

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1886

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Superintendent/Manager.

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, Superintendent/Manager and Elizabeth Bramer, Finance Director/Board Secretary.

Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to appoint John Currie, Chairman of the Board. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

John Currie moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to appoint Van Johnson as Vice Chairman of the Board. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to allow the Chairman to enter into debate; that the Chairman be allowed to make and/or support any motion; to allow the Chairman to vote on all questions; and public comment is limited to 5 minutes unless waived by the Chairman. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Van Johnson moved and John Currie seconded a motion to appoint Elizabeth Bramer, Board Secretary for 2018. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Minutes from December 28, 2017 were approved as written.

Kelly Cushway, Green Township Trustee was present and informed the board of payment and performance bonds in regards to township projects. Kelly also expressed his concerns regarding Ash Drive and 20 mile regarding road run-offs and its need for salt and sand in that area. Kelly also addressed 190th and Houselake road and the need for a stop sign at that intersection.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer was present and asked about a speed study performed on Chippewa Lake Road. Current speed in that area is set at 40 mph and was informed by Tim Nestle that the State Police would increase the speed to 45 mph based on traffic count and speed if study was pursued. A \$50,000 commitment for the 23 Mile Road Project was discussed with the Board. Hosting a spring meeting with all the Townships and County Commissioners with a presentation by the State Police, hosted at Chippewa Township was discussed. A date of April 19th, 2018 at 6:30 pm was considered.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board of who are the 2018 elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the County.

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Elizabeth Bramer reviewed the finances and cash flow with the Board and discussed the continuation of the additional employer contribution of \$50,000 per month towards the MERS defined benefit unfunded liability. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to continue putting \$50,000 per month towards the MERS unfunded liability. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle reviewed the 2018 Project list with the Board. No projects at this time were approved.

Board reviewed Resolution #18-01. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to authorize MDOT to make additions and deletions to the Road System of Mecosta County. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

2018 bid tab for tandem axle accessories were reviewed by the Board. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to purchase three dump box with v-box spreaders from Truck and Trailer Specialties for a total cost of \$343,149. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board reviewed a cost analysis of buying new Tandem Axles versus trucks through a program called GSA. Tim Nestle discussed with the Board purchasing military trucks from Puerto Rico, off a military base through the GSA program. Tim also discussed the idea of calling someone local in Puerto Rico to confirm the truck condition before purchasing them. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to purchase up to six trucks from GSA, pending condition of trucks available for purchase for a total cost of \$240,000. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2018 Capital Outlay list. Tim Nestle discussed the condition of the fleet and what equipment needs would benefit the Road Commission the most. A Service Truck, Shop Hoist, and Wire Feed Welder were some of the assets discussed. Mike Wernette moved and Van Johnson seconded a motion to purchase a Wire Feed Welder from a local business for a total cost up to \$6,000. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the incident/accident report.

Tim Nestle discussed major asset improvements that the Road Commission should start preparing for. Additions to the Morley and Remus garage, along with, salt and sand sheds were discussed. The idea of a build fund was presented.

Tim Nestle discussed the wetland mitigation and how we will be in the design phase. The Board discussed how this mitigation could be a source of revenue in the future.

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The Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve the vouchers for 1/9/2018 for payment in the amount of \$119,262.57 as presented. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board reviewed MAPSI, Midwest Advanced Public Service Institute, a training seminar for Tim Nestle to attend in New Buffalo, Michigan from April 15th-18th. Sending Tim next year was discussed.

The Board voted for the CRA ballot for Board of Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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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, February 13, 2018. 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, Superintendent/Manager and Elizabeth Bramer, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Minutes from January 9, 2018 were approved as written.

Jerrilynn Strong presented a few updates throughout the County.

