

## **BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1922

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Tim Nestle

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerrilynn Strong

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent, Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Tim Nestle opened the floor to appoint Chairman and Vice Chairman. A motion to appoint Van Johnson as Chairman of the Board was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously. A motion to appoint John Currie as Vice Chairman of the Board was made by Van Johnson and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from December 27, 2018 were approved as written.

Don Hamilton was present to talk to the Board about The Fork Trail Plan and asked that when 40<sup>th</sup> Ave is repaved in the future that 10ft of paved shoulders be added.

Jim Chapman, Green Township Supervisor was present and asked about having 22 Mile to the county line plowed on the weekends since there is a lot of traffic on that road on Sundays. The Board approved adding 22 Mile to the hot list. Jim Chapman also asked the Board to cut out and patch back 2-man holes once the township locates them and the Board agreed.

Del Kirkby, MDOT was present and asked the Board to consider contracting out performance-based money projects instead of the road commission doing them. The road commission would still be responsible for overseeing the projects, but this would give the road commission more time to maintain the county roads. The Board agreed to try it this summer and will evaluate it again this fall.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board that the county believes they've found a pathologist for the morgue and the morgue should be open February 1<sup>st</sup>. Dragon Trail hopes to open up. Also 4 of the 5 unions have settled their contracts.

Amy Kailing reviewed the finances and cash flow with the Board. Discussion about putting additional money aside every month for the road commissions upcoming heavy maintenance projects, chip fog and crack seal, capital outlay, and payoff of motor grader, board agreed. Board agreed to reduce amount being put aside for transportation note to \$14,713.07 until payment is made in July and then we will reassess the amount to set aside for the next year.

Tim Nestle discussed the 2019 Project List with the Board.

Board reviewed the Green Township Brine Contract. A motion to approve the Green Township Brine Contract was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**  
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NO 1923

The Board reviewed MDOT Certification Resolution 19-01 which decertified a half mile of 100<sup>th</sup> Ave seasonal road. A motion was made to approve MDOT Certification Resolution 19-01. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board discussed annual bids and extension requests. A motion to approve contract extensions for Carter's Surveying, PLC, Halliday Sand & Gravel, Inc, and F&B Stump Grinding was made by John Curried and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board reviewed the 2019 Capital Outlay list. Tim Nestle discussed the condition of the fleet and equipment needs would benefit the Road Commission. A Gradall and Shop Hoist were some of the assets discussed.

The Board discussed the possibility of a 19 Acre Solar Farm going in Mecosta County this summer.

The Board reviewed the Incident/Accident Report.

The Board discussed administrative staff raises. A motion to approve administrative staff raises was made by John Currie and seconded Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board discussed correspondences.

The Board reviewed the vouchers. A motion to approve vouchers for 1/8/2019 for payment in the amount of \$154,825.94 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Tim Nestle discussed the need of 2 interns this summer.

The Board reviewed the audit contract for 2018 and asked that we bid it out before signing the contract.

Amy Kailing discussed contributing a total of \$45,000 per month towards MERS defined benefit. A motion to contribute a total of \$45,000 per month towards MERS defined benefit was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

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**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1926

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, February 12, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent:

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners:

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent and Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Minutes from January 18, 2019 were approved with changes.

Dan Hoeh asked that the poor condition of 190<sup>th</sup> in Green Township be addressed.

Amy Kailing reviewed the financial reports with the Board.

A motion to approve Dust Control Contract with Morton Township was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve contract extensions to Pavement Recycling and LS Hayes was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to approve MERS Resolution Establishing Authorized Signatories for MERS Contract and Service Credit Purchase Approvals, Request for Projection Study and Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to approve the STD Agreement was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board reviewed the Incident/Accident report.

The Board reviewed correspondences regarding Pavement Recycling, MRPA workshop, CRA Board of Directors Ballot, Al Opdyke letter and Mecosta County Drain Commission.

At 10 am bids for a mobile lift, pickups and Gradall were opened.

A motion to approve the contract from the State of Michigan for 2018 Audit was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

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NO 1927

Tim Nestle discussed 2019 Capital Outlay needs with the Board.

Mike Monahan came in to talk about the mechanic software needs. A motion to purchase mechanic software with a 30-day money back guarantee was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Jake Erickson informed the Board of the time it takes to fill our trucks from each brine well.

Tim Nestle informed the Board of the computer issues the office is having. A motion to purchase new computers was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette.

