

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001278

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday April 22nd, 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: Ruth Hess.

Administrative Staff Present: Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Brooke Steiner, Clerk.

Minutes from April 8th, 2008 and April 18th, 2008 were approved with corrections.

Bruce Cummings, Martiny Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board the following topics: 1) 16 Mile Road on the South side of Jensen Lake is hard for emergency services to find, Mr. Cummings stated he was wondering if possibly a sign could be placed at 15 Mile Road and 92nd Avenue with an arrow directing the public to 16 Mile Road, Board advised to have Mike Maneke, Superintendent, go out and take a look at the road. No Action Required; and 2) wondering what is going to happen with Horsehead Lake Drive, Mr. Cummings stated he would like to see the 100' x 100' lot at lake remain Township property and will deed remainder to the Road Commission, Board advised okay to have the 100' x 100' lot remain the Townships and for the Road Commission to maintain Horsehead Lake Drive with an easement from the Township for a turnaround, Board also advised to get something from the Township stating the Lot is an unbuildable lot. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2008 project list, Board advised to send a letter to Townships stating the Road Commissions plans for projects with the cost and see if any Townships will cost share in the projects. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the estimates for Water Street, Lawrence Circle Drive, and Meceola Road in Green Township. Board advised to review the estimate for Lawrence Circle Drive and then send all estimates to the Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the estimate for Park Road in Mecosta Township, Board advised to send to the Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the estimate for 8 Mile Road from US131 East to Northland Drive in Mecosta Township. Board advised to send the estimate to Ice Mountain. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve and sign the 2008 dust control contracts with Deerfield, Grant, and Millbrook Townships. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Cheryl Aris, Grant Township Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board the guardrail issue on 150th Avenue North of 22 Mile Road. Mrs. Aris stated that it was brought to the Townships attention at a Township meeting that prior to a previous overlay project on 150th Avenue that there was a guardrail at that location and were wondering why the guardrail was not replaced. Board advised they were not aware that a guardrail was at that location. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve Resolution #08-05 in regards to the Road Commissions annual permit for working in state road right-of-way. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Michigan Height Modernization Program. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the correspondence from Peter Wendling, Attorney, in regards to the 75th Avenue Fence issue. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Formal Request to the US Forest Service in regards to cutting the trees on Jefferson Road East of 230th Avenue. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the annual fuel usage and expense. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2008 Health Care Rates with Priority Health. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated the rates increased approximately 3% and recommends staying with the same Health Care Plan. Board advised to go ahead and setup a meeting with the Health Care Panel.

Board reviewed the renewal of the Beaver Control Permit. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the email correspondence from various Road Commissions in regards to the pick up and disposal of tires on public roads. Board advised to check with Blanchard Tire and see how much they would charge to come up and pick up the Tires. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the letter from the Supervisory Union in regards to their intent to begin negotiations on their contract. Board advised to go ahead and set up a meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the retirement invitation for Mike Nobach from Clinton County Road Commission on May 29th, 2008. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the American Public Works Association Annual Conference from May 20-23, 2008. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Oakland County Road Commissions in regards to roads and road funding in Michigan. No Action Required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) reminder to Chairman that on May 1, 2008 will need to present the Annual Report to the County Commissioners; 2) in regards to Township sign program, requesting direction on replacement of those signs, Board advised the Township would need to pay for the replacement cost of those signs; 3) the Big Rapids North Garage Door is in need of repairs, two estimates were presented, Board advised that this was a Management decision; and 4) discussed internship program with the Ferris State University's Heavy Equipment Department, Board advised to check with Ferris State University's Heavy Equipment Department for more information. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, stated that it will be 2-3 weeks before the owner can cap off and shut down the pumps at Hoover Well. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve voucher 4/22/2008 for payment in the amount of \$26,940.19. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

DATE

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