Josh Buchanan from Michigan Cat and Jack LaForge from ALTA were both present to talk to the board about the skid steer bid tabs. Both parties offered information about their skid steers and accessories and included leasing options as well. After discussion, Mike Wernette moved and Van Johnson seconded a motion to lease a 2018 Gehl skid steer and to purchase the accessories from ALTA. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Elizabeth Bramer reviewed the finances and cash flow with the Board.

Tim Nestle went over the upcoming 2018 project list. Specifically, the addition of 23 mile road between 120th – 105th and the deletion of 16 mile road between 157th – 172nd were presented. The addition of 16 mile road at a later date contingent on finances and cash flow was discussed.

Tim Nestle presented the Board with seven estimates for various township projects throughout the County. It was suggested to go from 3 inch to 2 inch pulverization to decrease estimate/actual costs so more townships will be willing to participate in projects.

Jerrilynn Strong and John Currie discussed some hazardous areas within the County that need attention.

Jim Chapman, Green Township Supervisor, formally requested 22 mile to be plowed on Sundays so that parishioners can attend church at St. Anne's.

The Board reviewed bid tabs for a shop hoist. With only one bid coming in \$100,000 over budget another bid request will be sent out.

Tim Nestle discussed the current 2018 capital outlay list. A welder for the shop was purchased and status of army trucks being purchased through the GSA program was discussed further. Purchasing a used roller on capital outlay in 2019 was presented. Van Johnson moved and Mike

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Wernette seconded a motion to set a budget to purchase a service truck for up to \$60,000. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle went over the brine cost analysis which indicated that it cost approximately \$194.13 per mile. The Board agreed to leave the cost for the Townships at \$100.00 per mile for the second and third rounds of brine.

The Township meeting that will be held in Chippewa Township had an original proposed date of April 19th at 6:30 p.m. which was then presented to be moved to April 26th at 6:30 p. m. Letters are expected to go out next month.

Halliday Sand and Gravel sent a letter stating that they are extending their 2016 bid prices for the 2018 season. Mike Wernette moved and Van Johnson seconded a motion to extend Halliday Sand and Gravel 2016 bid prices for this upcoming year. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle and the Board reviewed potential candidates for the engineering position through the City of Big Rapids.

Tim Nestle discussed hiring Michael R. Kluck & Associates for the Road Commissions Labor Law attorney. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion that Tim Nestle sign the contract with Michael R. Kluck & Associates. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle went over MCRCSIP battery disconnect mandate and the new updates that are in effect.

The Board reviewed the incident/accident report.

The Board reviewed Frank Randall's, Remus District Supervisor, official notice of retirement on December 14th, 2018. Some discussion of hiring for his position in the future was presented.

The Board pulled in Big Rapids District Foreman, Jason Erickson, to discuss new employee performance and behavior. An update on all activities were presented.

Tim Nestle went over the CRA's Legislative Reception and the 2018 Great Lakes Expo coming up this spring. Conversation of sending Jon Firman and Gene Heintzelman was suggested.

Gene Heintzelman, Shop Foreman, reported to the Board the status of the fleet and the work that has been performed over the last month.

The Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve the vouchers for 1/23/2018 for payment in the amount of \$44,970.24 and

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vouchers for 2/13/2018 for payment in the amount of \$427,549.00 as presented. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Elizabeth Bramer discussed bidding out for new Employee Benefit Agents for the upcoming healthcare renewal on July 1st, 2018. Wanting to offer optical and dental to employees was presented. She also informed the Board that MERS will do an internal actuarial for free for the potential conversion to the Defined Contribution plan. With that, the Board stated that with this new plan employees will be required to contribute 5%. The Board gave the go ahead to the pursue the actuarial.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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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, March 20, 2018. 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, Superintendent/Manager and Elizabeth Bramer, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Minutes from February 13, 2018 were approved as written.

Jerrilynn Strong presented funding updates throughout the County and that another ambulance was on the Road.

Kelly Cushway, Green Township Trustee was present and wanted an update on the Spruce Road Bridge and expressed his concerns.

