

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001286

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday June 10<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 May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were approved as written.

Matt Hovey, R.E. Hovey Construction Company, was present to discuss with the Board the fact that one of his drivers did not follow the stated route on the moving permit. Mr. Hovey stated he was not aware of the fact that his driver got off the haul route stated on the permit. Mr. Hovey stated that this driver will never haul for him again in Mecosta County. Board advised Mr. Hovey they would need some time to think about it and get back to him later on. No Action Required.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, was present to discuss with the Board that the Township is willing to contribute \$35,000 towards the overlay of Bullhead Lake Drive in 2008 and then the Road Commission could pay the Township back the \$10,000 or use it towards a project of the Townships choice in 2009. Board advised they would need to review the 2008 project list and financials before making any decision. No Action Required.

At 9:31 p.m. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to open and read bids for the following project:

Austin Township – 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Dave Aris	\$102,387.00
Medler Trucking	\$108,360.50
Barryton Excavating	\$124,941.40
Canadian Lakes Excavating	\$ 94,160.00

Ken Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor, stated that at the price the bids came in for 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue that the Township will do the entire project. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the estimate for 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 2007 project to Hoover Road in Chippewa Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2008 project list. No Action Required.

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

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, Wayne O'Neil, Big Rapids Township Trustee, William Medeza, Mecosta County Development Corporation, Mike Lafferty, Airport, and Cheryl Rosen, Pioneer, were all present to discuss with the Board the progress on 18 Mile Road and Northland Drive Intersection. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated that the survey and all paperwork were sent down to Julie Terry, MDOT, to have preliminary plans drawn up. Board advised the above listed people that the Road Commission is just waiting to hear back from Julie Terry. No Action Required.

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Supervisor's meeting at 11:17 a.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, and Bob Thumser.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, cutting trees and brush, blading local roads, replacing culverts, shoulder maintenance, repairing washouts, ditching, beaver removal, sweeping, paving and shouldering projects, brining, and setting tanks at Reynolds well. No Action Required.

Frank Randall, Remus District Supervisor, brought to the Board's attention an employee's request for 2-3 days off without vacation or sick time due to a necessary surgery that he will not have the time for. Board advised to have the employee give a written request in this regard. No Action Required.

At 11:31 am Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to move into Executive Session to have a phone conference with Craig Lange, attorney, in regards to contract negotiations. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 11:50 am Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to move back into general session. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 11:51 am

Meeting reconvened at 1:27 pm

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve and sign the contract with Martiny Township for the paving of 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 14 Mile Road to 15 Mile Road. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Paul Jefts attended the Mecosta Township Special Meeting in regards to the Park Road project. The township would like to do the project as it was estimated. No Action Required.

At 1:33 pm Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to move into Executive Session to have a phone conference with Kevin Elsenheimer, attorney, in regards to Stellard vs. Mecosta County Road Commission. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 1:43 pm Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to move back into general session. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Ed Burch, Engineer, and Jim Knapp, Surveyor, were present to discuss with the Board the road from 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Krieg Acres) in Big Rapids Township. The property owner wants to abandon a middle portion of the public right of way on this section of road. Board advised they would not abandon a middle portion of any road. The Board also advised that they cannot abandon the west portion of the Road due to the fact that one of the property owners uses it as an access to their property. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve and sign the contract with Millbrook Township for the double seal coat project on 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 1 Mile Road to Eisenhower Road. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the 2006 State Trunkline Audit Adjustment. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the Cost Agreement with MDOT in regards to the modernization of the School Traffic Signal at the intersection of M-20 and 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue (St. Michaels School). Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

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Board reviewed the estimates for chain saw replacements. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the purchase of two chainsaws for 2008. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Green County Drain meeting on June 18, 2008 in Sheridan Township. Board advised to have John Currie, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Ed Burch, Engineer, attend the meeting. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the correspondence from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in regards to the Supervisor of Wells Notice of Hearing. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Miedema Auctioneering in regards to the Northern Michigan Land Auction Notice on June 21, 2008. No Action Required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) discussed 4-way stop versus a 3-way stop at the intersection of 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Buchanan Road, there have also been inquiries for No Truck Traffic Signs; 2) Rush-Pac Golf Outing on 6/11/2008; 3) Newaygo County Road Commission Golf Outing on 8/9/2008; 4) J & S Reclaiming sent a corrected invoice for 2007 pulverizing due to the fact that the pulverizing was charged based on lineal feet and not on Square Yards, Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to pay the balance of the bill to J & S Reclaiming for 2007 pulverizing in the amount of \$5,250.16, Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried; 5) Jeff Vincent, Vincent Oilfield Production, LLC is still interested in Hoover Well; 6) the Remus Brine Tanker has a hole in it and may need to be sent out for repairs if unable to fix in the shop; 7) in regards to the 7-year compliance for high intensity stop ahead and stop sign replacement, there is a possibility of a grant available to pay the difference in the cost of the high intensity signs versus the regular signs, Board advised to find out how many stop ahead and stop signs need to be replaced in the county; 8) Richard Collins, Village of Barryton, asked about the Road Commission possibly mowing Coolidge, Board advised that this was okay, provided a waiver signed; and 9) wondering about individuals who take it upon themselves to brine the road in front of their houses, Board advised this is okay but they would still need a working in road right of way permit. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Brian Cataldo, Greenscape, was wondering about being added to project bidders list, Board advised okay, but would need references; and 2) Western Tel-Com, Inc is planning to install more cable from City Limits south to Howard City, most of which will be above ground wires. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the overlay of Bullhead Lake Drive from Existing Bit to 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Chippewa Township with a \$25,000 contribution from the Township. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell & Jefts) one (1) nay (Currie), motion carried.

Board advised that R.E. Hovey Construction Company cannot get a County Moving Permits for 2 months in Mecosta County unless it is necessary for him to travel a county road to get to a State Highway. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve and have the Board sign the Engineering Reimbursement from MDOT for \$10,000.00. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to pay voucher 6/10/2008 in the amount of \$513,659.60. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 pm

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