

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001211

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Paul Jefts and John Currie.

Members Absent: Randy Maxwell

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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were approved with corrections made.

George Derby, Green Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board on what the Road Commissions plans are for Derby Pit. Mr. Derby stated he would like to get some gravel out of the pit. Board advised they are waiting to see what Barber Creek Sand and Gravel presents to the Board later in the meeting in regards to gravel crushing before the Board can make any decisions on were they are going to do crushing's in 2007. No Action Required.

Robert Agema, Missaukee County resident, was present to discuss with the Board on the restriction signing in Mecosta County. Mr. Agema stated he was wondering by the verbiage on the restriction signs placed on 13 Mile Road how he could tell were the restrictions started and ended. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, stated that truckers usually call in with questions and for alternate routes. Mr. Agema would like to see the uniformity of signs throughout Mecosta County. Board advised that there are no necessary changes that need to be made. No Action Required.

John and Dustin Northrup, Aetna Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board a commercial drive on 3 Mile Road. Mr. Northrup stated he will not be paving his parking lot at this time. Board advised they would only approve the permit, that if and when Mr. Northrup puts a hard surface on his driveway he would pave 3 Mile Road from his commercial drive to Northland Drive. No Action Required.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, was present to discuss with the Board on when Bullhead Lake Drive and East Chippewa Drive projects will get done. Board advised her they will get done. No Action Required.

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, Sue and Bryan Galloup, Big Rapids Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board the decertification of a portion of 183<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Mr. Galloup stated that the easement he has that goes with his property does not connect to 183<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Board stated that there is still public right-of-way at this location. Board advised him that Jim Knapp, Surveyor, will stake the right of way and then Mike Maneke, Superintendent, will tag any items that are in the right of way. No Action Required.

Jim Beltz, Barber Creek Sand and Gravel, was present to discuss with the Board gravel processing procedures and pit management. Barber Creek Sand and Gravel did provide references as requested. Mr. Beltz stated he provided pit management plans for consumers, pines and derby pits. No Action Required.

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At 10:20 a.m. John Currie moved and Paul Jefts supported motion to hold Public Hearing for Seasonal Road Additions. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts and Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried. The following were present in favor of the seasonal road additions: Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, stated the township has no problem with the roads listed in their township to be added to seasonal road status. Kenn Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor, was present and stated that he is opposed to the Seasonal Road Policy and that the township has their meeting on the evening of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and would need to discuss the road listed for their township at that time. John Currie moved and Paul Jefts supported motion to approve Resolution #07-09 to approve the roads listed in Chippewa Township to Seasonal Road Status and to postpone the road listed for Aetna Township until the meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts and Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried. At 10:47 a.m. John Currie moved and Paul Jefts supported motion to close the Public Hearing for Seasonal Road Additions. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts and Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried.

Matt Graves, Duthler Truck, and Mike Simon, Maintenance Supervisor, were present to discuss with the Board the truck bids. Board advised they feel they need a heavier duty truck. Mr. Graves stated the sterling would be a good truck for use of 8-10 years and the Western Star Truck would be good for a 15 plus year period. Mr. Simon recommended purchasing the Western Star Trucks due to the fact that the Road Commission is asking more out of their trucks. Mr. Simon also recommended selling the three tri-axle trucks before they will end up costing more in repairs. No Action Required.

Supervisor's meeting at 11:30 a.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon, and Bob Thumser.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, cutting trees and brush, pumping state tanks, stockpiling state and county salt, removing snow fence and weight limit signs, thawing culverts, blading local roads, replacing culverts, shoulder maintenance, winter maintenance, and fixing trucks. No Action Required.

Board recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m.

Board reconvened at 12:52 p.m.

John Currie moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve the purchase of three Western Star Trucks with 435 hp, airliner suspension, and .500 wheels from Duthler Truck and the accessories to be installed through Truck and Trailer. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts and Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried.

Ed Burch, Engineer, was present to discuss with the Board the information he learned at the Bridge Conference. Mr. Burch stated that the applications due on 6/01/2007 for bridges will be scheduled to go in 2010. Mr. Burch also stated that their needs to be at least five projects listed and the Road Commission needs to certify that there will be money to pay for the projects if and when they are scheduled to start. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the proposed Old US 131 jurisdictional transfer from MDOT to the Mecosta County Road Commission. Board advised it would not be beneficial to the Road Commission to take the road over. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Paul Jefts supported motion to sign the 2007 dust control contracts with Aetna and Big Rapids Townships and sign the non-participating contract with Grant Township. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts and Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried.

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Board reviewed the Sheridan Township special request for meeting attendance from the Mecosta County Road Commission in regards to an unresolved drain issue. Board advised to have Joyce Randall, Managing Director, and Paul Jefts attend the meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 annual bid awards. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 Capital Outlay. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007/2008 salt requisition. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, recommended ordering 100% of usage from 2006/2007 winter season for county and state. Board advised that would be okay. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve Traffic Control Order #120 in regards to removing two stop signs on the Southeast and Northwest corners of Marywood in Morton Township. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts and Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried.

Board reviewed the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions skeet shoot on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Paul Bunyan Meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the Estimator/Field Inspector position. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve the lowest bid for seal coating with the work to be performed by the contractor. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts and Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried.

Board held a conference call with Cliff Halliday, Halliday Sand and Gravel, in regards to gravel processing. No Action Required.

Board advised to have Halliday Sand and Gravel crush 20,000 yards at Bauman, Byers and Derby Pit and have Winter Maintenance Sand made. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 4-10 summer working hours Letter of Understanding sent to the Union. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Newaygo County Road Commission in regards to the Golf Outing on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Flanagan Sales and Associates, Inc. in regards to the Crackseal, Striping and Maintenance Workshop. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Mecosta County Area Chamber of Commerce in regards to the Golf Outing on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Municipal Employees Retirement System in regards to the 2007 Regional Meetings dates. No Action Required.

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Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) wondering whether to use the wing blades for shouldering projects, Board advised to check with Montcalm County Road Commission for a demonstration; 2) received a call from Ralph Wallace in regards to a culvert being too short, Board advised it would be up to the Township; and 3) Aetna Township was wondering about cost sharing on the 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue asphalt project, Board advised it is not possible for the Road Commission to do any cost sharing on new projects for 2007. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Paul Jeffs supported motion to approve voucher 3/28/2007 for payment in the amount of \$210.00 and voucher 4/10/2007 for payment in the amount of \$361,186.03. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jeffs and Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried.

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

John Currie moved and Paul Jeffs seconded motion to approve 2007 budget revision #2. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jeffs and Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried.

Board reviewed the 2007 project list.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

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