Jackie Fitzgerald, Drain Commissioner was present mainly to observe and listen but did discuss the Blanchard drain and mentioned when a protest assessment would be open to the public. She also discussed a petition on Tonkin drain. She thanked the Board that we will put in a new culvert on 13 mile.

Jim Chapman, Green Township was present to inform the Board of the new developments of the Spruce Road bridge. Plan design, assessments, overall cost, and engineering were all discussed.

At 9:30 a.m. Van Johnson moved and Mike Werenette seconded a motion to open and read the annual bids. Bids to be read and placed on file for the review of the administrative staff and if and when awarded, will be in the best interest of Mecosta County. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Kenn Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor was present to discuss the brine program and its effectiveness to improve operations for this upcoming year. He also informed the Board the 4 way stop sign on 170th and 8 mile was voted to not be taken out.

Randy Vetter was present to discuss 21 mile and 160th avenue because of water coming across the road. Suggested trying to do some ditching to channel water.

Elizabeth Bramer reviewed the finances and cash flow with the Board.

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Tim Nestle discussed GSA trucks. At this time a battery quote in the amount of \$3,200 has been received. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to purchase batteries in an amount up to \$3,200. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle went over the 2018 project list. At this time the Board has not approved any projects but will have a determination at the April Board meeting.

The Board reviewed the Morton Township contract for various projects to complete this upcoming year in an estimated amount of \$229,674.68. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to sign the Morton Township contract. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2018 Capital Outlay list. Focusing mainly on the new GSA trucks, a shop hoist, and new skid steer. The Board wanted to look at the budget more closely with Finance Director before approving to purchase anything more at this time.

The Board reviewed an estimate for a new repeater for the Morley garage. The recent Remus repeater has been installed and radio communication has improved. Taking that into consideration, Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to pay the estimated price of the new repeater of \$7,059.20. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle went over the incident/accident report.

Tim Nestle discussed upcoming conferences and seminars with the Board. Tim Nestle suggested sending three foreman and himself to The Highway Maintenance Conference that takes place on May 2nd, 2018. Board approved. Additionally, the Commissioners Seminar that is from April 15th-17th, 2018 was something that all the Commissioners were interested in attending. The April 17, 2018 board meeting is being changed to Wednesday April 18, 2018. A public notice will be advertised.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that the current township meeting scheduled for April 26, 2018 takes place during the week of the Township Seminar. The Board approved moving the township meeting to sometime this fall. No date has been selected at this time. Notification will be sent out to all the townships of the change.

Tim Nestle requested to start our 4–10 schedule starting April 2nd, 2018. Board approved but suggested working on Fridays so that we do not fall behind on brine and mowing.

Gene Heintzelman, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor discussed the fleet but more specifically on our brine trucks. Also, the Board instructed Gene to have Duane fix the cylinder in the truck that is sitting in the garage so that it can be road ready, if needed.

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Tim Nestle informed the Board that our employee and supervisor union members will be possibly switching unions.

The Board discussed advertising for a Service Technician. Publication will go out this week and the Board will conduct interviews at the next Board meeting on Wednesday April 18th, 2018. Part-time seasonal summer help was also discussed. Advertisement will go out this week with the hiring of up to three people, one for each garage.

Tim Nestle expressed his concerns about the condition of the band saw used in the fabrication and welding department. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to purchase a new band saw for the fabrication and welding department in an amount up to \$2,200. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve the vouchers for 2/27/2018 for payment in the amount of \$37,378.59 and vouchers for 3/20/2018 for payment in the amount of \$387,292.85 as presented. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Elizabeth Bramer discussed the MERS internal estimate for the conversion from a Defined Benefit plan into a Defined Contribution plan. Additionally, she discussed the Teladoc service that we provide to our employees and the survey results. The Board said to go forward in dropping employees who do not use this service effective immediately for next month's billing.

