

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001290

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday June 24th, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Currie and Randy Maxwell.

Members Absent: Paul Jefts

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 June 10th, 2008 were approved with corrections.

Phil Hanford, Mecosta Township Supervisor, and Jeff Cauffman, Mecosta Township resident, were present to discuss the resurfacing project on Park Road in Rogers Heights. Mr. Cauffman feels that the removal of some of the trees for the resurfacing project is not necessary. Mr. Cauffman also stated that some of the trees are 100 years plus old and are part of the Muskegon River Watershed. Mr. Cauffman also stated that he feels not all the trees are a liability according to what the Road Commission considers a liability. Mr. Cauffman could see trimming some of the dead branches out of the trees, but saw no reason for cutting the whole tree. Mr. Cauffman stated he was informed through the Michigan Department of Transportation that an endangered species assessment of the project may be necessary according to State and/or Federal Regulations depending on location. Mr. Cauffman also stated that if this has not been done, then would like to see it done and receive a copy of the assessment. Board advised they would look into the endangered species assessment. Mr. Hanford stated he feels the Township will go ahead with the project. No Action Required.

Terry Case, Fork Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board his property on 20 Mile Road and 45th Avenue. Mr. Case would like to spray the weeds and clean the ditch up in front of his property and plant wild flowers in the weeds place. Board advised okay, but to have a permit filled out and if any erosion problems come up in the future it will be the responsibility of the property owner to repair. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 2008 project list. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the estimate for 165th Avenue from 18 Mile Road South 1 Mile in Colfax Township. The township is willing to participate in the project with \$75,000. Board advised to send the estimate and contract to the Township. Board also advised to have the Road Commission do the majority of the work with the gravel haul being bid out. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to have the Board sign the contract with Ice Mountain for 8 Mile Road from 200th Avenue to Northland Drive in Mecosta Township. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Currie), one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

Board reviewed the wedging proposal for 10th Avenue from Taft Road to 17 Mile Road in Sheridan Township. Board advised the Road Commission would do the under drain and have the Township pay for the remainder. No Action Required.

Delores Barringer, Aetna Township Clerk, was present to discuss with the Board Jefferson Road from 230th Avenue to Newcosta Road and Jefferson Road from 215th Avenue for a ½ Mile. Board also reviewed the correspondence from Aetna Township Board in regards to questions on the Jefferson Road project. Mrs. Barringer stated that Jefferson Road is more important to do than 4 Mile Road. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the Michigan Department of Transportation State Trunkline summer maintenance budget issue. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Green Drain Meeting Summary in Sheridan Township. Ed Burch, Engineer, and Mike Maneke, Superintendent, attended the meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Village of Barryton 2008 Mowing Waiver/Agreement. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to approve Traffic Control Order #122 in regards to temporary stop signs be placed on 17 Mile Road. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Currie), one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

Board reviewed the Traffic Control Order #123 in regards to placing a stop ahead and stop sign at the South West corner of the intersection of Buchanan Road and 90th Avenue in Morton Township. Board advised to postpone until the next meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool in regards to the next Board of Directors Regular meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool in regards to candidates for the Board of Directors Positions. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report. Board reviewed the investigative suspension for an employee in regards to indecent exposure. Chairman advised his position was to terminate the employee. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Trees, Inc in regards to cutting trees on the south side of Hoover Road and east side of 190th Avenue in the Road Commissions right-of-way for Consumers Energy. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the thank you letter from Canadian Lakes Development Company. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Correspondence from Michigan Farm Service Agency in regards to committee elections. No Action Required.

Board advised the Managing Director to look into some various options, such as possible layoffs or closing down garages for economic reasons and bring back any information to the next meeting. No Action Required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) McGuire Golf outing scheduled for August 14, 2008; 2) motor grader should be arriving on June 26th, 2008; 3) Truck and Trailer will have an oscillating Underbody Scraper on site on June 26th, 2008 for demonstration; and 4) provided the Managers schedule for upcoming events. No Action Required.

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Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Ben Lupien, resident, would like to purchase any old culverts in the Road Commissions gravel pits for \$20-\$25 a piece, Board advised to find out how much the culverts are worth for scrap; 2) Larry Hanson would like to sell a pile of clay across from Hanson pit for \$.75/yard, Board advised to go ahead; 3) at Monroe Road East of 230th Avenue a property owner is installing a boiler on one side of the road to heat his house and needs to run the tubing under the road to heat the other house; the property owner is planning to have a contractor bore the tubing under the road at approximately 6', Board advised to go ahead and permit; and 4) Logger is planning to log off some trees for a well rig to come in on 18 Mile Road off of 165th Avenue (Pickerel Lake), Board advised to have the company come in at the next meeting and a Irrevocable Letter of Credit would need to be in place also. No Action Required.

At 6:40 pm Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to move into executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Currie), one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

At 6:50 pm Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie supported motion to move back into regular session. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Currie), one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve voucher 6/24/2008 for payment in the amount of \$27,431.38. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Currie), one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

DATE