

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 1304

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.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 August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 special meeting and regular meeting were approved as written.

Wes Thompson, Realtor, Clayton McNeal and Hugh Garver, property owners, were all present to discuss with the Board the dock installed in the county road right-of-way. Mr. Garver owns Lots B, C, & D with Mr. McNeal purchasing Lot D on a Land Contract from Mr. Garver. The dock in the road right-of-way is located on Lot D. The permits for the docks have been applied for and received by the Road Commission. Board advised that Mike Maneke, Superintendent, would need to review the permits and make his recommendations in regards to the docks. Board also advised Mr. Thompson to call and set up a meeting with Mr. Maneke to meet out at the docks. No Action Required.

John Boyd, Mecosta Township Trustee, was present to discuss with the Board Park Road East of Northland Drive to Boat Launch overlay project. Mr. Boyd was wondering if some more of the trees could be left alone in order to get the road paved in 2008. Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Paul Jefts visited Park Road and Mr. Jefts felt that there should be more trees removed than were marked. No Action Required.

Jodie Holleh, Sandy Kailing, Karen Rotman, and Robert Hill, Big Rapids Township residents, were all present to discuss with the Board the condition of 220<sup>th</sup> Avenue South of 15 Mile Road. Mrs. Rotman was wondering what makes a road have Local or Primary status. Mrs. Rotman stated that her and other property owners along the road would like to see the road paved due to the fact that within a couple of days of being graded the road turns rough again. Board advised the residents to attend their Township board meeting to address their concerns. No Action Required.

Kenn Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor, was present to discuss possible options with the Board in regards to the project at 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Johnson Road to 11 Mile Road. Mr. Vredenburg stated that the 6' and 4' culverts recommended by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality are not necessary. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to furnish the necessary gravel for the project and to go ahead and do the project only if it can be started the week of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 otherwise the project is cancelled for 2008. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the 2008 project list. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2008 Mileage Certification from the Michigan Department of Transportation. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the state trunkline contract extension with the Michigan Department of Transportation. Board advised to postpone any decision until the next meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Irrevocable Letter of Credit from Savoy Energy for \$35,000. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the letter to Vandale Farms in regards to the Lease Termination. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated that no response has been received as of yet. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Mecosta County Drain Commissioner's Office in regards to the Board of Determination results for the Green Drain. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Wilson Road Seasonal Status process. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated that a Public Hearing needs to be held to remove a road from Seasonal Road Status. Board advised to go ahead and set up the Public Hearing and that the road will need to be brought up to county standards. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Mecosta County Drain Commissioners Office in regards to the Future Development project on 205<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Mecosta Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the invitation from Duthler Truck to the Future of Diesel Engines and Heavy Duty Trucks presentation. Board advised Mike Simon, Maintenance Supervisor, to check and see if any of the mechanics would like to attend the presentation. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the email from Terry McNinch, Director Michigan Local Technical Assistance Program, in regards to the funding available for PASER collection on Local Roads. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the Fleet Maintenance Supervisor position. Board advised to have Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, Mike Simon, Maintenance Supervisor, and John Currie meet and go over the applications to narrow down the results. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in regards to the Order of the Supervisor of Wells located in section 24 of Big Rapids Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from the American Road and Transportation Builders Association in regards to the 2008 National Convention in Chicago, Illinois. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Burt Bouwkamp in regards to the drainage issue on Marywood Drive. Board advised to have the administrative staff review the estimate and bring back to the next meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council in regards to the Asset Management workshop.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to have the Chairman sign the Contractors Contract for 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue North of 20 Mile Road in Chippewa Township, Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried; 2) Merrill Edy passed away; 3) County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund Board Member re-elections; 4) Morton Township paid for the purchase of the M-20 and 9 Mile Road sign on 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and 5) sign truck deck is in needs of repair, to purchase the deck would cost approximately \$2,500 and to purchase the deck and to have all the deck hardware reinstalled would cost approximately \$4,984, Board advised to purchase the deck for \$2500 and have the mechanics re-install the hardware on the deck. No Action Required.

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At 6:46 pm Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jeffs seconded motion to move into executive session due to attorney/client privileges and to discuss the employee's and supervisor's contract negotiations. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

At 7:00 pm Paul Jeffs moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to move back into regular session. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jeffs moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to ratify the employee's contract effective 7/01/2008. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jeffs moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to ratify the Supervisor's contract effective 7/01/2008. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jeffs seconded motion to approve voucher 8/26/2008 for payment in the amount of \$35,866.23. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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