Rick Scheidel from Carlton Equipment was present to discuss leasing and purchasing options for a new Bobcat skid steer and accessories. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to purchase a Bobcat skid steer and accessories that include forks, bucket, broom, power rake, and mulcher from Carlton Equipment in the amount of \$102,237.88. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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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 Wednesday, April 18, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent: Jerrilynn Strong

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: None

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Superintendent/Manager and Elizabeth Bramer, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Minutes from March 20, 2018 were approved as written.

Jim Chapman, Green Township was present to inform the Board of the new developments of the Spruce Road bridge. Additionally, he presented updates on the Round Lake Road project.

Dick Wheeler, Morton Township Supervisor, along with members of the Morton Township Recreational Committee were present and informed the Board of a new 30-mile hiking and biking trail that they are hoping to implement. They have hired a consultant to distinguish what trails could be connected and help establish a plan design.

Gabe Sanderson and Ben Covey, members of Haymarsh Club, and representing full Quiver Farms presented to the board an interest in purchasing 19 acres on 125th Avenue to expand their hunt club. They informed the Board that the Road Commission could still use the property for its current purpose for up to 25 years. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to sell the 19 acres of land at \$2,500 per acre, and still use the land for up to 25 years. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Pam Gilbert, Fork Township Trustee was present to discuss various locations throughout the county that need attention. She specifically mentioned pot holes on 50th Avenue.

Elizabeth Bramer reviewed the finances and cash flow with the Board. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve 2018 Budget Revision #1 and to authorize the Finance Director to make the adjustments. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle went over the 2018 project list. Tim discussed how the new Local MTF Distribution could be allocated throughout the County. The Board agreed to do a County ride around on Monday April 23rd at 12:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed the Big Rapids Township contract for paving Isabella Drive this upcoming year with an estimated amount of \$18,814.85. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to sign the Big Rapids Township contract. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

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Tim Nestle reviewed the road project estimates for Big Rapids, Austin, and Wheatland Township with the Board. Tim will send estimates to the Townships.

Board reviewed the 2018 bid tabulations. Tim Nestle explained who the high and low bidders were.

Interviews were held for a service technician and a custodian. The Board interviewed the following for the service technician position; Bradley Charron, Jonathan Bowman, Kyle Payne and Mark Pischel. The Board interviewed the following for the custodian position; William Belligan, Lauren Ladner, Roger Sova, and Melanie Luther. Mike Wernette moved and Van Johnson seconded a motion to hire Mark Pischel for the service technician position. With a vote of three years, motion carried. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to hire Roger Sova for the custodian position. With a vote of three years, motion carried.

Bruce Carey, Aetna Township Supervisor was present to discuss 200th Avenue; Jefferson to 4 Mile Road project in regards to doing a cost sharing. The Township would contribute \$350,000.00 to that project. Bruce also discussed the Mecosta Township biking trail.

Tim Nestle reviewed F&B's tree removal service estimates for various projects in the County to the Board.

Tom Lodden, Deerfield Township Supervisor and Gary Lambrix Trustee were present to discuss 155th Avenue with the Board. Tim Nestle will provide an estimate to the Township for pulverizing and paving from 3 Mile Road to the bridge. A cost share and putting 155th Avenue back to gravel was discussed.

The Board reviewed the updated 2018 Capital Outlay list.

The Board reviewed dust control contracts from various townships. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve signing the dust control contracts for 2018. With a vote of three (3) years, motion carried.

Gene Heintzelman, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor discussed the condition of the fleet. He presented some pieces of equipment that are getting fixed and some that may need attention in the future. He informed the Board how the new GSA trucks were coming along.

Tim Nestle reviewed Resolution #18-02 with the Board. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to adopt Resolution #18-2 supporting the applications for Critical Bridge Funding under the Local Bridge Program for various bridges in the County. With a vote of three (3) years, motion carried.

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Tim Nestle discussed the Lynwood Lane plan design with the Board. Tim stated this design should help eliminate excess water from staying in this area.