The Board stated that mechanics are to work 2 hours overtime every day and Saturday's if needed to keep up with fleet maintenance.

A motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$269,210.65 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Gene Heintzelman discussed the needs of the fleet with Board.

A motion to approve MERS Retiree Health Funding Vehicle (RHFV) with a total of \$5,000.00 a month starting March 2019 and Correction Action Plan for OPEB liability was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to pay First Bank, Verizon and Consumers Energy the end of February was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

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## **BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1928

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent:

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerrilynn Strong

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent and Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Minutes from February 12, 2019 were approved as written.

Jack Rutter and Richard Pattone asked that the Road Commission replace the pipe that is currently under the road like they did 10 years ago.

Bill Stanek, Big Rapids Township Supervisor, asked about 215<sup>th</sup> between Perry St and 15 Mile become a primary road so the township is not responsible for costs associated with the road. Bill was informed that the road is eligible for federal funding.

Jim Chapman, Green Township Supervisor, thanked us for the work the road commission did last week with the storms. Jim asked that the road commission look at 190<sup>th</sup> and 205<sup>th</sup> north of Hoover, and 230<sup>th</sup> pot holes.

Jerrilynn informed the Board that 4 of the 5 union contracts are done for the county, a pathologist has been hired, and Michigan's Dragon trail is moving forward.

Amy Kailing reviewed the financial reports with the Board.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that the 2019 Project List has not changed.

A motion to approve Dust Control Contract with Mecosta Township was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that MDOT Night Patrol will be ending April 28, 2019.

A motion to approve Resolution 19-03 and New Millpond Bridge Contract 19-5077 was by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

Tim Nestle informed the Board about the MDOT Fund Distributions Issues and that from Nov 2018 – Aug 2019 they will be taking a total of \$127,841.79 from our MTF Funds because we were overpaid during 2018.

The Board discussed when to go to 4/10's and decided April 29, 2019.

The Board discussed CRA's 2019 Legislative Priorities.

The Board discussed cold weather working.

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MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1929

The Board reviewed the incident/accident report.

The Board reviewed correspondences.

At 10 am annual bids were opened.

A motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$685,222.95 on March 19, 2019 and \$2,331.62 on February 25, 2019 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to approve CTT Equipment mobile lift bid was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that pickups cost less on MI Deal than the bids we received last month. A motion to approve purchasing pickup trucks from MI Deal was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to purchase new garage doors for Morley and Big Rapids was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to purchase brine pumps for Reynolds Well in Morley and Hartman in Fork Township was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to sand blast and paint truck 357 for \$6,000.00 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board discussed upgrades to fuel depot.

The Board discussed the salt order for 2019-2020 winter.

The Board discussed the need for training on the motor grader and loader.

Tim Nestle discussed posting open positions with the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm

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**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1931

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerrilynn Strong

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent and Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Minutes from 3/19/19 and 4/10/19 were approved as written.

Bryan Roels, Chippewa Township Supervisor, brought up concerns about Chippewa Dr and Dwight St bridge.

Bill Schoner, Martiny Township Trustee, discussed concerns with 95<sup>th</sup> Ave N of 14 Mile.

Craig Medler asked if the Road Commission would be interested in taking over Medler Dr in White Pine Estates subdivision.

Xandria discussed her concerns with the flooding that happened at her house on 23 Mile between 220<sup>th</sup> and the expressway this spring.

Nancy Stephan, Green Township Trustee, discussed her concerns about 220<sup>th</sup> crumbling from 22 Mile N to county line, bridge closed between 21 and 22 Mile.

Dan Hoeh discussed his concerns about 190<sup>th</sup> condition and that the dead-end sign be removed.

Ken Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor, discussed his concerns about 170<sup>th</sup> and 140<sup>th</sup>. He also informed the Board that the township is willing to put \$100,000 towards roads this year and what is left from 11 Mile and 170<sup>th</sup> projects will put towards 8 Mile wedging project.

Amy Kailing reviewed financials with the board. A motion to approve the 2018 budget revision 4 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

A motion to approve 2019's Project List was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

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MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1932

A motion to approve Morton Township Project Contract was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed and approved estimates for Austin Township Gravel Projects.

A motion to approve Resolution 19-05 Critical Bridge Application was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that he received notice that work will start on the Blanchard Drain.

The Board approved not purchasing pickup trucks this year and instead to do some sand blasting and painting on our tandem trucks.

The Board approved the CRA bylaw changes.

