

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 1314

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Randy Maxwell, and Paul Jefts.

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerry Williams

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

Minutes from October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were approved as written.

Big Rapids Township, Wayne O'Neil discussed the intersection of 18 Mile Road and Northland Drive. No action required.

Gordon Galloway, Deerfield Township and Phillip Amburgey, resident of 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue, requested an extension on 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue north of Jefferson. The ROW is certified .5 miles and we currently do not maintain all of it. Mike Maneke, Superintendent told the Board there is a two track approximately 965 ft. they would need to cut trees, cut ditches and slope the road to improve it enough to get the trucks down it. None of the trucks are able to go down it at present. The Board request an estimate on the cost to improve this road way. Mike Maneke, Superintendent is to meet with the farmer that has extended his fence in ROW and is putting manure in the road. The Board informed Phillip Amburgey, property owner that they would not be able to do anything before this winter.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to open the public hearing. Motion carried. Public Hearing was called to order at 9:15 a.m. to discuss and receive input on the 2009 annual budget and the three year road plan for federal funds and road preservation program. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed public there wasn't any federal exchange program for 2009. The Task Force will be utilized as in the past. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed the budget with the Board and the road plan. Aetna Township, Delores Barringer questioned why 4 Mile Road was not on the road plan. It was explained that wedging projects weren't part of this process and 4 Mile Road was a wedging project. Aetna Township, Shirley Morse requested if additional funds became available that the Board holds another public hearing. Board explained there is no public hearing for federal funds however if any were to become available they would notify Aetna Township. With no further comment the public hearing was closed at 9:40 a.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to approve the 2009 annual budget, 2009 meeting dates and the three year road plan with resolutions for Safetea-Lu funding. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

James Smith, Future Developments, Buchanan driveway permit request, was unable to appear as scheduled. He will attend the December regular meeting. No action required.

Burt Bouwkamp, Marywood Drive discussed the flooding problem on the road with the Board and requested they allocate more than 1/3 of the expense as approved at the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mike Maneke, Superintendent stated that the culverts are plugged from leaves and debris from the residents. Also, noted that the swamp there wasn't draining properly. Board advised Mike Maneke, Superintendent to find out why the swamp wasn't draining properly before they would consider any changes to the culverts. Board also advised Burt Bouwkamp that they would not incur any more expense than what was approved at the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. No action required.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township discussed a drainage problem on 4<sup>th</sup> Street where it crosses Dwight Street. The drainage tube isn't working under the house at this location. Some renovations have been made. The Board advised Mike Maneke, Superintendent to inquire as to what the renovations involved. Board will go to site. No action required.

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Julie Austin also informed the Board that some of the residents on 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue were unhappy with the contractor that did that project. Mike Maneke, Superintendent reviewed with the Board some of the issues the residents had. The Board will go to site. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent informed the Board that the trees and shrubs in the ROW by the private roads in Chippewa Lake west of 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue were cleaned up.

Phil Hanford, Mecosta Township Supervisor reviewed the Park Road tree cutting with the Board. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director also informed Phil Hanford that a settlement had been reached regarding the Cain issue on 9 Mile Road. The Board reviewed the settlement and will go to site before any action taken.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board on the following items: 1) She will have Jim Knapp, Surveyor and Ed Burch, Engineer look at the MODT Small Urban Program, 2) The certified letter sent to Mr. Scott Vanderkolk, Vandale Farms, Inc. terminating the leased property in Grant Township was returned. Board advised Mike Maneke, Superintendent to stop Mr. Vanderkolk from any farming on that property after current lease expires, 3) There has been no response from the DEQ since the October 24<sup>th</sup> letter was mailed.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to approve the lease with Mr. George Derby for Derby Pit as agreed. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the upcoming Paul Bunyan meeting, ASMRC Conference, and CRAM policies with Board. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that the arbitration scheduled for Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Supervisor's meeting at 11:00 a.m. present: Mike Simon, Frank Randall, and Jim Johnson. The Board was updated on maintenance issues, etc. Supervisors stated they are all still working on the Morley garage closure along with getting the employees familiar with the transfer to the Big Rapids and Remus garages and their routes. Mike Simon, Maintenance Supervisor stated the new trucks are currently in working order but won't know until warmer weather if the problems have been fixed. The rpm's have been changed and the crew will have to watch that. Michigan Cat is not interested in buying back the motor grader before May. The Board reviewed the overtime roads for winter maintenance. The Board informed the Supervisors the roads would remain the same as what was on last years list.

Miscellaneous (other correspondence) reviewed and placed on file. No action required.

Incident/Accident report reviewed. No action required.

Financials discussed. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to approve the 2008 budget revision #3. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to transfer money from the unreserved cash account to the regular cash account. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried. Moved by Randy Maxwell and seconded by Paul Jefts to approve Voucher 10/29/2008 for payment of \$23,944.28 and Voucher 11/13/2008 for payment in the amount of \$731,738.13. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

Meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

The Board discussed the Cain settlement. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded to ratify the agreement on Cain's mediation settlement; resolution 08-09. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

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Second interviews were held for the Fleet Maintenance Supervisor's position. Michael Cornell and Toni Kailing were interviewed. No action taken at this time.

Managing Director, Joyce Kuipers discussed issues of employee's returning back to work after a disability and discussed employees cutting and taking the trees from the pits that are being stock piled from projects. No action required.

An employee that will be retiring discussed with the Board his sick time accumulated over the 400 hours allowed for reimbursement. Board requested a written agreement stating what he would like. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent discussed the fence issue in Chippewa Township on Evergreen Road and 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Board instructed Superintendent that the fence needs to be removed.

Board recessed at 4:00 p.m. to look at road and drainage issues in Chippewa Township.

Board reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to offer the Fleet Maintenance Supervisors position to Michael Cornell effective December 1, 2008. Roll call vote: two (2) yeas: Paul Jefts, and John Currie. Nays: one (1) Randy Maxwell. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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