

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001262

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday January 8th, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Randy Maxwell, and Paul Jefts.

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerry Williams.

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

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to appoint John Currie, Chairman and Randy Maxwell, Vice Chairman. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to appoint Brooke Steiner, Board Secretary for 2008. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to allow the Chairman to enter into debate; that the Chairman to be allowed to make and/or support any motion; to allow Chairman to vote on all questions; and public comment is limited to 5 minutes unless waived by the Chairman. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Minutes from December 31st, 2007 were approved as written.

Wayne O'Neil, Big Rapids Township Trustee, was present to discuss with the Board the 18 Mile Road and Northland Drive intersection project. Mr. O'Neil stated the Township is setting up a committee to meet with the Board of Road Commissioners, which cannot meet until after the first week in February. Board advised to have the committee come in at the next meeting on February 12, 2008. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve voucher 1/08/2008 for payment in the amount of \$89,796.83. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

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

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the transfer of \$100,000 from the general cash fund to the unreserved cash fund. Roll Call Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the estimate for 14 Mile Road East of Northland Drive in Big Rapids Township. Board advised okay to send out to the Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the tree removal estimate for Newcosta Road South of Meceola Road in Green Township. Board advised to go ahead and send to the Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from MDOT in regards to the M-20 Detour use of 70th Avenue, 5 Mile Road, 40th Avenue and Cypress Road during the 2009 construction season. Board advised they would need to see the final plans of the project before any decision can be made. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from MDOT in regards to the purchase of Bulk Salt through the Department of Management and Budget Process. Board advised the Road Commission to get more information on bidding outside the State Purchase Program for future purchases. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the estimate for 90th Avenue from 11 Mile to 13 Mile in Martiny/Morton Township. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the 2008 capital outlay. No Action Required.

At 10:04 a.m. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to hold the Public Hearing on the proposed Road abandonment of 183rd Avenue in Big Rapids Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried. The following property owners were in favor of the road abandonment: Bill Boone, Brenda Kailing, Bryan and Susan Galloup. Tim Mudrak, property owner, is in favor as long as he is allowed to keep all public utilities where they currently are. Wayne O/Neil, Big Rapids Township Trustee, is in favor as long as there is access for emergency vehicles. The following people were opposed of the Road Abandonment: Big Rapids Township Fire Department unless an access remains available for emergency vehicle use, then they don't have a problem with the abandonment. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve Resolution #08-1 for the Road Abandonment of 183rd Avenue in Big Rapids Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Supervisor's meeting at 11:03 a.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Mike Simon, and Bob Thumser.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, cutting trees and brush, blading roads, stockpiling salt, pumping state tanks, brining, winter maintenance, stockpiling pit run gravel, drainage, fixing washouts, and fixing trucks. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to purchase one Motor Grader through Michigan Cat for \$227,800.00 less the trade-in of \$91,500.00. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board advised to go ahead and bid out various midsize sport utility vehicles to local dealers, with and without a trade in value on vehicle #09. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the county catch basin and garage floor drains and catch basin bid tabulations. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to award the bid for county catch basin, sweeping, and garages to Greenscape. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Youngs Lake Road correspondence. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 75th Avenue fence issue and agreement. Board advised to have Peter Wendling, Attorney, send a letter to Steve Lobert, Attorney, stating that the Road Commission is not willing to sign any agreement until Card and Card investments proves through a survey that the fence is not encroaching on the other person's property. No Action Required.

Board recessed for lunch at 11:49 a.m.

Board reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Board reviewed the Mutual Aid Group Agreement and decided not to do anything at this time. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the proposed sales agreement of the brine well from Christian Oil Company. Board advised they were not interested in purchasing at this time. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the American Public Works Association Snow Conference April 13 – 16, 2008. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the correspondence from Rose Marek in regards to mailbox damage. No Action Required.

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Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following: 1) presented the Evergreen Road Bridge plans, Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the Board to sign the Bridge plans for Evergreen Road. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried; 2) annual township meeting is on March 27, 2008 at the Wheatland Township Hall, was also wondering about having a presentation done by the National Weather Service, Board advised that would be okay; 3) wondering about brine program for 2008, Board advised to leave it the same; 4) Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion for the Chairman to go and view the Motor Grader at John Deere in Grand Rapids, Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried; and 5) Mrs. Kuipers and Mike Maneke, Superintendent, had a meeting with Great Lakes Com Net and Western Tel Com about the fiber optic cable work in the right of way that has been causing issues, Mrs. Kuipers stated the meeting went well. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN

DATE