

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, July 7, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Randy Maxwell, John Currie, Paul Jefts

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerry Williams

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

Minutes from June 23, 2009 were approved with corrections; minutes from June 30, 2009 were approved as written.

Carolyn Towsley, Aetna Township Treasurer was present to discuss the status on the 180th Avenue project and the Pierce Road project. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director and Board discussed the status of both projects with Ms. Towsley. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board of the following; 1) Status on Township projects; 2) Seal coating will begin tomorrow (July 8th); 3) Jefferson Road, 4 Mile Road, and 3 Mile Road, Aetna Township are done; 4) Park Road status; 5) Marywood Drive ready to go; 6) Mike Maneke, Superintendent still working with Deerfield Township regarding brine contract. No action required.

Board reviewed Aetna Township correspondence. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the MDOT ARRA preliminary bid proposals for 20 Mile Road, Fork Township, Arthur Road, Sheridan Township, and Pierce Road, Austin and Morton Townships. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion for the Board to sign the AARA Preliminary Bid Proposals for 20 Mile Road, Arthur Road, and Pierce Road. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent discussed with the Board his concern regarding the approach on 60th Avenue at 9 Mile Road (M-20) from the new construction. Board will look at it later today. No action required.

Board reviewed Traffic Control Order #126 stop sign removal on 5 Mile Road and 50th Avenue. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve Traffic Control Order #126 for a stop sign removal at 5 Mile and 50th Avenue. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board discussed the Farm Bureau Draft Resolution. No action required.

Board discussed the NMARC Conference Registration. All members will be attending. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed the 2008 Treasury Audit report with the Board. No action required.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the AFSCME request for negotiation with the Board. No action required.

Board reviewed correspondence. Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to reply to Mr. Nickerson expressing their response. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed finances with the Board. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent reported on the status of the Dwight Street project, Chippewa Township. Board advised Mr. Maneke that if contractor does not respond in a timely fashion to move forward with the project using our crews. No action required.

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Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that Art Ranger, Surveyor requested to use some of his personal surveying equipment in particular his Geo Robotics system. Board advised to allow and to add to our insurance. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that an attorney contacted her requesting information on the 183rd road abandonment. No action required.

Board discussed the “Day at the Fair”. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director requested to send Toni Kailing, Maintenance Supervisor to a training seminar. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve sending the Maintenance Supervisor to the two day training seminar in Grand Rapids. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve payment of voucher 7/8/2009 for payment in the amount of \$95,552.28 as presented. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the posting for the mechanic’s position and the applications received. Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to do first interviews and bring the final four or five back to be interviewed by the Board. No action required.

Supervisors meeting at 11:00 a.m. present: Jim Johnson, Frank Randall, Toni Kailing. The Board was updated on maintenance issues. Toni Kailing, Maintenance Supervisor informed the Board that the grease has been changed for the loaders and that the new brine tanker is in and getting prepped for use. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent presented the quote from Barber Creek for their gravel regarding a conjunction of Barber Creek and Road Commission properties to crush gravel on 75th Avenue. Board advised that due to crushing at Adams pit and the new property purchase they would not need to do that this year. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent presented the quote to remove trees on the forty acres (north west quadrant of 13 Mile and 75th Avenue) that hasn’t been mined yet. No action required.

Board discussed the loggers that are using 140th Avenue to 13 Mile Road for hauling. Board noted that 13 Mile Road is a restricted. Mike Maneke, Superintendent has been working on that and will speak to the loggers. No action required.

Board discussed the direct deposit issue. Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to change mandatory to optional. Board also advised that checks should not be handed out early. No action required.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Board was on site at 60th Avenue and 9 Mile Road to look at the approach. Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to contact MDOT on this matter. No action required.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE