

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 0001218

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday May 8th, 2007. 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: Jerry Williams.

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

Dennis Dix, Grant Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board Young's Lake Road. Mr. Dix states he owns two houses on Young's Lake Road and is wondering if there is any information in regards to the ongoing litigation. Mr. Dix stated that his one house on the hill at 17290 is getting washed out. Mr. Dix also stated that whenever the Road Commission goes in to level and blade the road that Jim Grunst goes in behind and moves the gravel, which is causing issues. Board advised they would need to go out and take a look at the Road. No Action Required.

David Farlow, Grant Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board on whether any decision would be made on the Cul de sac on Young's Lake Road. Board advised they would need to go out and take a look at the road. No Action Required.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, was present to discuss with the Board that several property owners on West Chippewa Lake Drive down to Bullhead Lake Drive are requesting a speed study. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 project list. Board advised to go ahead with seal coat and wedge paving projects as listed. Board also advised to go ahead with 100th Avenue, Bullhead Lake Drive and Hoover Road paving projects. No Action Required.

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

Minutes from April 24, 2007 were approved as written. No Action Required.

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

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Board reviewed the 2007 Township dust control program. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to postpone Keckler Drive Road Abandonment until September 11, 2007 pending needed information from property owners. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Mike Simon, Maintenance Supervisor, was present to review dust control equipment. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 health care renewal rates. Board advised that the Health Care Panel would need to meet. No Action Required.

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Supervisor's meeting at 11:05 a.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon, and Bob Thumser.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, cutting trees and brush, removing weight limit signs, blading local roads, replacing culverts, shoulder maintenance, winter maintenance, repairing washouts, ditching, roadside cleanup, beaver removal, guardrail removal, and fixing trucks. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 biennial Bridge Inspections and Reports for Mecosta County. Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board that the Road Commission is waiting on final proposals. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the beaver removal fee increase from \$20.00 to \$25.00. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool 2007 Annual Membership meeting on July 18-19, 2007. Board advised to have Joyce Randall, Managing Director, voting delegate and Paul Jelts as alternate voting delegate. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Upper Peninsula Road Builders Association Summer Meeting on June 20-21, 2007. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Fuel Depot maintenance account expenditures. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the Employees Union letter in regards to the 4-10 summer hours. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the AFSCME Employees Unit Contract Re-Opener meeting on May 17, 2007. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Michigan Township Association District Meeting Invitation on May 31, 2007. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jelts seconded motion to have Joyce Randall, Managing Director, attend the Labor Law and Labor Arbitration Seminar on August 10, 2007. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board recessed for lunch at 11:53 a.m.

Board reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

Board drove out to Young's Lake Road at 12:45 p.m.

Board returned to the office at 1:20 p.m.

Board advised to have Jim Grunst put the surveyor stakes back where they were on Young's Lake Road and to have Mr. Grunst come into the next meeting. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) that a David LaRue is wondering whether a project is being planned for 205th Avenue South of Perry in Big Rapids Township; 2) employees request for vacation during winter season, Board advised that would be okay; and 3) wondering whether to start centerline painting, Board advised to go ahead and start. No Action Required.

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Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve Reith Riley to do the wedge paving at \$39.24/ton. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried; 2) Sealcoat will be starting the second week of July; 3) Halliday Sand & Gravel will be in Byers Pit by the end of June; and 4) Doug O'Neil and Dale Ringler are interested in leasing property for gravel on 120th Avenue South of 5 Mile Road in Hinton Township, Board advised to check into the property. No Action Required.

Board selected the applicants to interview on May 22, 2007 starting at 3:00 for the Estimator/Field Inspector position as follows:

Thomas Nelson
Brandon Steiffel
Jason Metz
Kyle Knoop
Nathan Maddern

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve voucher 5/08/2007 for payment in the amount of \$190,983.16. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Brooke Steiner
SECRETARY

Paula Jye
CHAIRMAN

5/22/07
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