

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1399

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Paul Jefts

Members Absent: Randy Maxwell

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Art Aldeman

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

Minutes from April 13, 2010 were approved as written.

County Commissioner Art Aldeman informed the Board that MDOT said the monies for roads will remain in the budget as projected. No action required.

Jackie Fitzgerald, County Drain Commissioner was present to thank the Board for all their continued support and help that has been provided on some of the drains in the county. No action required.

David Hosking, Preference Dental was present to discuss his building project on 9 Mile Road, Morton Township in regards to the location of the new driveway needed. Mr. Hosking presented plans for the project. Board advised no curbs would be necessary. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director recommended he submit a driveway permit with the changes discussed to move the process along. No action required.

Ed Burch, Engineer, Cliff Youngs, Consulting P.E., Bob Baldwin, Green Township Supervisor, and Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township were present to discuss the 18 Mile Road project. Mr. Burch discussed his concerns with the project and the estimated cost that was approved; in particular the road conditions west of 220th Avenue. Mr. Burch and Mr. Youngs informed the Board that an undercut should be considered which would involve more expense for the project. Board advised staff to get an estimate for additional construction and they would review at that time. No action required.

Clare Kwant, Grant Township was present to discuss Round Lake Road, Green Township with the Board. Mike Maneke, Superintendent presented estimates for limestone and pulverizing. Mr. Kwant was advised this was not a location being considered for a project at this time. No action required.

Board reviewed the dust control contract from Mecosta Township. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve signing the dust control contract with Mecosta Township for two additional applications of brine for 2010. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts, Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that Karl Kovisto, MDOT is planning to attend one of the meetings in May to update the Board on the M-20 Schrader Creek project. No action required.

Board reviewed the agreement with the resident on 180th Avenue. No action required.

Board reviewed the letter from Kamp Oil. No action required.

Board reviewed Traffic Control Order #127 stop sign removals on 4 Mile Road and 180th Avenue. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve Traffic Control Order #127 for stop sign removals on 4 Mile Road at 180th Avenue and 180th Avenue at 4 Mile Road. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas, (Jefts, Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried.

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Board reviewed the MDNRE Administrative Consent Order. Jackie Fitzgerald, County Drain Commissioner was present and informed the Board of what they can expect in fees for permits through her office. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to have the Chairman sign the MDNRE Administrative Consent Order. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts, Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried.

Board reviewed the electric survey. No action required.

The Board and Bob Baldwin, Green Township Supervisor discussed a no through commercial traffic route for 205th Avenue from Northland Drive to 19 Mile Road. No action required.

Ed Burch, Engineer requested the Board sign the title page for the proposed road improvement project on 5 Mile Road between 100th Avenue and 170th Avenue in Deerfield and Hinton Townships to be submitted for federal project monies. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve the Board to sign the title sheet for the 5 Mile Road Project located in Deerfield and Hinton Townships from 100th Avenue to 170th Avenue. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts, Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried.

Ed Burch, Engineer discussed funding for critical bridges through the local bridge program with the Board. The bridges discussed were as follows; 1) Buchanan Road crossing, Morton Township to be replaced; 2) 20 Mile Road crossing, Fork Township for rehabilitation of the structure; 3) 190th Avenue crossing, Aetna Township to be replaced; 4) 120th Avenue crossing, Deerfield and Hinton Townships for demolition and removal, noting the County Parks may be interested in bridge if funding is available. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve resolution #10-03 supporting the Applications for Critical Bridge Funding. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts, Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried.

Board reviewed the letter from the City regarding the contract for IT services. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to renew the contract with the City for IT services to include an increase of \$200.00 annually. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts, Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried.

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

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed training for safety regulation certification for signs with the Board. Board advised Ms. Kuipers to move forward and look into having more than one trained to install signs. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board of the following; 1) County Highway Engineer applications are coming in along with tech support applications; 2) Priority Health benefits will be increasing approximately 15%. Roy Farrell, Representative will come in and discuss plans. Board advised to have Ken Hundt, Union President present also; 3) Lobby Day in Lansing on May 4th. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reminded Board of the Special meeting Monday, May 3, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. and contract negotiations meeting on May 10, 2010. No action required.

Board reviewed correspondence. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director and Board discussed the complaint from Andy Stanley, Fork Township at 20th Avenue and 20 Mile Road regarding a water problem in his field there. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent informed the Board of the following; 1) Rieth Riley is looking for a spot to pave in May. Board advised possibly 80th Avenue or 20 Mile Road Chippewa Township; 2) A court date of May 6th has been set for an overweight ticket being contested. No action required.

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Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve payment of voucher 4/28/2010 for payment in the amount of \$60,517.65 as presented to the Board. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts, Currie), one (1) absent (Maxwell), motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the MDOT budget with the Board. No action required.

Board discussed the dust control program. Board advised to begin program next week weather pending. No action required.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE