

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001237

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday August 14th, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerry Williams.

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

The minutes from July 24, 2007 and August 7, 2007 were approved with the corrections made. No Action Required.

Phillip Hanford, Mecosta Township Supervisor, was present to address some concerns to the Board: 1) 9 Mile Road issues, wondering whether there is right-of-way going through where the road is, Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated that there is right-of-way going through where the road is, Mr. Hanford stated that the Township would be willing to help on the project if necessary; 2) the township is also looking at extending Pierce Road into Northland Drive sometime in the future; 3) was brought to his attention by a resident in regards to hidden driveway safety concerns on 210th Avenue; 4) wondering if there has been any response in regards to Lawrence and Keckler Drive on Road Abandonment, Board advised they have not heard anything but could stake the cul de sac and see if that initiates any response from the residents; and 5) 205th Avenue ½ Mile South of 12 Mile Road, possibly looking at for a project in the future. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2007 projects as follows: 1) Seal Coat is done; 2) Monroe Road East of Northland Drive to 162nd Avenue in Deerfield Township is scheduled to be completed August 14, 2007; 3) Arthur Road from M-66 to 20th Avenue in Sheridan Township is almost complete; 4) 4 Mile Road from 155th to 160th Avenue in Deerfield Township is complete; 5) 4 Mile Road from 160th Avenue to 170th Avenue in Deerfield Township is scheduled to be paved on August 15, 2007; 6) 200th Avenue from 5 to 6 Mile in Aetna Township is complete; 7) Halliday Sand & Gravel has completed Crushing Gravel in Byers Pit; and 8) Greenhaven Subdivision is scheduled to be paved August 14, 2007. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve and sign the contract with Martiny Township for Lynwood Lane Catch Basin Installation. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Chippewa Township 60th Avenue; .5 Miles North of 20 Mile Road project contract that should be coming in later signed by the township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from MDOT in regards to the high crash locations in Mecosta County. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the estimate for Taft Road and 180th Avenue in Big Rapids/Colfax Township, Board advised to go ahead and send estimate to MDOT. No Action Required.

Board reviewed Young's Lake Road, no changes to date. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 183rd Avenue concerns in Big Rapids Township, Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board that two of the property owner have possibly signed a purchase agreement for property. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the correspondence to George McLachlan in regards to the removal of the structure in the Right-of-Way. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter to Daryl Fenstermacher in regards to road repairs on 220th between 14 and 15 Mile Road in Big Rapids Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration in regards to the Abatement Verification for inspection # P3863, 308831619. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Charlie Brown Park Lease with Green Township. Board advised for the lease to have an annual renewal and if any Maintenance or improvements are needed, they will be done by the Township. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to have Randy Maxwell be the Voting Delegate for the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions annual meeting in September. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the letter from Christian Oil Company in regards to the possibility of purchasing the brine well for \$25,000. Board advised to setup a meeting and discuss all the possibilities and concerns. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the County Road Association of Michigan Public Relations Workshop. Board advised to have Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, and Randy Maxwell attend the workshop. No Action Required.

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

Skip Garner, Fork Township property owner, was present to discuss with the Board on the possibility of a gravel lease on his property on M-66 North of 22 Mile Road. Mr. Garner presented the Board with a list of items he was looking for in the lease. Mr. Garner would like to see some gravel crushed as soon as possible. Board advised they would possibly be able to crush at minimum of 10,000 yards/year or 20,000 yards every other year. Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, to draft up a lease. The Board also advised to have Jim Knapp, Surveyor, go out to the property and mark which areas that Mr. Garner does not want mined. No Action Required.

Jerry Gray and Jeff Bollmar, Mid Michigan Engineering, were present to discuss with the Board the driveway concerns for development on 100th Avenue in the Canadian lakes area in Morton Township. The Board advised they have a problem with having four drives in a short distance that don't line up across from each other. The Board advised to have the center drive removed and create the North or South permanent drive that would be located directly across from one of the other drives already existing on 100th Avenue. Board also advised to have Ed Burch, Engineer, review the preliminary plans for all the changes that he requested. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the memo in regards to the ending of the 4-10 work schedule. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence to Roger Card, Card and Card Investments LLC, in regards to the construction of a fence in the right-of-way. No Action Required.

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Supervisor's meeting at 11:00 a.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Bob Thumser, and Mike Simon.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, cutting trees and brush, blading, replacing culverts, shoulder maintenance, ditching, brining, mowing, hauling clay, paving, repairing Davis Bridge (MDOT), grade work on projects, and fixing trucks. Board advised the Supervisor's to bring ideas on brine trucks to the next meeting and for Mike Simon to get prices for brine trucks. No Action Required.

Board advised to have Wayne Schuberg replace the culvert on 20 Mile Road East of 80th Avenue in Chippewa Township. No Action Required.

Board advised to call the Park Commission in regards to the possibility of selling them truck #49 in the future. No Action Required.

Board recessed for lunch at 11:40 a.m.

Board reconvened at 12:38 p.m.

Brooke Steiner, Clerk, presented the financial reports to the Board. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve Budget Revision #3 for 2007. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) the Meceola Road overlay estimate is \$18,000; 2) wondering about raising the elevation on the sand pad, Board advised to go ahead and get it done. No Action Required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Board was wondering why Osceola County Road Commission is not allowing trucks down their 2 Mile Road to the dump, which is creating much more truck traffic on our county roads, Mrs. Kuipers called Osceola County Road Commission and was informed that they only put up signs stating legal loads only on 2 Mile Road and that the dump is getting full so Osceola County Road Commission is hoping when the dump is expanded they can upgrade 2 Mile Road to a Class A Road; 2) the footings are removed on 45th Avenue and 20 Mile Road in Fork Township; 3) reminder of Paul Bunyan Meeting on August 16, 2007; 4) Rush Pac Golf Outing on August 21, 2007; 5) went over and signed an affidavit for the pole barn located in the right-of-way; 6) the Arbitration seminar on August 10, 2007 was an excellent one; 7) looking to have a surgery scheduled for the end of September and will be off for 2-3 weeks; and 8) employee's request for selling sick time, Board approved. No Action Required.

At 1:40 p.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to move into executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 2:00 p.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to move back into regular session. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve voucher 8/14/2007 for payment in the amount of \$496,698.79. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

DATE

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