

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001240

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday August 28th, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Paul A. Jefits, Randy Maxwell, and John Currie.

Members Absent: None.

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Norm Turner.

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

Minutes from August 14th, 2007 were approved as written.

Brandon Fountain, Pioneer, was present to discuss with the Board the issue of going from a three member to a five member Board. Mr. Fountain stated he is writing a story in regards to this topic because of all the current discussion going on. The Board feels the law does not address the issue correctly. Board stated that if the Board of Road Commissioners positions are not districted then it won't make any difference whether there are three or five members and also the extra financial constraints it will put on the Road Commission. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on the 2007 projects as follows: 1) Arthur Road from M-66 to 20th Avenue in Sheridan Township will be paved on August 29-30, 2007; 2) Dave Aris Excavating is planning to start on 60th Avenue, .5 Miles North of 20 Mile Road in Chippewa Township after the Labor Day Holiday; 3) Roy Eichenberg is planning to start 162nd Avenue from Monroe Road to 3 Mile Road in Deerfield Township after the Labor Day Holiday; and 4) planning to get started on the Lynwood Lane Catch Basin in Martiny Township. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve and sign the contract with Chippewa Township and Contractors Contract for 60th Avenue .5 Miles North of 20 Mile Road. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve and sign the contract with Deerfield Township for 162nd Avenue from Monroe Road to 3 Mile Road. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Road Mileage Certification Memo from Michigan Department of Transportation. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve TWA #075017 for the Mill and Pave of the intersection of Taft Road (M-20) and 180th Avenue in Big Rapids Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Canadian Lakes final driveway plans. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated that Ed Burch, Engineer, reviewed the plans and the changes the Board requested were made and everything looked okay. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Peter Wendling, Attorney, to David Grunst, Attorney, in regards to Youngs Lake Road matter. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the structure in the Right-of-Way at Pogy Lake installed by George McLachlan. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated the structure was completely removed. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the fence that is in the Right-of-Way on 75th Avenue placed by Card and Card Investments, LLC. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated the property owner is not going to remove the fence. Board advised to have a letter drafted by the Road Commissions attorney to send to Steve Lobert, attorney for property owner. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the bill sent from the Village of Barryton in regards to the damage of the unmarked sewer cap during mowing. Board advised to send a letter to the Village of Barryton stating that the Road Commission will pay for the repairs of \$572.00 but will no longer enter into any agreements to do any work for the Village of Barryton. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 9 Mile Road Right-of-Way issue. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated that the Road Commission and Mecosta Township would like to keep the Right-of-Way. Walter Cain, Mecosta Township resident, was present and stated the Right-of-Way runs right through his own personal runway. No Action Required.

Aaron Hartman, Hoover Well owner, was present to discuss with the Board on the possibility of selling the Hoover Well. Mr. Hartman stated since he is not from around here it is hard for him to check on the wells as necessary and currently the wells are not making him any money and are not worth keeping open. Mr. Hartman stated that the Oil Wells need to run for a long period of time to create any oil and the Road Commission cannot remove enough of the water to keep the Oil Wells running. Mr. Hartman stated the Road Commission owns the tanks and that there is only a royalty paid on the oil that is sold. Board advised to send up the land agreement so that it can be reviewed by the Road Commission and a proposed purchase agreement. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from the Drain Commission in regards to a petition to extend the Green Drain in Sheridan Township. The Drain Commission is wondering if the Road Commission is still going to provide the engineering services through Ed Burch. Board advised that would be okay. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the proposed gravel lease agreement with Skip Garner. Board advised to go ahead and send out to Mr. Garner for his review. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the working in Right-of-Way permit for Advanced Excavating on Waldron Way in Big Rapids Township. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated that the water line was not extended beyond the right-of-way, in which, it causes the need for Advanced Excavating to cut a 15' x 20' section that will be 6' to 8' deep of the road up in order to tie into the water line. Board advised to check into were Isabella Bank and Trust tied their water line in at. Board also advised the Road Commission would need a guarantee that if Waldron Way fails in that location that Advanced Excavating would pay for the repairs. Board advised to have Advanced Excavating get a \$20,000 Irrevocable Letter of Credit while they are doing the work and then a \$5,000 Irrevocable Letter of Credit for five years to make sure the road holds up after the work is complete. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the correspondence from Stark Reagan, attorney, in regards to the Notice of Intent for Village of Camelot at Villages of Tullymore Condominium Development Project. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from the American Public Works Association in regards to the Winter Maintenance Trade and Equipment Show. No Action Required.

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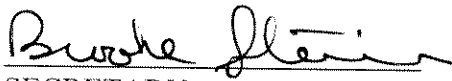
Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) received information on the Allison Transmission factory tour, Board advised to send Mike Simon, Randy Maxwell, and John Currie; 2) employee wondering about buying scrap blades, Board advised to keep taking the scrap blades to the salvage yard; 3) Northern Michigan Association of Road Commission conference needs to have an auction item and raffle tickets; and 4) employee will be gone for two weeks for surgery starting September 24, 2007. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the deletion of Mileage reimbursement for Board of Road Commissioners commute to and from their meetings held in the Big Rapids Office. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

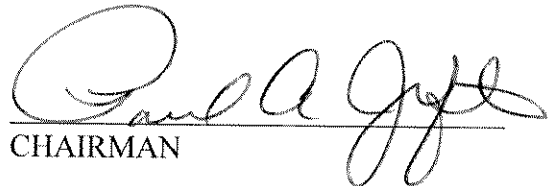
Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve voucher 8/28/2007 for payment in the amount of \$85,631.83. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 6:30 p.m. Board walked out to the Big Rapids Garage Sand pad to review the three different estimates prepared. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


SECRETARY

9/11/07
DATE


CHAIRMAN