to Arthur Road. Mrs. Harper stated the vehicles travel at high speeds and there are noise concerns. Board advised that nothing could be done at this time. No action required.

Benny Green, Jenison resident, was present to discuss with the Board whether 9 Mile Road off of Newcosta Road in Mecosta Township is open to public or not. Mr. Green stated the map shows the road going through but the property owners say the road is closed. Board advised to have Jim Knapp, Surveyor, research the road and see if a public right of way still goes through. No action required.

At 5:22 p.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to call for Public Hearing on the 2007 Proposed Budget and Federal Funds Exchange 3 Year Road Plan. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. Clerk presented the proposed 2007 budget to those in attendance and the Chairman called for any questions. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve the 2007 Budget and Meeting Dates as presented. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of new restrictions on Federal Exchange Funds as follows: 1) the State D Funds cannot be exchanged; and 2) now the roads need to be classified as all season roads. Board advised they will probably buy out the Federal Exchange Funds for 2007. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve the Federal Exchange Funds 3 Year Road Plan. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. At 5:40 p.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to close the Public Hearing. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Aaron Maney, Chippewa Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the possible abandonment of 105th Avenue from 23 Mile Road to Evergreen Road and Evergreen Road from 110th Avenue East to Jim Mclachlan Southeast property line due to safety concerns for horses and people. Mr. Maney stated he is waiting for Mr. Mclachlan to return for final signatures and to submit the abandonment fee. Mr. Maney stated that Mr. Mclachlan is willing to deed a perpetual easement to the Road Commission for a Cul de Sac. Board advised they will need to go out and take a look at the roads at the December 12, 2006 meeting at 1:00 p.m. No action required.

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Sandee Farlow, Grant Township Clerk, was present to discuss with the Board that Mr. Grunst out at Young's Lake Road went and dumped a truck load of sand in the Road Commissions Cul de Sac. Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, go out and take a look. No action required.

Board reviewed the MTA meeting change to January 29, 2007. No action required.

Board reviewed the 2007 project priority list for Austin Township. No action required.

Board reviewed the 2007 project priority list for Big Rapids Township. No action required.

Board reviewed the MDOT five year Transportation Program public listening sessions. No action required.

Board reviewed the corrected Oil and Gas Lease on the acreage amount for the property in section 12 of Mecosta Township. Board advised they are not going to sign the corrected lease. No action required.

Board reviewed the Petition to reduce the speed on Grass Lake Road in Big Rapids Township. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, stated the road does not meet any of the requirements. Board advised they would still have a speed study requested. No action required.

Board reviewed the cell phone comparison proposal. Board wanted to know what kind of service plan was included and if the same phone numbers could be transferred. Board advised that once these answers were found out and if satisfactory then it would be okay to switch to Nextel. No action required.

Board reviewed the revised winter maintenance overtime routes. Board advised the winter maintenance overtime routes with corrections are okay. No action required.

Board reviewed the Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool November Board meeting. No action required.

Board reviewed the employee transfer notice. No action required.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report. No action required.

Board reviewed the personal cell phone usage policy #3-29. Board advised to send the policy to the union and to post as a proposed policy. No action required.

Board reviewed the letter from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in regards to notice of violation at 225th Avenue South of 13 Mile Road in Big Rapids Township. No action required.

Board reviewed the letter from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in regards to notice of violation at 200th Avenue South of Jefferson Road in Aetna Township. No action required.

Board reviewed the Michigan deer crash coalition correspondence. No action required.

Board reviewed the memo in regards to employee recognition and safety incentive programs. No action required.

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Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) will bring the property list in at the next meeting; 2) met with Mike Fleitman, Executive Director of Mecosta County Development Corporation, in regards to 18 Mile Road and Northland Drive project in Big Rapids Township; 3) Southern meeting on December 4-6, 2006; 4) request from Mecosta Township to reduce invoice #138 by \$2,770.00 for the culverts purchased in 2004, Board advised that would be okay; 5) Mike Simon, Shop Foreman, needs a new computer, Board advised to go ahead with a maximum amount of \$2,500.00; 6) the doors on the office are in need of repairs, Board advised to get options and quotes on repair or replacement of the doors and options for new entry; and 7) received quotes on clearing of Byers Pit, Wayne Schuberg Company had the lowest quote at \$7,500.00, Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve the clearing of Byers Pit by Wayne Schuberg Company for \$7,500.00. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

DATE