Tim Nestle discussed purchasing a used 2010 motor grader from Antrim County for \$32,500 with the Board. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to buy the 2010 motor grader from Antrim County for \$32,500 if it clears inspection. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report.

John Currie informed the Board that he and Tim Nestle met with health care agents to review their proposals for Road Commission health care benefits. John stated that Lerner Financial Group and 44 North presented their proposals. Employee Benefits was unable to attend. John recommended to change agents from Employee Benefits to Lerner Financial Group. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to elect Lerner Financial Group as the Road Commission's health care benefits agent. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve the vouchers for 3/29/2018 for payment in the amount of \$3,446.55 and vouchers for 4/18/2018 for payment in the amount of \$580,271.58 as presented. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle discussed a restructure of administrative staff that included advertising for a full-time Finance Director with the Board. Board agreed to move the May 22, 2018 board meeting to May 15th, 2018 to allow conducting interviews for the finance director's position earlier.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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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, May 15, 2018. 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 Connie Larson, Interim Board Secretary.

Minutes from April 18, 2018 and April 24, 2018 were approved as written.

Board reviewed the contract for the sale of the property on 125th Avenue south of Jefferson to Full Quiver Farms. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to authorize the Superintendent/Manager to sign the contract pending Attorney's approval for the sale of the 125th property. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Connie Larson reviewed the finances with the Board.

Board was updated on the status of the surplus trucks that were purchased.

Tim Nestle discussed Friday overtime with the Board.

Tim Nestle reviewed the 2018 Project list with the Board. Getting Jon Firman, Engineer Technician certified to test HMA was discussed. Getting a cost to pulverize and pave 172nd Avenue from 16 Mile Road to M-20 for Morningstar Enterprises and Colfax Township was discussed. A cost for one inch of pavement for Morningstar's and a cost for two inches of pavement for Colfax Township to do a cost share in making it a Class A road. Board dropped 155th Avenue between 4 Mile and 5 Mile off the list to be turned back to gravel per Hinton Township's request.

Tim Nestle informed the Board of the following; 1) Michigan Pavement still have not settled on what repairs they will do from the 2016 projects that had issues. 2) Spruce Road structure replacement bids went out, and bids will be opened at the next regular board meeting.

Board reviewed the dust control contracts from Mecosta and Hinton Townships. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve signing the dust control contracts with Mecosta and Hinton Townships. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle presented contracts from Big Rapids Township to the Board. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to enter into contract with Big Rapids Township for Various Pave and Chip Seal Projects. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

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Tim Nestle presented a contract from Green Township to the Board for a pulverize and pave on Round Lake Road; 190th Avenue to Fir Drive. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to enter into contract with Green Township to pulverize and pave Round Lake Road; 190th Avenue to Fir Drive. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the estimate for Deerfield Township to pulverize and pave 155th Avenue from 3 Mile Road to Little Muskegon Bridge. Tim Nestle stated that Deerfield Township would like to do a cost share on this project with the Road Commission. Deerfield Township would like to contribute \$40,000.00 with the rest paid for by the Road Commission. Tim will look at the project.

Tim Nestle reviewed the MiWB Expense Reimbursement Agreement for the mitigation site of 100 acres at Bauman Pit with the Board. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to sign the MiWB expense reimbursement agreement for funding a mitigation site at Bauman Pit. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle reviewed the the ACT51 Report with the Board. Tim informed the Board that the auditor did not have any concerns. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to accept the 2017 ACT 51 report and authorize the Chairman to sign it. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle reviewed the TAMAC Road & Bridge Annual report with the Board.

Tim Nestle discussed the CRA white paper on “best practices” for county road agencies addressing unfunded liabilities Public Act 202 of 2017 with the Board. OPEB unfunded liability will be looked at.

Board reviewed the County Road Association’s suggested Road Commission Code of Conduct being recommended by CRA for agencies to adopt.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report.

