

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1335

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on April 28, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Randy Maxwell, John Currie, Paul Jefts

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Art Adleman

Administrative Staff Present: Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Connie Larson, Board Secretary.

Minutes from April 14, 2009 were approved as written.

Cliff Youngs, P.E. discussed with the Board the STP and ARRA status, and his recommendations regarding the DEQ issues. The Board advised they would like to bid projects by force account and would like Pierce Road to be submitted through the stimulus monies, Arthur Road and 20 Mile Road through the STP force account. No action required.

At 6:00 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to open and read bids received for State Gravel Procurement. Bids will be read and placed on file for the review of the administrative staff and if and when awarded, will be in the best interest of Mecosta County and the State of Michigan. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried. Bids were read as follows:

Company:	Gravel Pit	Cost Per Yd.
Barber Creek Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Langworthy (23Mile)	\$6.00
Halliday Sand & Gravel, Inc.	JR Agg. (Tyler Rd)	\$6.30
Halliday Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Hallidays (Mecosta)	\$7.50
Halliday Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Evergreen Rd (Fork Twp)	\$7.50

Bruce Cummings, Martiny Township Supervisor, presented pictures of 18 Mile and discussed its condition. No action required.

Jim Quinlan, Morton Township Supervisor, discussed the 2009 road projects with Board. Mr. Quinlan advised Board the Township is not interested in spending any monies in repairing 90th Avenue unless there is a cost share including a State share due to some of the damage caused by the M-20 detour. The Township would like 10 Mile Road and Lake Drive done. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent reported to the Board he is still working on the sealcoat and wedging projects and will report back to the Board at the next regular meeting. No action required.

Board reviewed the dust control contracts from the townships that had returned them. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to sign the Green, Hinton, and Millbrook Township dust control contracts that include one additional round. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to sign the Aetna, Big Rapids, Colfax, Martiny and Wheatland Township dust control contracts that include two additional rounds. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board discussed Aetna Township's letter regarding road projects. Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to contact them and confirm their requests. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent reviewed with the Board the project estimates for Martiny, Sheridan, and Deerfield townships. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed with the Board a signage request on 5 Mile Road and 70th Avenue for the M-20 detour route. Board advised to permit the usage with stipulation that they are temporary signs and need to be removed after detour is completed. Board also advised they look into putting the signs off ROW if possible. No action required.

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Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the estimate for 90th Avenue detour route. Board advised to contact Karl Kovisto, MDOT and notify him that when he comes on May 12th they would like to discuss this estimate with him.

Board reviewed the letter from MDOT regarding an 8 Mile Road detour route. No action required.

Ed Burch, P.E. discussed with the Board his recommendation regarding the Dwight Street, Chippewa Township drainage issue. Mr. Burch advised the Board to have the water tested by the Health Department for chloroforms and we need to keep the catch basin connected to drain. Mike Maneke, Superintendent informed the Board the boring as discussed would not be able to connect to the catch basin. Board advised Ed Burch and Mike Maneke to have the water tested and meet with the Lattimore's and bring back a recommendation at the next regular meeting. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed with the Board the following; 1) 18 Mile Road project funding; 2) County maps in regards to the County and the County Parks in a cost share to order new ones. The County Parks will be providing their own maps therefore will not be cost sharing, and the County will consider after cost information is available. Bid notices will go out soon. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the request for shoulder gravel from Osceola County Road Commission with Board for Meceola Road from 220th to Northland Drive. Osceola County is paving Meceola Road and would like to do a cost share with Green Township and Mecosta County Road Commission. Green Township also requested Road Commission to do a cost share with them. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to provide shoulder gravel on Meceola Road between 220th and Northland Drive as a cost share of the Osceola County Road Commission road project. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Freedom of Information Act revision. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve policy #4-6 Freedom of Information. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board of the vandalism that occurred on the leased building. Board advised they didn't want to fix windows with glass and would like to know if tenant objects. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the following with the Board; 1) Arbitration scheduled on May 28, 2009; 2) Mr. Steven Eipper's correspondence; 3) 4/10's revised work schedule; 4) The letter of understanding from supervisory unit. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to have the Chairman sign the letter of understanding from the supervisory unit. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed correspondence. No action required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to approve voucher 4/29/2009 for payment in the amount of \$23,717.26 as presented to the Board. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the following with the Board; 1) Date of public hearing regarding the stimulus money; 2) Meidema's on line auction; 3) Jim Knapp's additional sick hours, Board did not approve request. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent informed the Board of the following; 1) One of the brine well samples did not pass and has not been approved for summer dust control usage yet; 2) The calcium chloride at the Big Rapids garage was tested and it appears to be the same as the brine from the wells we use, and he would like to start using the well brine in the winter on state

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roads in conjunction with the primary and local roads instead of calcium chloride. The state would need to agree. No action required.

Board reviewed the DEQ sand pad issues. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that Peter Jaklevic, Prosecuting Attorney would like to meet with the Board regarding DEQ issues. Board advised Joyce to schedule a date with him. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed issues between mechanics and supervisor with the Board. No action required.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE