

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001198

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday February 13th, 2007. 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: None.

Administrative Staff Present: Joyce Randall, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Brooke Steiner, Clerk.

Minutes from January 9th, 2007 were approved as written.

Janice Scalza, Colfax Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the destruction of her mailbox located on 130th Avenue North of M-20. Mrs. Scalza stated that her mailbox was hit on January 20th and then was hit again on February 2nd. Mrs. Scalza is requesting that \$50 be reimbursed back to her for the cost of installing her mailbox. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed Mrs. Scalza of what the Road Commission's Policy for mailboxes states. No Action Required.

At 9:20 a.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to hold the Public Hearing on the proposed Road abandonment of Keckler Drive in Mecosta Township. The following people were in favor of the road abandonment: Mary Ratliff and Tom Nicholson, Mecosta Township residents. The following were opposed to have the road abandoned: Arthur Nelson, Mecosta Township resident, due to the fact that he wasn't clear that the road was not going to be public anymore. Board advised the people that there would have to be an easement signed by the two property owners stating that all the other six lot owners could have access to 187th Avenue through Keckler Drive so they would not be land locked. The Road Commission needs to go out and see if there is enough room for a cul - de - sac at the end of the 895'. At 9:46 a.m. Chairman called to postpone the Road Abandonment until May 8th, 2007 at 10:00 am. At 9:47 a.m. the Chairman called to close the Public Hearing. No Action Required.

Sandee Farlow, Grant Township Clerk, was present to discuss with the Board Youngs Lake Drive. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that Mr. Grunst would like the Road Commission to stop 300' short of the Road Right of Way. Board advised that the Road Commission could not stop the 300' short. Board also advised that if Mrs. Farlow gets an agreement from all the plat owners and has it approved through the courts to have the road become public then the Road Commission would have no problem maintaining to where they were before as long as an adequate cul - de- sac could be installed. No Action Required.

At 10:04 a.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to hold the Public Hearing on the proposed Road abandonment of Evergreen Road in Chippewa Township. The following people were in favor of the road abandonment: Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, and Aaron Maney, Chippewa Township resident. The following were opposed to have the road abandoned: None. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to postpone the Road Abandonment until an agreement is signed and received by JDJ Ranch allowing the Road Commission a cul - de - sac at the end. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Gary Lambrix, Deerfield Township Trustee, was present to discuss with the Board the cost sharing of paving the remaining part of 4 Mile Road. Mr. Lambrix stated the Township would like to have the Road Commission cost share in the paving of 4 Mile to just East of Mallory's Property. Board advised that the Road Commission would look at cost sharing if the Township is willing to pave 4 Mile all the way to 155th Avenue where it meets up with the existing blacktop. Mr. Lambrix stated he would need to go back and talk with the rest of the Township Board and then come back to the Road Commission. No Action Required.

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Steve Dukes and Lillian Cain, Mecosta Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board 9 Mile Road West of Old State Road. Mr. Dukes stated that he is currently battling with Walter Cain to keep the other access to his property open. Mr. Dukes stated that if he loses it in court that he would like to have 9 Mile Road recertified so he can have access to his property. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, stated that there is Public Right of Way lying through 9 Mile Road, but has not been certified since 1974. Board advised Ms. Randall to call and discuss options with the attorney. No Action Required.

Mike Fleitman, Mecosta County Development Corporation, was present to discuss with the Board the Retail development on 220th Avenue from 18 to 19 Mile Road. Mr. Fleitman was wondering whether the Road Commission wanted the water and sewer pipes to run adjacent or along the roadway of 18 Mile from Northland Drive to development. Board advised to have them run along the road Right of Way. No Action Required.

Ed Burch, Engineer, was present to discuss with the Board the 9 Mile Bridge in Morton Township. Mr. Burch stated everything is currently on schedule and the completion date is scheduled for July 3rd, 2007. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 project list. Board advised to have the spring ride around tentatively during the April 10, 2007 Board meeting in the afternoon and March 27th, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. prior to the evening Board meeting at 5:00 p.m. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from MDOT in regards to the 2009 and 2010 Small Urban Program Project Selection. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from MDOT in regards to the 2008 and 2009 Category F Grants. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the High Risk Rural Roads Program. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that the Road Commission missed the deadline. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 capital outlay. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of a used roller for \$26,000 from Colwell Equipment and Mike Simon, Maintenance Supervisor, has the updated truck specifications prepared. No Action Required.

