

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 1320

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Randy Maxwell, John Currie, 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 Connie Larson, Board Secretary.

Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to appoint Randy Maxwell, as Chairman of the Board. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to appoint John Currie, as Vice Chairman of the Board. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to appoint Connie Larson, Board Secretary for 2009. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to allow the Chairman to enter into debate; that the Chairman is 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 three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Minutes from December 9, and December 31, 2008 were approved as written.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed with the Board the 18 Mile Road project. The Board requested the traffic counts that were taken from that area be brought back for review, and would like Green Township Board informed that this project is still being discussed. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that Chippewa Township still has an outstanding bill from 2008. No action required.

Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve the MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies, Resolution 09-01. Roll call vote of three (3) yes, motion carried.

The Board signed the ten year lease for Charlie Brown Park, Green Township as approved. No action required.

Jim Knapp, Surveyor reviewed with the Board the proposed 9 Mile Road ROW, Mecosta Township in regards to the Cain settlement. The Board requested other options along with a cost for each option. No action taken.

Board reviewed the proposed Perpetual Drainage Easement, Chippewa Lake, Chippewa Township. Board requested Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to discuss maintenance and cost sharing with Chippewa Township, and to inquire who else owns property out to Lake Street. No action taken.

Board reviewed the 2009 Capital Outlay list. No action required.

Board reviewed incident/accident report. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board of the following: 1) Employee is back to work after released with no restrictions from the independent evaluation; 2) An employee has given notice of retirement effective no later than March 31, 2009. No action required.

Board reviewed resumes for the Engineering position. Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to set up interviews. No action required.

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Board reviewed correspondence. No action required.

Supervisor's meeting at 11:00 a.m. present: Mike Simon, Mike Cornell, Frank Randall, and Jim Johnson. The Board was updated on maintenance issues, etc. Jim Johnson, Big Rapids, informed Board he is working with Frank Randall, Remus on the M-20 route. Jim Johnson informed the Board that the part-time drivers are helping out a lot. Mike Simon, Maintenance Supervisor informed the Board that the new trucks are still having problems with the clutch fans and this will probably be an ongoing issue, and the drivers have complained of the new trucks steering hard. One has been fixed but having problems with the company doing the other two. No action required.

Board reviewed the following with Mike Simon and Mike Cornell, Maintenance Supervisors: 1) The capital outlay equipment list; 2) The retirement of Tom Peters, Mechanic. No action taken.

Meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m for lunch.

Meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director/Clerk discussed the financials with the Board and had a request to write off two invoices. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve Voucher 1/14/2009 for payment in the amount of \$81,489.02. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried. John Currie moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to write off invoice #429 in the amount of \$10.00 and invoice #449 in the amount of \$481.64 as presented to the Board. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers Managing Director presented a request to the Board from Greenscape to increase the price of pumping the holding tanks at the Remus garage due to the closure of the Morley garage. Board advised to rebid if Greenscape does not want to comply with contract. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers Managing Director discussed with the Board the annual Township meeting the Road Commission organizes. The Board advised her to plan if for the fourth Thursday in March, see if DEQ could be the speaker, and see if Aetna Township would like to host it this year. No action required.

The Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director as to what equipment they wanted purchased from the capital equipment list. Board instructed Mike Simon, Maintenance Supervisor to get a cost to build a brine truck and compare with purchasing a used one. John Currie moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to approve the Maintenance Supervisor to purchase a tanker for the brine truck not to exceed \$40,000 and be completed and delivered by May 1, 2009. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board discussed the mechanics position that will be open when Tom Peters retires. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to open a new position in the supervisors unit for a stock clerk pursuant to Toni Kailing accepting the position. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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