

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001293

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday July 8th, 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 June 24th, 2008 were approved with corrections.

Thomas Sage, Drain Commissioner Candidate, was present to discuss with the Board his candidacy for Drain Commissioner. Mr. Sage stated that the Drain Commission is responsible for the water quality and soil erosion in Mecosta County. No Action Required.

Jeff Vincent, Vincent Oil Field Productions, Michael Machuta and John Kealitey, Mid-State Utilities, were present to discuss with the Board the option of them taking over the Hoover Brine Well and selling brine to the Mecosta County Road Commission. Mr. Machuta stated the only way for them to take over the Hoover Brine Well and to have a profitable product is to sell brine to the Mecosta County Road Commission. Board advised that the brine tanks were removed and would need to be re-installed. Board advised to have the interested parties re-check the history on the well and to make sure it is going to be a profitable product before going any further. Board also advised that if Hoover Well produces the brine, the Road Commission will use it. No Action Required.

At 9:31 a.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to open and read bids for the following project. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Chippewa Township – 60th Avenue; .5 Mile North of 20 Mile Road

Dave Aris	\$37,242.50
Medler Trucking	\$45,277.00
Barryton Excavating	\$41,189.00
Canadian Lakes Excavating	\$54,367.00
Greenscape	\$63,726.75

Board reviewed the 2008 project list. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board that the Seal Coat projects are in progress and that the Paving projects will resume in August. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve the contract with Chippewa Township for Bullhead Lake Drive, existing bit to 110th Avenue. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve the Contractors Contract and Austin Township Contract for both phases of the 180th Avenue project. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Sheridan Township 10th Avenue contribution proposal. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated the only cost involved for the Road Commission would be for the under drain work. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Michigan Department of Natural Resources in regards to the Endangered Species Assessment for Park Road in Mecosta Township. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the paving estimate for Jefferson Road in Aetna Township. Board advised to send the estimate to the Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Michigan Department of Transportation in regards to the non-uniform application of winter overrun reimbursement in the Grand Region. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Traffic Control Order #123 in regards to placing a Stop Sign on Buchanan Road where it intersects 90th Avenue on the Southwest corner and also a Stop Ahead Sign placed 500 ft before the intersection. No Action Taken.

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

Board reviewed the stop sign inventory for the Road Commission. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions Annual Conference. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions Annual Conference Nominations and Voter Authorizations. Board authorized Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, as voting delegate.

Board reviewed the clay purchase of 1,500 yards at .75 cents/Yard from Larry Hansen and Ruth Kizer. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the 4-10 working schedule proposal from the Mecosta County Road Commissions Employees AFSCME Local #1865. Board advised no to the proposal. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Thank You Letter from Patrick Bollman Enterprises. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Road Commission of Macomb County in regards to the Rush Pac Golf Outing on August 8, 2008. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the United States Department of Agriculture Newsletter. No Action Required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board that the Road Commission is currently getting quotes from licensed contractors on removing the pole barn that lies in the road right-of-way on 192nd Avenue and then will bill the property owner for the work. No Action Required.

Supervisor's meeting at 10:37 a.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Nick Kaye and Mike Simon.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, cutting trees and brush, blading local roads, replacing culverts, shoulder maintenance, repairing washouts, ditching, shoulder maintenance, brining, mowing, repairing washouts, repairing state drain, hauling clay, and fixing trucks. Mike Simon, Maintenance Supervisor, presented the motor grader replacement options for 2009, the pickup replacements for 2009, and wondering about replacing the backhoe tires for approximately \$4000, Board advised to go ahead and replace the backhoe tires. No Action Required.

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Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Mecosta County Chamber of Commerce outing on August 8, 2008; and 2) Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool meeting on July 16-17, 2008. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) church located on 215th Avenue in Big Rapids Townships would like to hook into the sewer line and would need to bore under the road, Board advised to go ahead; 2) Michigan Department of Transportation will need to detour county traffic around the Jefferson Road and 4 Mile Road overpasses, Board advised okay; and 3) if 165th Avenue project in Colfax Townships gets done, he would like to experiment with a different style of under drain. No Action Required.

Board advised to send a Letter of Understanding in regards to the 4-10 working schedule to the Union that includes a voluntary layoff and if the Letter of Understanding is turned down the Road Commission will have a mandatory layoff. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Municipal Employees Retirement Systems Annual Meeting on September 30th through October 2nd, 2008 at the Grand Traverse Resort, Board advised to send no one at this time. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Municipal Employees Retirement Systems monthly contributions. Board advised to make no changes at this time. No Action Required.

At 11:46 am Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to move into executive session to discuss the supervisory contract negotiations. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 12:27 pm Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to move back into regular session. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve voucher 7/08/2008 in the amount of \$577,322.88. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 pm.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

DATE

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