Tim Nestle updated the Board on the 105<sup>th</sup> Abandonment Lawsuit that is going on.

The Board reviewed the incident/accident report.

The Board reviewed correspondence.

A motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$990,483.87 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to purchase 2 new power washers was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board reviewed and approved staff recommendations on annual bids.

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm

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**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1934

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent:

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerrilynn Strong

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent and Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Minutes from Tuesday, April 16, 2019 and Thursday, May 2, 2019 were approved as written.

Michael Gibson, Chippewa Township resident, asked what resources in material, hours, and equipment the road commission would need to repair, maintain and clear our roads.

Michele Graham, Mecosta Township Supervisor, informed the board they do not want 200<sup>th</sup> Ave turned back to gravel. Michele also discussed resurfacing 8 Mile and would like more information on how the millage money would be spent in each township.

Larry Schultz, Pine Ridge Subdivision, when the subdivision was resurfaced last fall it was not done properly.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, discussed issues with Chippewa Lake Dr and Dwight bridge since they were redone last year. Julie also asked about finishing the 23 Mile project this year.

Jim Chapman, Green Township Supervisor, discussed his concerns about 220<sup>th</sup> bridge and changing road classifications in Green Township.

Barb Hampel, Martiny Township Supervisor, informed the board Martiny Township approved \$4,500.00 to go towards the Lynwood Lane issue.

Dan Hoeh, Green Township resident, asked if the Road Commission is going to start doing permanent fixes on road issues instead of temporary. Dan also brought up issues with 190<sup>th</sup>.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board that the county has started to work on the budget for next year. She also thought that all township supervisors should have come on the county ride around.

Amy Kailing reviewed the financial reports with the Board.

**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1935

Tim Nestle reviewed 2019 Project List with the Board.

A motion to approve Austin and Morton Township project contracts was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve dust control contracts was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Fuel Depot Agreement.

At 10:00 a.m. Derek Hall reviewed 2018's Audit with the Board.

At 10:30 a.m. Derek Lodholtz reviewed employee benefits with the Board.

The Board reviewed and approved all township estimates.

The Board reviewed and approved a commercial driveway permit for Trent Kidder.

A motion to approve updated Rates of Pay Non-Union, Temporary Employees Policy was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that Medler Dr of White Pine estates does not meet county road specifications.

Tim Nestle updated the Board on the status of the paving project list.

The Board discussed safety concerns on some roads in the county.

The Board reviewed the incident/accident report.

The Board reviewed and approved hiring a Shop Maintenance Administrator.

A motion to approve administrative staff raises was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board reviewed correspondences.

A motion to pay vouchers in the amount of \$434,424.99 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to approve Act 51 for 2018 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1936

The Board approved the annual MDOT Engineering Reimbursement.

Meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

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**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1937

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent:

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerrilynn Strong

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent and Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Minutes from Tuesday, May 21, 2019 were approved as written.

Jack Rutter, Lynwood Lane, wondered if a decision had been made regarding the culvert.

Wayne Sutherland, Hinton Township Trustee, asked how gravel roads are prioritized, floating roads, & what is the plan for 3 Mile between 85<sup>th</sup> & 100<sup>th</sup> Ave

Michele Graham, Mecosta Township Supervisor, suggested equipment millage instead of operating millage.

Stan Carey, Deerfield Township Trustee, asked for estimate on 175<sup>th</sup> between Jefferson and Monroe

Jim Chapman, Green Township Supervisor, would like to look at other options besides turning 220<sup>th</sup> back to gravel.

Dan Hoeh, Green Township resident, 190<sup>th</sup> north of Hoover is washed out bad again.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, voiced her concerns about the township losing their road millage if the county tries for a road millage.

At 9:30 am Arlene Anderson, Ice Mountain, discussed 8 Mile with the Board.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board the county is working on the budget, interviews for a new drain commissioner will be happening soon, and they are going to replace the chassis on one ambulance instead of buying a new one.

Amy Kailing reviewed the financial reports with the Board.

At 10:30 interviews were held for Shop Maintenance Administrator. The Board interviewed the following; Aaron Bass, Brandon Trumbower, Raymond Reagon, and Joshua Zeigler. The Board agreed to offer the position to Joshua Zeigler.

**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1938

Tim Nestle reviewed the 2019 Project List with the Board.

The Board discussed the Chippewa Township 23 Mile Rd project and tabled it until next meeting.

