

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1357

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, August 11, 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 July 28, 2009 and August 10, 2009 were approved as written

Sandy Farlow, Grant Township resident was present to discuss the Youngs Lake Road Lawsuit and if the Board supports it. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to support the maintenance on the portion of Youngs Lake Road said mentioned in the lawsuit if the Court deems it a county road in which there would be no cost to the Road Commission in pursuing the change. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts & Maxwell) and one (1) nay (Currie), motion carried.

Jerry Williams, County discussed the upgrade of radios through a grant and asked if the Road Commission would be participating. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board of the following; 1) All the paving projects are complete except the stimulus projects, Marywood Drive, Lake Drive and 10 Mile Road; 2) Green Township will be approving to pay the cost to pave the intersection of Shamrock and Northland Drive; 3) The 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue permit has been approved, some of the culverts are being delivered today and the contractor will beginning moving in to start the project; 4) Bid letting for 20 Mile Road and Arthur Road came in under the engineer's estimated cost, Reith Riley was the low bidder. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion that subject to review of contracts the Board approves MDOT to accept the low bidders for the 20 Mile Road project and the Arthur Road project. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board signed the Deerfield contract for dust control that was approved on July 28, 2009. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent and Board discussed the MDOT M-20 project and the recommendations from the special meeting held Monday, August 10, 2009 at the intersection of 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue and M-20, and 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue and M-20. Karl Kovisto, MDOT TSC Manager, will be providing plans for what they would like to do at both intersections to address concerns. The Board is not satisfied with the discussions with MDOT and advised Ed Burch, Engineer to look at the approved plans for that M-20 project in regards to those two locations and check the depth of the cuts as was presented and approved, and report back to the Board. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed the DEQ response with the Board and informed them of the extension date; September 25th. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that Art Ranger, Surveyor looked at 165th Avenue, Deerfield Township and informed her that the road name should be 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue at the location in question. Changes were made to the County map. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that Mike Maneke, Superintendent will be contacting Medler Trucking to get a sample of the winter maintenance sand from the pit they bid from for testing as required before bid awarded. No action required.

Board discussed the Public Relations Workshop. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed Board of the September 14<sup>th</sup> deadline to register. No action required.

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Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the request from DAP Investments to release the letter of credit for Isabella Drive with the Board. Paul Jeffs moved and John Currie seconded a motion to release the Letter of Credit from DAP Investments. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jeffs, Currie), one (1) nay (Maxwell), motion carried.

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

Board reviewed correspondence. Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to respond to the letter from the Mecosta County Development Corporation regarding the 18 Mile Road project. No action required.

Randy Maxwell, Chairman presented a court document he received regarding the property by Rogers Pond known as Second Street. No action required.

Ken Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor was present and requested information regarding the Pierce Road project and the 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue project. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed Mr. Vredenburg that the bid letting for the Pierce Road project is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2009, and the 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue project permit from DEQ has been approved therefore the project is in progress. Mr. Vredenburg also discussed the poor condition of the shoulders on the roads in his township, especially Pierce Road and 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue. No action required.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer was present to discuss the paving on the Dwight Street project. Ms. Austin was informed by Mike Maneke, Superintendent that the pavement being laid would be 3" thick and would hold. Ms Austin was also informed that the new drain is working. No action required.

Supervisors meeting at 11:00 a.m. present: Jim Johnson, Frank Randall, Toni Kailing. The Board was updated on maintenance issues. Frank Randall, Remus Supervisor discussed the condition of the shear on Pretty Lake Drive. Board advised to post signage at the location in question. Toni Kailing, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor presented some oil samples showing the differences. Board advised to stay with current supplier and to bid out next year with annual bids. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent informed the Board of the following; 1) Adams Pit gravel is ready; 2) Park Road is done and looks very good; 3) Some issues have come up with 18 Mile Road and Pickerel Lake, Savoy Oil will be coming up to look at the damage for repairs; 4) Marywood Drive, Lake Drive, and 10 Mile Road projects will be all done together in approximately three weeks as paving contractor is available. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed the finances with the Board. Paul Jeffs moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve 2009 Budget Revision #1. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the following with the Board; 1) Property in Sheridan Township; 2) Morrison property purchase issues; 3) Recommendation to appoint Barret Noggle as the Fleet Maintenance Supervisor Assistant, approved; 4) Federal Screw lease of the storage building that expires October 31, 2009, Board advised to contact them and inquire if they are planning to renew their lease; 5) Employee that is off and running out of accumulated time; 6) The economic stimulus signs that have to be provided for the projects funded under the stimulus monies; 7) The request for the yield sign at 230<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13 Mile Road to be changed to a stop sign; 8) The reflective tape on the pickup trucks.

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Paul Jelts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve voucher 8/12/2009 for payment in the amount of \$286,869.46 as presented to the Board. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to have staff look at dropping the budget plan for the gas and electric bills for all the garages. If there are no additional charges the Board advised to drop it. No action required.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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BOARD SECRETARY

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DATE