Board reviewed correspondence.

Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve the vouchers for 4/25/18 for payment in the amount of \$3704.13 and vouchers for 5/14/18 for payment in the amount of \$476,659.10 as presented. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle discussed the number of people retiring before years end with the Board. Filling positions was discussed.

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Tim Nestle informed the Board that Big Rapids Township is discussing road projects for 2019 and would like to know if the Road Commission would do a cost share to pulverize and pave Madison; City limits to 220th Avenue. Tim stated that Big Rapids Township would be willing to pay up to \$200,000 if the Road Commission would cover the remaining cost for that project.

Gene Heintzelman, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor was present to review the annual tire bids with the Board. Government pricing was discussed.

Interviews were held for a Finance Director's position. The Board interviewed the following; Aaron Elenbaas, Amber Snow, Amy Kailing, Gregg Sanders, and Quincy Jones.

At 1:15 p.m. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations with Attorney. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 3:00 p.m. Board moved back into general session.

Board reviewed the Austin Township contract for a gravel project on 7 Mile; Front Street to 170th Avenue. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to enter into contract with Austin Township for a gravel project on 7 Mile Road; Front Street to 170th Avenue. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board discussed the Finance Director's position. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to offer the Finance Director's position to Amy Kailing with a salary of \$40,000 that includes a six-month job evaluation. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board scheduled a Special Meeting to be held June 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss contract negotiations and review benefits.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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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 June 19, 2018. 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 May 15, 2018 and June 5, 2018 were approved as written.

Tim Nestle informed the Board Michigan Pavement agreed to pay for repairs from the 2016 projects that had issues.

Gordon Curtin discussed seasonal roads in Mecosta County and asked who's responsible for maintaining them. Gordon went on to discuss his concerns with the pot holes on 100th Ave, 135th Ave and the bridge on 21 Mile Rd. John Currie stated a foreman or Tim Nestle would go and check it out. John Currie also asked them to consider if MCRC supplied pit run would they put it down.

Jackie Fitzgerald, MC Drain Commissioner, informed the Board the Blanchard Intercounty Drain Assessment was reviewed on June 1, 2018 and an appeal hearing has been scheduled for June 27, 2018 due to a land owner disputing the percentage assessed to him. If the land owner is released from their responsibility MC and MCRC could possibly be held accountable for the change in the assessed percentage. Jackie Fitzgerald suggested MCRC attend the appeal hearing. This project will start as soon as the appeal process is complete.

Jackie Fitzgerald also discussed the culvert on 13 Mile Rd. This project is not ready to start yet. Jackie Fitzgerald asked the MCRC to help pay for this project monetarily by purchasing the culvert for the project. There is no projected start state for this.

Chippewa Drain video showed the there were no issues.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board that negotiations for the sheriff department have started. The county has approved for a pathologist and assistant to be on staff at the state of the morgue in the back of the county service building.

Tim Nestle reviewed the 2018 Project List with the Board. Paving was started on Chippewa Lake Rd and the other side would be completed later this week. Round Lake Rd top coat was being completed. 90th Ave (19-20 Mile Safety Project) construction will potentially start in August. 20th Ave bridge reconstruction is complete. 80th Ave top soil work is being completed

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and painted. 23 Mile Rd is scheduled to be paved July 2-3. Not all trees are marked for tree removal. \$30,000.00 of the \$65,000.00 budget has been spent so far on tree removal. 1 Mile in Deerfield Township will be paved next week. Morton Township has paid 90% of 7 Mile and 90th projects. Stone has started to be moved in for chip fog.

Trees will be removed on 220th Ave between 14 and 15 Mile. Nestle Water has not returned Tim's calls regarding 8 Mile. Tim spoke with the loggers that damaged 180th and agreed to pay MCRC for fixing the damaged they caused to the road.