A motion to approve the Fuel Depot Agreement was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

Tim Nestle informed the Board were looking into alternative for the 220<sup>th</sup> Bridge.

A motion to approve Resolution 19-06 for 15 Mile Rd contract was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed roads that are beyond normal patching. A motion to put 12 miles of roads back to gravel was made by John Currie and seconded by Van Johnson. Motion passed with Mike Wernette voting no.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that wedging is 62% done.

The Board discussed the 2019 Board of Directors Election for MCRCSIP and agreed to vote for Dorothy Pohl.

The Board discussed CRASIF's call for Trustee Candidates.

The Board reviewed the incident/accident report.

A motion to pay vouchers in the amount of \$520,018.70 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board discussed Morton Township wanting an estimate on Valley Court.

A motion to purchase a military truck, sight unseen, was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board discussed improving drainage on roads.

The Board discussed the possibility of a road millage.

Tim Nestle informed the Board of MCRCSIP's annual membership meeting.

The Board discussed overtime for brine and mowing. They decided to mow the state on Friday's and hold off on brining until weather is dryer.

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MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1939

The Board discussed and agreed it's in compliance with Public Act 51, Section 18j where a local road agency must certify that medical benefits are offered to employees or elected public officials.

A motion to approve Pension Report and Health Care (OPEB) Report was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to change monthly TF Note Savings to \$28,583.34 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

At 1:19 pm a motion to go into closed session regarding retiree healthcare coverage was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

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**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1940

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerrilynn Strong

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent and Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Minutes from Tuesday, June 18, 2019 were approved as written.

Steven Serra, Millbrook Township, asked the board for help on cleaning out culvert on Jackson Rd.

Mort & Tina Meyer, Green Township, asking the road commission to take care of the erosion and pot holes on 220<sup>th</sup> between 19-22 Mile.

Al Miller, Deerfield Township, asked why 155<sup>th</sup> is being turned back to gravel.

Mecosta County Resident asked if there's a schedule for maintaining these roads that are being turned back to gravel?

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, township agreed to waiting to complete 23 Mile project until next year, so the culvert can be installed this year. Julie also asked for one more Amish sign to be purchased.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board the county is working on the budget, a 4<sup>th</sup> ambulance is being utilized and 2 paramedics and 4 EMT's have been added to the staff.

Amy Kailing reviewed the financial reports with the Board.

Tim Nestle reviewed the 2019 Project List with the Board.

A motion to approve Martiny Township and Green Township contracts was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

Darran Hutchinson asked the Board for a variance on Chippewa Township permit violation. The Board tabled it until next month.

The Board reviewed the Millage Proposal for the 2020 ballot.

**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1941

The Board reviewed the Incident/Accident report.

The Board reviewed correspondences.

A motion to pay vouchers in the amount of \$851,245.86 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to purchase a 2008 Freightliner truck tractor was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to approve CRASIF Board of Trustee nominees was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved Amy Kailing as the Officer Delegate for the 2019 MERS Conference.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 am.

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**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1942

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent: N/A

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerrilynn Strong

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent and Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Minutes from Tuesday, July 16, 2019 were approved as written.

Resident asked if anything was going to be done on 3 Mile between 100<sup>th</sup> & 110<sup>th</sup>.

Resident voiced concern about vehicles speeding on 19 Mile east of Northland Dr.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board the new ambulance is working well, and the county is working on the budget.

Amy Kailing reviewed financial reports with the Board.

Tim Nestle reviewed the updated 2019 Project List with the Board.

A motion to approved Deerfield Township Contract for 175<sup>th</sup> between Jefferson & Monroe, Deerfield Township Contract for brining Celebration on the Pond and Chippewa Township Contract for N Chippewa Rd from 100<sup>th</sup> to end was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved Big Rapids Township Madison Ave speed study request.

Tim Nestle informed the Board the Lynwood Lane project is done.

The Board reviewed a letter from Morton Township regarding 110<sup>th</sup> Ave between 5 & 6 Mile. Stephanie McNeal, Morton Township Clerk, also explained that they are concerned about the quality/care of the road and that it may slow down ambulance response times.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that the Spruce Rd culvert project from 2018 will be paved soon.

A motion to extend the Charlie Brown Park Lease for 20 year for \$5.00 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

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MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1943

Del Kirby from MDOT asked the Board how they felt the changes to TWA went this summer, Youth Crew working in Mecosta County this summer, and M-20 seasonal status.

