

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001208

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007. 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: Jerry Williams.

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

Minutes from March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were approved as written.

Diane Main, Wheatland Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board on the possibility of closing Poe Road from M-20 to Church Street in Remus for their annual Sidewalk and Yard Sale on June 22-23, 2007. Board advised to have the Mike Maneke, Superintendent, go out and take a look and bring back any recommendations to the Board. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 project list updates. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to sign the 2007 dust control contract with Colfax and Sheridan Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to sign the non-participating 2007 dust control contract with Morton Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Bruce Cummings, Martiny Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board the 2007 dust control contracts. Mr. Cummings stated their next township meeting is after the deadline for turning in the contract, he was wondering if that would be a problem. Board advised it would not be a problem as long as the Township gets the contract in as soon as possible. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to have the chairman sign the 2007 contract 0404 with MDOT to exchange Federal Funds. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Brooke Steiner, Clerk, presented to the Board the 2003 and 2004 MDOT Audit Review. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve Resolution #07-07 in regards to Road Abandonment of Evergreen Road in Chippewa Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the 2007 annual bid tabulations. Board advised to have Halliday Sand and Gravel and Barber Creek bring in their Pit Management plans along with references. No Action Required.

At 5:30 p.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to hold the Public Hearing on the proposed Road abandonment of 10 Mile Road in Mecosta Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried. The following people were in favor of the road abandonment: Mike and Amanda Maile, Mecosta Township residents. There was no one present in opposition to have the road abandoned. Board advised Mr. Maile that the Road Commission cannot abandon a Road that will land lock any other residents and the Road Commission also cannot allow a gate to cross a Public Road. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to deny Resolution #07-05 in regards to the Abandonment of 10 Mile Road.

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At 5:40 p.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to open and read bids received for the purchase of three tandem trucks and mowers. Roll call vote of (3) three years, motion carried. Bids were read as follows:

	<u>Per</u> <u>Tandem Paystar</u>	<u>w/Accessories</u>	<u>Only</u> <u>Accessories</u>
Motor City Trucks	No Bid	No Bid	-
Wieland	\$93,435.00	\$160,411.00	-
Duthler Truck Center	\$98,704.00*	\$165,680.00	-
	 <u>Sterling - Tandem</u>		
Motor City Trucks	\$89,414.00	\$156,390.00	-
Wieland	\$86,284.81	\$153,260.81	-
Duthler Truck Center	\$86,250.00	\$153,226.00	-
Truck & Trailer Specialties	-	-	\$66,976.00

\*comparable Transmission and Suspension

Board reviewed the letter from Peter Wendling, Attorney, in regards to the 9 Mile Road right-of-way. Lillian Cain, Mecosta Township resident, was present to keep updated on the situation and to see if there was anymore that she could do. Board advised that Jim Knapp, Surveyor, needs to go out and take a look at the right-of-way. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 capital outlay. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the memo from Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool in regards to candidates for the Board of Directors Positions. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 commissioners seminar registration, Randy Maxwell is planning on attending. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the American Public Works Association annual conference. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the memo in regards to the employee temporary transfer completion on March 30, 2007. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the memo in regards to the completion of the Night Patrol Assignment on March 30, 2007. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the correspondence from Local Government Leadership Institute in regards to the Michigan Local Government Leadership Summit. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) wondering about whether to send a letter to the union in regards to 4-10's summer working hours, Board advised to go ahead with the start date on or after April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and the end date of on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. No Action Required.

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At 6:02 p.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to hold the Public Hearing on the proposed Road abandonment of 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Morton Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried. The following people were in favor of the road abandonment: Steve Lobert, Attorney, Jack Card, Card & Card Investments, and Wally Bontrager. The following were opposed to have the road abandoned option (A): Morton Township, Ryan Howard, Morton Township property owner, Village of Mecosta, due to the fact that if option A was Abandoned it would land lock a property owner. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve Resolution #07-06 Option B on 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue and to deny Option A on 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

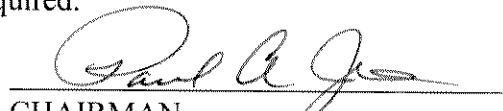
Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions Scholarship committee meeting; 2) wondering about putting the current 3 spares in the Kent County Auction, Board advised to put the 3 spare trucks into the Kent County Auction and to have someone attend the Auction; 3) received a letter from Chippewa Hills Schools in regards to the Project on Arthur Road East of M-66, the school currently could not give a monetary contribution but could contribute road materials towards the project, Board advised to wait and see what the bids come in at for the project; and 4) wondering about sending out advertisement for the Estimator/Field Inspector position, Board advised to go ahead. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve voucher 3/27/2007 for payment in the amount of \$29,466.30. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the employee's request for leave without pay. Board approved the leave without pay for 30 days from 3/27/2007. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

  
SECRETARY

  
CHAIRMAN

4/10/2007  
DATE