Supervisor's meeting at 11:19 a.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon, and Bob Thumser.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, cutting trees and brush, blading roads, pumping state tanks, putting up state and county salt, washing trucks, pumping hoover well, winter maintenance, and fixing trucks. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve the purchase of a computer server for the office at approximately \$7,075.00 with the installing to take place by Tim Moslener, Computer Technician. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board recessed for lunch at 12:06 p.m.

Board reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Board reviewed the letter from Verizon in regards to 18 Mile Road damage repairs. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 225th Avenue South of 13 Mile Road DEQ complaint. No Action Required.

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Julie Terry, Mike Roberts, and John Joyce, MDOT, were all present to discuss with the Board the preliminary plans for M-20 from 13 Mile Road to 80th Avenue in 2007 and M-20 from Village of Mecosta to Remus for 2009. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Oil and Gas Lease Payments. Board advised Brooke Steiner, Clerk, to cash the check for payment for the 40 acre parcel in Mecosta Township. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that the payment for the 8 acre parcel in Grant Township still has not been received yet. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the brine policy for dust control for the 2007 summer season. Board advised to have Joyce Randall, Managing Director, send a letter to all Townships stating the Road Commission will pay 100% cost for the first application of brine in 2007 but if the Townships want a second or third application they would need to pay \$100/Mile and the entire Township would need to be done. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the County Road Association of Michigan Annual Meeting March 6, 7, and 8, 2007, Voters Designations, and Policy Recommendations. Board advised to have Joyce Randall, Managing Director, to be the designated voter for the meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the County Road Association Self Insurance Fund meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Freedom of Information Act request Policy and the Haul Road Policy Revisions. Board advised to postpone until the next meeting.

Board reviewed the possibility of the property lease on 13 Mile Road North of 75th Avenue in Martiny Township for Horseback riding. Board advised to have the individual make the Road Commission an offer and make sure he has the proper insurance coverage and that the property only be used for horseback riding and cannot make any changes to the property. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve Resolution #07-07 in regards to additions to the MDOT Road Certification. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Paul Bunyan meeting on February 15, 2007. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool Board of Directors meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 proposed seasonal road additions. Board advised to go ahead and setup for a Public Hearing. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 annual bid reviews. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that the bids will be opened at the March 13, 2007 meeting. Cliff Halliday, Halliday Sand and Gravel would like to extend his bid with an added surcharge for gravel crushing; Board advised the bid would need to be extended at the same price or be re-bid out. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to adopt the manual for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control APA Procedures. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the realtor quotes. Board advised to respond back to the realtor that sent in quotes letting them know the Road Commission is not going to list any property at this time. No Action Required.

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John Currie moved and Paul Jeffs seconded motion to have the Chairman sign the Quit Claim Deed for the transfer of Minkel Pit back to the property owners. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Currie and Jeffs) and one (1) nay (Maxwell), motion carried.

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

Board reviewed the correspondence from Mike Dillenbeck, Grand Traverse County Road Commission in regards to future adjustment of Urban Road Formula. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence in regards to the Engineers Workshop. Board advised to have Ed Burch, Engineer, attend the meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence in regards to the OSHA compliance seminar. Board advised to have Mike Simon, Maintenance Supervisor, attend the meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from West Michigan Regional Planning Commission in regards to request for projects – Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from ASI Manufacturing, LLC in regards to Crack Sealing Demo. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from American Road and Transportation Builders Association in regards to the Federal Issues Program. No Action Required.


Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) starting to get request for the cost of Road Commissioners from the Townships, Board advised to go ahead and send the cost out to the Townships that request it; and 2) the Mecosta County Corrections is looking into the possibility of a work study with the Road Commission, Ms. Randall stated she told them to check back with the Road Commission in the summer. No Action Required.

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

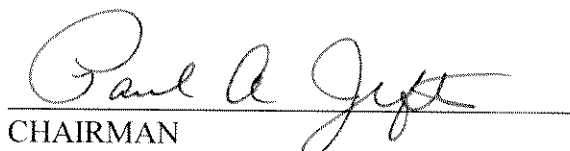
Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve budget revision #1 for 2007. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve voucher 1/23/2007 for payment for \$28,034.19 and voucher 2/13/2007 for payment for \$219,385.91. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.


SECRETARY

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DATE


CHAIRMAN