At 10:00 am a motion was made to open sealed bids for Austin Township Gravel Road Improvement, 23 Mile W of 100<sup>th</sup> Ave culvert replacement, and Fuel Dispenser & Fuel Management System by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to remove a stairwell and driveway due to permit violation in Chippewa Township was made by Mike Wernette and seconded by John Currie. Motion passed unanimously.

Board reviewed millage proposal, 2018 brine cost analysis, Act 51 Certification, Northern Ballot, Coldwater Well Agreement and Tom & Marlene Boss letter.

Board approved restriping Arthur Road & M-66 intersection to help with backups.

A motion was made to approve Pavement Warranty Program Resolution 19-08 and Resolution 19-09 to Implement A Local Pavement Warranty Program by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve Federal Aid Sale Resolution 19-07 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

Board reviewed incident/accident report.

A motion to approve Personnel Policy was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve Anti-Nepotism Policy was made by John Currie and seconded by Van Johnson. Motion passed with Mike Wernette voting no.

A motion to approve purchasing 10 boxes, sand blasting frames and purchase 3 military surplus truck up to \$400,000 in 2020 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to pay vouchers in the amount of \$1,299,327.96 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Tim Nestle discussed correspondences with the Board.

**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1944

A motion to approve Certification of Title VI Compliance and Assurances was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to remove Bill Larson from road commission insurance as of August 1, 2019 and per personal policy no retiree can stay on road commission insurance past age 65 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved selling Montcalm County Road Commission 12 military tires at \$350.00 a tire.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

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**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1945

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, September 17, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent: N/A

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerrilynn Strong

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent and Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Minutes from Tuesday, August 20, 2019 were approved as written.

Jack Rutter, Martiny Township resident informed the board the pipe at Lynwood Lane was working well but the catch basin still is not draining and is asking the road commission for help with the matter. Tim Nestle reiterated that he stated from the beginning that the pipe was not going to fix the drainage issue from the catch basin unless the entire road is raised.

Darran Hutchinson, Chippewa Township resident asked for a variance on the driveway permit and stairwell that was denied. The Board said they'd look at it and make a decision.

Jackie Fitzgerald, Mecosta County Drain Commissioner thanked the Board and Tim for being great to work with and updated the Board on the current drain projects.

Connie and Bill Larson asked for answers regarding Bill's healthcare. Asked for the Board to cover Bill until July 1, 2020. A motion for Bill Larson to go on COBRA and the road commission would cover the difference in cost until July 1, 2020 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

Helen Carey, asked the Board why shoulder maintenance was being done on Jefferson Road when there are no water issues there and informed the Board she would no longer maintain her yard within the ROW.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board The Dragon's ground breaking is October 4<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> ambulance is in service and working well and the county is working on the budget.

Amy Kailing reviewed financial reports with the Board.

Tim Nestle reviewed the 2019 Project List.

**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1946

A motion to approve Green Township and Morton Township contracts was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Tim Nestle informed the Board the state police got back to him regarding the Big Rapids Township speed study on Madison Ave. The speed study came in at 55 mph so the state police sees no reason to change the speed limit.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that M-20 Seasonal Status is still being reviewed.

At 10:30 interviews were held for truck driver/laborer. The Board interviewed the following: Brad Malmberg, Derek Kuzee, Eric Fate, Aaron Rehkopf. The Board agreed to offer the position to Brad Malmberg.

A motion to approve the Coldwater Well Agreement was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the incident/accident report.

The Board reviewed correspondences.

A motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$830,165.31 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to approve Rohr gas fuel depot bid was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the road commission covering John & Deb Currie supplemental Medicare coverage starting October 2019 was made by Van Johnson and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed with John Currie abstaining from voting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 1:25 by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

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**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1948

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerrilynn Strong

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent and Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Minutes from September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup> were approved as written.

Tony Vaal, Stanwood Produce Auction, asked why 140<sup>th</sup> was turned back to gravel and how was it decided to wedge Buchanan to Pierce?

Karla Miller, Mecosta County Drain Commissioner, reminded the Board there is a special meeting tonight at 6pm regarding the Ive's Drain determination.

Ken Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor, stated 140<sup>th</sup> has not been graded since July 8<sup>th</sup>, brine schedule needs to be improved, asked how you bond a road and what are they liable for if the road is bonded, would like to see roads graded at least every 6 weeks.

