

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001247

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday October 9th, 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 September 11th, 2007 and September 20th, 2007 were approved as written.

Bruce Lane, Mecosta Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the past Road Abandonment petition on 10 Mile Road West of 230th Avenue in Mecosta Township. Mr. Lane stated that a gate was across the road, which was taken down and since the gate was taken down there have been 5 reported break-ins. The Board advised that the Road Commission cannot abandon a road that could possibly land lock a property owner. The Board also advised that in order for the road to be abandoned the landowners that would be possibly land locked would need an easement to their property. Board advised they would need to go out and take a look at the road. No Action Required.

Doug Barnes, Mecosta Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the Road abandonment on Keckler Road. Mr. Barnes stated that the Road Commission came out and staked the cul-de-sac and he does not like the idea of having it installed. Board advised that Mr. Barnes and Jerry Plugger would need to grant easement to the lot owners of Keckler Plat and then the Road Commission may consider the abandonment. No Action Required.

At 9:30 a.m. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to open and read bids for the following Winter Maintenance Sand Haul. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Mohawk Transport	\$1.54/Yard
L & D Carey & Sons	\$1.40/Yard
Medler Trucking	\$2.85/Yard
Fisher Transportation	\$1.68/Yard

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2007 projects as follows: 1) Dave Aris, Aris Excavating, done with 60th Avenue ½ Mile North of 20 Mile in Chippewa Township except for gravel and guardrail; 2) Roy Eichenburg is working on 162nd Avenue from Monroe to 3 Mile Road in Deerfield Township; 3) Lynnwood Lane in Martiny Township is complete except for the asphalt, which should take place next week; and 4) should have the garage area and Cady's Corner paved next week. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve and sign the plans for the Evergreen Road Bridge that has a completion date of 7/01/2008. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Ken Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor, was present to discuss the following topics with the Board: 1) Polk Road, Canadian Lakes came to the township in regards to opening Polk Road up to Tullymore, Mr. Vredenburg stated that last he knew is that Canadian Lakes was having trouble with the property owners, and doesn't feel the Township will participate in the cost of doing the project. The Board advised that the Road Commission has not had anything formally in writing in regards to Polk Road; and 2) wondering about when the trees will be cut on 180th Avenue, Board advised that it is still on the list to be done. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the gravel lease draft with Skip Garner. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated that Mr. Garner wanted his attorney to check the lease over and probably wouldn't do anything with it this year. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the lease agreement from Green Township in regards to Charlie Brown Park. Board advised that the lease needs to be changed to a 1 year lease with the option to renew and a 90 day notice to terminate. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Tim Mudrak in regards to 183rd Avenue in Big Rapids Township. 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, stated that Ed Burch, Engineer, Jim Knapp, Surveyor, and herself will be having an informal meeting to discuss this topic. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to adopt revised Policy #2-15 in regards to maintenance of road right-of-way. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Supervisor's meeting at 11:06 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, working on seasonal roads, stockpiling salt and winter maintenance sand, setting catch basin, and fixing trucks. No Action Required.

Board recessed for lunch at 11:41 a.m.

Board reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve Resolution #07-12 in regards to the Mecosta County Road commission accepting jurisdiction of Meceola Road from 160th Avenue to the West .29 Miles. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Association of Southern Michigan Road Commissions meeting on December 3 – 5, 2007. Board advised to have Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, John Currie, and Randy Maxwell attend the meeting. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Robert D. Stanton, P.C. in regards to the prior petition for abandonment request for Krieg Drive in Big Rapids Township. No Action Required.

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

Board reviewed the Night Patrol Posting results. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated that Johnnie Lewis is on Night Patrol and Randy Wilson will be alternate Night Patrol. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the press release from September 20, 2007. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Raymond Booth in regards to hunting and recreational use of Mecosta County Road Commission property at 13 Mile Road and 75th Avenue in Martiny Township. Board advised no at this time. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the employer alert from Municipal Employees' Retirement System. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the flyer in regards to Municipal Employees' Retirement System regional meetings. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2008 Conference. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the United States Department of Agriculture newsletter. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Oakland County Road Commission Strategic Planning Process Report. No Action Required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) Mike Simon, Maintenance Supervisor, and Jim Johnson attended the equipment show at the Superintendents Meeting; 2) review of recent applicant for engineer/surveyor position; and 3) employee's request to sell back remaining vacation time. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the following items: 1) resident at 220th Avenue South of 11 Mile Road on the west side of the road is having a washout issue across his driveway, the landowner told Mr. Maneke that he would like to see a catch basin with lip gutter to direct the water or place a culvert the entire distance of the ditch and fill it in, Board advised the only thing the road commission could possibly do is some ditching; and 2) at Lynnwood Lane in Martiny Township the property owners want black dirt placed from the edge of roadway all the way back, Board advised that the Road Commission cannot go out of road right-of-way. No Action Required.

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


Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve Budget Revision #4 for 2007. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

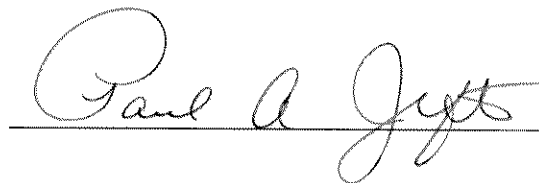
Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve voucher 10/09/2007 for payment in the amount of \$210,635.64. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 1:45 p.m. the Board drove out to 10 Mile Road west of 230th Avenue to look at. No Action Required.

Board returned back to the office at 3:30 p.m. No Action Required.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.


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