Tim Nestle presented contract from Chippewa Township for overlay project on 23 Mile from 150th-120th to the Board. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve signing the Chippewa Township Contract. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle presented contract from Big Rapids Township for 220th tree removal to the Board. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve signing the Big Rapids Township Contract. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle present an estimate for Village of Barryton Marion project to the Board. Board approved the estimate.

Tim Nestle presented contract 18-5301 for the 90th Ave Safety Project from 19 Mile Rd to 20 Mile Rd to the Board. Van Johnson motioned and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to resolution 18-03 for the 90th Ave from 19 Mile Rd to 20 Mile Rd Contract. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that Cary Frank wrote up the Clay Pit Warranty Deed. Board agreed for Chairman to sign Warranty Deed and any closing documents for the sale of the Clay Pit Property.

Tim Nestle informed the Board of a permit for 2 Trail Blazer signs to be installed for Two Hats Ranch by Michigan Logo. Board approved the permit.

The Board reviewed bids for the Spruce Rd Culvert project. Green Township's Supervisor Jim Chapman informed the board if a bid was approved today Green Township was holding a special meeting on Friday and would approve the bid then. MCRC committed to paying \$30,000.00 and Green Township is paying the remainder. There is a July 31, 2018 deadline on this project. Van Johnson motioned and Mike Wernette seconded approving Morningstar's bid for \$92,130.00. Roll call vote of three(3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle presented Belle Tires driveway permit request to the Board. Van Johnson motioned to approve the driveway permit and Mike Wernette seconded it. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

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Tim Nestle informed the Board of receiving a MCRCSIP Ballot with John Rogers as the nominee.

Board reviewed the Incident/Accident Report.

Gene Heintzelman came in and updated the board on status of equipment and tires.

Board discussed the traffic control order for the Mecosta County Fair starting July 8, 2018. Van Johnson motioned to approve the traffic control order and Mike Wernette seconded it. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle discussed soil issues with Campus View project. There is 250' of road that will be tiled to take care of the soil issue.

Board discussed the annual McGuire golf outing August 9, 2018.

Amy Kailing reviewed the financials with the board.

At 11:15 a.m. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 11:36 a.m. Board moved back into general session.

Board discussed the issue on 4 Mile. Tim Nestle has met with the DEQ, land owners and lawyers at 4 Mile and no one has been found at fault for the issues to this point. Further investigation is needed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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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, 2018. 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 June 19, 2018 were approved as written.

Jim Chapman asked if there were any issues preventing the Spruce Rd Culvert Project from moving forward. Jim was informed that the drawings have been approved and the culvert is being ordered. The project will start mid-August.

Pam Gilbert from Fork Township shared that the township does not feel they're being treated fairly with the additional mileage that was assessed to them for brining. She asked on behalf of the township that the additional mileage be reconsidered.

Jerrilyn Strong informed the board that they're working on the budget. The morgue in Mecosta County is moving forward. Mecosta County is starting union negotiations this week.

Amy Kailing reviewed the financials with the Board.

Amy Kailing informed the board that MCRC has received a letter from the Department of Treasury informing the Road Commissions group health insurance plan is underfunded. More details will be discussed at the next board meeting.

The Board discussed having the audit team come in to present the contents of the audit. The Board decided this would be beneficial.

Tim Nestle reviewed the 2018 Project List with the Board. Chippewa Lake Rd is completed but repairs are needed because marks were left in the new pavement from a water truck. The home owner will be contacted. Tim Nestle also informed the Board diesel was spilled on the new pavement in 2 spots. 155th Ave and 200th are scheduled to be paved August 6th. Tree removal on Cleveland Rd is almost complete and then they'll start on 220th Ave. Paving on Garfield will start July 18. Tim Nestle informed the Board that Jefferson and 21 Mile wedging was cut from the project list to compensate for the additional projects that have been added this year. A bid for Austin Township gravel will be going out.

