

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001243

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday September 11th, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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.

Minutes from August 28th, 2007 were approved with corrections made.

Board reviewed TWA #075017 Mill and Pave project at M-20 (Taft Road) and 180th Avenue in Colfax/Big Rapids Townships. The project is currently being worked on. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the email from Michigan Department of Transportation in regards to the approval of \$50,000 for repairs of 90th Avenue Detour Route. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the possible Gravel Lease with Skip Garner off of M-66. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated that Mr. Garner has not gotten back with her as of yet. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to postpone the action on Petition for Road Abandonment of Keckler Drive in Mecosta Township until the October 9, 2007 Board Meeting. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed Young's Lake Road. No changes or updates at this time. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the fence in right-of-way on 75th Avenue in Chippewa Township. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated that she has not heard anything as of yet. No Action Required.

Board advised to have a policy drafted up stating that any new structures installed in road right-of-way as of January 1, 2007 need to be placed off of the road right-of-way. Board discussed obstructions in right-of-way issue with Peter Jaklevic, Prosecuting Attorney, verifying that Mr. Jaklevic will prosecute non-compliance. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 9 Mile Road right-of-way issue (Cain/Dukes). Board reviewed the copy of the letter from Peter Wendling to Joseph Harper in regards to were the Road Commission stands on this issue. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 183rd Avenue survey sent to Tim Mudrak, Big Rapids Township property owner. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board that Mr. Mudrak needed the survey for a building permit. Board advised they would go out and take a look at the road at 1:00 p.m. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in regards to the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, sent a letter in response requesting to meet with Dick Mikula from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the Superintendent's Conference on October 3-5, 2007. Board advised to have Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, get with each District Supervisor on whether they are attending the conference. No Action Required.

John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the attendance of Nate Maddern, Estimator/Field Inspector, to the Road Soft Training Program in Lansing on October 17, 2007. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, was present to update the Board on 2007 projects as follows: 1) phase II centerline painting is started; 2) Dave Aris, Aris Excavating, has started working on 60th Avenue .5 Miles North of 20 Mile Road in Chippewa Township; 3) Arthur Road from M-66 to 20th Avenue has been paved; and 4) Roy Eichenberg is working on 162nd Avenue from Monroe Road to 3 Mile Road in Deerfield Township. No Action Required.

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

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, cutting trees and brush, blading, replacing culverts, shoulder maintenance, ditching, brining, mowing, top soiling Greenhaven Subdivision, working on Big Rapids sand pad, and fixing trucks. Board advised Mike Simon to get prices for brine trailers. No Action Required.

Mike Simon, Maintenance Supervisor, was present to discuss with the Board the Allison ride and drive event on September 20, 2007. Mr. Simon requested if it would be possible for someone else to attend in his place. Board advised to send John Currie in Mr. Simon's place. No Action Required.

Board recessed for lunch at 11:56 a.m.

Board reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Board drove out to 183rd Avenue in Big Rapids Township to discuss the issue further. No Action Required.

Board returned to the office in Big Rapids by 1:53 p.m.

Board also went outside the building to discuss the issue with the Sand Pad. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to pay voucher 9/11/2007 in the amount of \$934,314.27. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

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

Board reviewed the correspondence from Oakland County Road Commission in regards to their Strategic Planning Process. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on the following items: 1) asphalt estimate for the Big Rapids garage sand pad is \$26, 400, Board advised Mr. Maneke to talk with Reith Riley Construction on the price/ton for asphalt No Action Required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) reminded the Board she will be on Medical Leave from September 24, through October 7, 2007; and 2) was elected to the County Road Association Self Insurance Fund Board at the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions Conference. No Action Required.

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John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the cancellation of the September 25th, 2007 Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

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

Board approved the Clerk to shred documents that were listed for shredding using Shred Right. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Brooke Steiner
SECRETARY

10/9/07
DATE

Paul A. J.
CHAIRMAN