

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1342

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, May 26, 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 Aldeman

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

Minutes from May 12, 2009 were approved as written.

Jim Dague, Larry Lenon, and John Stadtfeld were present to discuss with the Board the upgrade to the parking lot at St. Michaels Church, Wheatland Township. Mr. Stadtfeld presented the plans for that upgrade and expressed their desire to do this project in conjunction with the State's M-20 project and the County's 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue project. The Board recommended St. Michael's pay for the curb work and share in the cost to pave the 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue shoulders due to the width being wider than normal to accommodate the Church's needs. Board advised Mike Maneke, Superintendent to do a cost estimate for St. Michael's. No action required.

Cheryl Aris, Grant Township resident was present and the Board reviewed the 19 Mile Road estimate. Board also informed Mrs. Aris that there were no grade projects scheduled for this summer at this time. No action required.

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor discussed with the Board the Thornapple Drive overlay project. Mrs. McClelland will notify Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director when all the property owners have agreed to the cost share for that project. Mrs. McClelland informed the Board that they may be approached by the City regarding the air space for an aviation easement on Pioneer Drive. Board reviewed the 18 Mile Road project, 14 Mile Road wedge, 205<sup>th</sup> Avenue overlay, and Garfield overlay with Mrs. McClelland. No action required.

Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to have phone service at the Morley garage shut off. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed the 2009 project list with the Board. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve the seal coat list as presented. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to sign the contract with Martiny Township for a cost share on the 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue overlay project. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the dust control contracts from Austin and Deerfield Townships. Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to contact Deerfield Township and discuss requested changes. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to sign the Austin Township dust control contract that included two additional rounds. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed correspondence from Colfax Township regarding road projects on 17 Mile Road and 175<sup>th</sup> Avenue. John Currie moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to approve the overlay project on 165<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 16 and 17 Mile Road if Colfax Township contributes \$50,000.00 for the 17 Mile Road, and the 175<sup>th</sup> Avenue project. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed correspondence from Green Township regarding road projects and maintenance issues. Board discussed the water problem located by the address of 19350 Newcosta Road and requested a cost estimate from Mike Maneke, Superintendent for ditching and cutting of trees there. Board also advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to inform Green Township that projects discussed have been put on hold. No action required.

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Board discussed the estimate for Martiny Township, 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 15 and 16 Mile Road overlay. John Currie moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to approve a cost share with Martiny Township for the 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 15 and 16 Mile Road overlay project. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Millbrook Township requested a cost estimate to overlay 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Millbrook Road to 5 Mile Road and Jackson Road, 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue to M-66. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed with the Board the estimates for Millbrook Township. No action required.

Board reviewed the DEQ settlement negotiations letter. No action required.

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

Board reviewed the safety appreciation day flyer. No action required.

Board reviewed correspondence. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed with the Board the grade inspection meeting with MDOT that was held regarding the projects submitted under the economic stimulus package. Art Ranger, Surveyor, Ed Burch, Engineer, Cliff Youngs, Consulting P.E. attended.

Cliff Youngs, P.E recommended that the projects be submitted by Contract Bid Letting instead of the Force Account. Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to proceed with proposed projects by the process of Contract Bid Letting. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent discussed with the Board the Dwight Street, Chippewa Township drainage estimate. John Currie moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to approve the cost presented for the Dwight Street, Chippewa Township project. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board discussed the request from Big Rapids Township to put No Parking signs on Milton. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed with the Board the following; 1) Accident that occurred at Buchanan and 155<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 3) Employees wage when acting foreman; 2) The Morley garage regarding it being vandalized and broken into. Mike Maneke, Superintendent reported the alarm was tripped and the screen on the windows are cut, nothing appeared to be stolen; No action required.

John Currie moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to approve voucher 5/28/2009 for payment in the amount of \$27,806.15 as presented to the Board. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve resolution #09-04 supporting the Applications for Critical Bridge Funding. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 7:45 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to move into executive session to discuss arbitration issues. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 8:15 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to move back into general session. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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