

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1403

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Randy Maxwell, 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.

Minutes from April 27, and May 3, 2010 were approved as written.

Stan DeVoir, Forrest Pines Association, Morton Township was present to thank the Road Commission and its employees for plowing Forrest Pines Drive off 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. DeVoir stated that the Association recommends they only plow the road in the winter. They feel there is no need for any winter maintenance sand to be spread. No action required.

Jonathan Muder, Kamp Oil, was present and provided the Board with a certificate of analysis for the Tier One operating fluids. No action required.

Jerry Williams, Commissioner discussed 19 Mile Road, Fork Township in regards to tree cutting and road signage. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed the finances with the Board. No action required.

Board discussed the 2010 road projects list, seal coating list, and culvert replacement list. Board advised Mike Maneke, Superintendent to look at the cost for the crew to do seal coating instead of contracting it out for next year. Board advised Mr. Maneke to have the portion of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 20 Mile and 21 Mile Road fogged and bill the farmer for the cost to repair. Board advised Mr. Maneke to replace culverts and add more seal coating to list as funding allowed. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent discussed ditching 13 Mile Road between 60<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Board advised him to do that. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director directed Mr. Maneke to discuss this with Road Commission Soil Erosion Engineer for permits as that area is considered wet lands. No action required.

Steve Fenstermacher, Fenstermacher Asphalt Paving was present to discuss his quote for undercutting and tree removal on 18 Mile near 220<sup>th</sup> Avenue with the Board. Mr. Fenstermacher recommended the use of matting in that area. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent informed the Board that permits for emergency culvert replacements on 23 Mile Road between 80<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 140<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Pierce and Buchanan have been approved by the DNRE Land and Water Division. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director presented the Board with quotes from Cliff Youngs, Osceola County Road Commission Manager to install the culverts with his crew. Mr. Maneke informed the Board of the issues of installing the culvert on 23 Mile Road in regards to not having the proper equipment to do so with our crew. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to contract Osceola County Road Commission to install the culvert on 23 Mile Road between 80<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue using an aluminum culvert. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the following estimates; 1) Millbrook Township, Millbrook Road; 500 ft. west of Costabella Road; 2) Martiny Township, 13 Mile Road between 60<sup>th</sup> & 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 3) Wheatland Township, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 7 Mile and 8 Mile Road, and the Village of Remus streets. Board advised Mike Maneke, Superintendent to send estimates to Townships. No action required.

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Board reviewed the dust control contract from Green Township and Chippewa Township. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to approve signing the dust control contract with Green Township for one additional application of brine for 2010. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to approve signing the dust control contract with Chippewa Township for two additional applications of brine for 2010. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the contracts from Big Rapids Township and Green Township for the 18 Mile Road pulverize and pave project between Northland Drive and 220<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded a motion to sign the contract with Green Township for 18 Mile Road between Northland Drive and 220<sup>th</sup> Avenue for payment in the amount of \$70,000. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to sign the contract with Big Rapids Township for 18 Mile Road project between Northland Drive and 220<sup>th</sup> Avenue for payment in the amount of \$70,000. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the contract from Chippewa Township for 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 22 Mile and 23 Mile Road overlay project. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to sign the contract with Chippewa Township for 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 22 Mile and 23 Mile Road. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Roy Farrell, Employee Benefit Services was present to discuss health benefits with the Board. No action required.

Meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m. for lunch.

Meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Interviews were held for the County Highway Engineer position. The Board interviewed the following; Brandon Simon, Kyle Wilson, David Molnar, and Bradd Maki. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to offer David Molnar the County Highway Engineer's position with a salary in the amount of \$52,000. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell supported a motion to amend the motion on the table; to strike out the \$52,000. and insert \$55,000. Roll call vote to amend the motion, three (3) yeas, motion carried. Roll call vote to approve motion, three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to approve voucher 5/12/2010 for payment in the amount of \$114,045.17 as presented to the Board. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the MCRCSIP follow up letter, Fahrner sealcoat repair, MDNRE ACO compliance, and the 18 Mile Road project. Board advised to assign the new engineer to the 18 Mile Road project. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the Asset Management Workshop, Environmental Compliance Conference, and Labor Law & Labor Arbitration Conference with the Board. Board advised to send the new engineer to the Environmental Conference. No action required.

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

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that Tim Nestle has been hired as the intern for the engineer tech position and also introduced him to the Board.

Board reviewed correspondence. No action required.

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Mike Maneke, Superintendent informed the Board that the Morrison property lines have been staked out, that a crush in Adams pit needs to be done soon, and he needs to find some clay for the crush. No action required.

Board discussed the insurance plans along with opt out options. No action required.

At 3:35 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 4:15 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to go back to regular session. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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BOARD SECRETARY

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DATE