

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 0001275

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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.

Minutes from March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were approved as written. No Action Required.

Troy Carlson, Superior Chip Sealing and Maintenance, was present to discuss the Chip Sealing Bids for 2008. Mr. Carlson stated he would like a list of the 2007 Chip Sealing road failures so he could go out and take a look at them. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2008 Project List. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the Board to sign the 2008 dust control contracts with the Townships. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Mecosta Township in regards to installing a No Truck Route sign on Eleven Mile Road to the West of Northland Drive. Board advised to go ahead and install a No Truck Route in Newaygo County Sign at the above location with Townships approval. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from the US Forest Service in regards to the fees for cutting trees on Jefferson Road. Board advised to go ahead and get quotes from individuals that will cut the trees for firewood. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the estimate from Wayne Schuberg in regards to removing, hauling, and setting up the brine tanks from Hoover Well to the Morley and Big Rapids Garage for \$1,200.00. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have Wayne Schuberg remove the tanks from Hoover Well for \$1,200.00 per quote. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. Board also advised to have Christian Oil notified of the Road Commissions plans.

Board reviewed the Horsehead Lake Drive Jurisdiction issue in Martiny Township. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated that according to the paperwork, Horsehead Lake Drive was never deeded over to the Road Commission from the Township. Board advised to go ahead and inform the Township of the information that was found. No Action Required.

Board reviewed and signed the Remonumentation Grant Agreement. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Charges for Services performed by other Road Commissions. No Action Required.

Brooke Steiner, Finance Clerk, presented the Financial Reports to the Board. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2007 Annual Report. No Action Required.

Brooke Steiner, Finance Clerk, presented the 2007 ACT 51 to the Board. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to have the Chairman sign the Attest Page of the 2007 ACT 51. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

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Scott Goward, Ice Mountain, was present to discuss with the Board the cost sharing of the resurfacing of 8 Mile Road from US 131 East to Northland Drive in Mecosta Township. Mr. Goward stated he will take the estimate back to Ice Mountain and get back with the Board on their decision. Mr. Goward also stated he will get with the proper Department and see what they can do about the truck traffic during paving. Mr. Goward was also wondering about placing a flashing light on the Entrance Ahead Sign for the Ice Mountain truck traffic. Board advised to go ahead as long as Ice Mountain pays for installation and maintenance cost on the light. No Action Required.

Ed Burch, Engineer, was present to discuss with the Board on the updates of the Bridges. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the Equipment Posting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Wade Trim, Inc. in regards to Transportation Asset Management. No Action Required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Special Meeting on April 18, 2008 at 11:00 am to discuss contract negotiations; 2) will have 5 spare Tandem Trucks for a possible auction in 2009, wondering if the Underbody Scraper under the Dump Box truck could be removed and used as a spare, Board advised to go ahead; 3) wondering about possible removal of Weight Restrictions, Board advised not sure yet; 4) employee's return to work on April 4, 2008 from surgery; 5) Ferris State University – Northern Scholarship Invitation; 6) Paul Bunyan meeting on May 15, 2008 to be hosted by Mecosta County Road Commission will be held at the Green Leaf Restaurant in Remus; 7) Ad placed in Pioneer for the Estimator/Field Inspector position; and 8) wondering whether to send the Union the Letter of Understanding – 4-10's, Board advised to go ahead. No Action Required.

Julie Terry and Mike Roberts, MDOT, Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, Wayne O'Neal, Big Rapids Township Trustee, Jack Wellnitz, Green Township Supervisor, Cheryl Rosen, Pioneer, and William Mrdeza, Mecosta County Development Corporation, were all present to discuss the 18 Mile Road and Northland Drive Intersection drawings. Townships were in agreement to cost share in the project, as long as the entire project was not too costly. Board advised to hold the next meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 11:00 am. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jeffs seconded motion to approve voucher 4/08/2008 for payment in the amount of \$296,883.53. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board recessed for lunch at 12:05 pm.

Board reconvened at 1:00 pm.

Board left at 1:00 pm to go on their Spring Ride Around to look at various Roads in Mecosta County. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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CHAIRMAN

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