Jim Chapman, Green Township Supervisor, asked for a copy of the proposed roads that are beyond a patch trailer and a shovel for 2019.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board they've broken ground for the Dragon, a 4<sup>th</sup> ambulance will be utilized full time, and budget time is coming.

Amy Kailing reviewed financials with the Board.

Tim Nestle reviewed 2019 Project List with the Board. The Board informed Tim to hold off on the Millage Proposal.

The Board reviewed the 2019-2020 Winter OT lists.

The Board reviewed the Incident/Accident Report.

A motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$921,873.45 and do a special pay for First Bank and Reith and Riley if funds allow was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1949

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:36am was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

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# **BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1949

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, November 13, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent:

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerrilynn Strong

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent and Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Minutes from October 15, 2019 were approved as written.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer, asked about the culvert at 20 Mile. Tim Nestle informed her that we're using the culvert to pump water across the road.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board that the county has completed their preliminary budget and it's down 1% from last year. The fourth ambulance will be going full-time starting January.

Amy Kailing reviewed financials with the Board.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that projects for the year are done.

The Board reviewed Green and Aetna Township Road Request.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that MDOT is going through the motions to see if a stop light is necessary at the M66 and Arthur Rd intersection. A blinking light is another option if a stop light is not deemed necessary.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that the fuel depot update has started and should be completed next week. The total cost is \$60,922.99 so Mecosta County, City of Big Rapids and the Road Commission are each responsible for \$20,307.66.

A motion approve Fahrner's request to extend 2019 chip seal and crack seal prices was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the EGLE audit.

At 9:30 a motion for the Public Budget Hearing was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the 2020 budget was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.



**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1950

The Board reviewed and approved meeting dates for 2020 with changes to January, February and December dates.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that the Bauman Wetland design is being sent out to rebid.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that Ives drain project in the amount of 3 million is going forward.

A motion to approved Resolution 19-10 & 19-11 Wireless Communications was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the incident/accident report.

A motion to pay the vouchers in the amount of \$1,030,655.50 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to do a special pay for Consumers Energy, DTE, First Bank and Blue Cross Blue Shield was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m. was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

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**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1951

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent:

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerrilynn Strong

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent and Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Minutes from November 12, 2019 were approved as written.

Dan Hoeh, Green Township resident, asked if there was a policy on plowing Hoover Rd on weekends. Tim Nestle informed Dan that there is a policy for plowing roads in the winter.

Scott Morningstar, Morningstar Enterprises, asked about the progress of M20 east of Big Rapids becoming a Class A road. Scott also asked for a scope of work on 172<sup>nd</sup> to be put together so Morningstar Enterprises and Parks Sawmill could review it.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board that an EMT will be added to the staff for the fourth ambulance. Osceola County has started to pick up part of their ambulance transfers. The County has budgeted for \$6,000.00 to go out to area responders.

Amy Kailing reviewed financials with the Board. A motion to approve Budget Revision #1 in the amount of \$2,641,760.00 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Tim Nestle reviewed the 2020 Project List and Morton Townships 2020 and 2021 project list with the Board.

The Board reviewed the MiRSHA agreement and decided to not join at this time.

A motion to extend Michigan Pavement Markings bid was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Winter Maintenance Policy.

Tim Nestle updated the Board on the Swiatek/105<sup>th</sup> abandonment.

The Board reviewed the Incident/Accident Report.

The Board reviewed correspondences.

**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1952

At 10:00 am a motion to open bids was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to pay vouchers in the amount of \$990,473.37 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A request for a traffic control order on 8 Mile and 170<sup>th</sup> was made.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 11:41 am by John Currie and Van Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

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**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1953

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Friday, December 27, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent:

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners:

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent and Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Minutes from December 17, 2019 were approved as written.

Amy Kailing reviewed financials with the Board.

A motion to approve Winter Maintenance Policy revisions was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve Traffic Count Order #143 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to purchase one roadside mower from Burnip's Equipment and one from Flint New Holland contingent that Burnip's Equipment has a roadside mower available immediately was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to purchase one skid steer and accessories from Ellen Equipment was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion to purchase a total of two used trailers, one from Team Elmer's and one from AIS was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Board reviewed paved road needs/costs.

A motion to accept a quarter acre of property from Aetna Township was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Incident/Accident Report.

A motion to pay vouchers in the amount of \$118,341.90 was made by John Currie and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**BOARD OF MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

NO 1954

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 am was made by Van Johnson and seconded by Mike Wernette. Motion passed unanimously.

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