The Board reviewed contracts for Green Township structure replacement on Spruce Rd, Deerfield Township 155th Ave and Brine Contract for Millbrook Township. Van Johnson

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motioned and Mike Wernette seconded approving the contracts. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board discussed and approved taking out a loan for the Blanchard Intercounty Drain Assessment.

Tim Nestle informed the Board a Summons and Complaint was received from Lobert Law Office, P.C. because MCRC is owner of real property within 300 feet of a proposed plot amendment. Mike Wernette motioned and Van Johnson seconded a motion to sign an Acknowledgment of Service and Consent/No Contest form.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that DP Tire's driveway permit for 220th Ave was denied because due to sight distance requirements. DP Tire can sign a waiver for the driveway permit.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that Nestle Water requested a permit for a detour on 130th because the water line goes underneath the road and it will need to be dug up. The permit was denied.

Board reviewed the Incident/Accident Report.

Tim Nestle informed the Board of the upcoming Superintendents' Seminar October 3-5. The Board approved Tim Nestle and 2 supervisors to attend the conference.

The Board discussed and approved Amy Kailing to attend the 2018 NMARC/ASMCRA 6th Joint Conference.

The Board appointed Amy Kailing as the MERS delegate and approved her to attend the MERS Retirement Conference October 4-5.

Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve the voucher for 7/17/18 for payment in the amount of \$735,777.54 as presented. Roll call vote of three(3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board discussed and approved Mark Pischel filling Jeremy Knuth's place while he is off for surgery.

Tim Nestle informed the Board the Remus mower put in his 2 weeks' notice. The Board decided not to fill the position at this time since the second round of mowing is half way finished.

The Board discussed the annual Safety Dinner and asked that dates and gifts ideas be discussed at the next meeting.

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Tim Nestle informed the Board that Derby Pit Lease will be renewed this year. Details of the lease will be coming.

The Board discussed the seasonal road on 100th Ave. The Board agreed that the seasonal road should be decertified.

Van Johnson and Mike Wernette 2nd the motion to move to closed session at 10:28 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

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Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: None

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

Minutes from July 17, 2018 were approved as written.

Amy Kailing reviewed the financials with the Board.

Amy Kailing reviewed the Application for Waiver and Plan: Retirement Health Benefit Systems. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded approving the Application for Waiver and Plan: Retirement Health Benefit System. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board reviewed and approved Amy Kailing as the new Title VI Coordinator.

The Board reviewed and approved the Public Act 51, Section 18j, MCL 247.668j Annual Certification of Employee-related Conditions.

Tim Nestle reviewed the 2018 Project List with the Board. There is no contract for Pine Ridge Subdivision yet.

The Board reviewed the contract for Fork Township Brine. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded approving the Brine Contract for Fork Township. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board discussed the annual Act 51 Mileage Certification.

The Board reviewed the CRASIF Ballot.

The Board reviewed Colby Lake Drain and Jenkins Drain from the Mecosta County Drain Commissioners.

The Board reviewed the Derby Pit Lease Renewal. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded approving the renewal of the Derby Pit Lease Renewal. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Incident/Accident Report was reviewed by the Board.

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The Board reviewed and approved Connie Larson's retirement letter.

The Board discussed hiring needs for the garages and it was determined to postpone filling the positions until negotiations are completed if possible.

The Board discussed and approved the work schedule go back to 8-hour work day 5 days a week starting September 10, 2018.

The Board discussed the Hoisington Letter and Tim Nestle informed them the issue should be taken care of by the end of the week.

The Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson moved, and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve the voucher for 7/31/18 for payment in the amount of \$6,252.68 and the voucher for 8/21/18 for payment in the amount of \$682,708.23 as presented. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that a Grant Township resident has taken it upon herself to change her address from James Ave to Youngs Lake Rd which is causing issues with mail and various other things. The Board also discussed the possibility of a drain field going under 100th Ave in Morton Township. The Board decided the drain field needed to be 7 feet below the road.

Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to move to closed session at 10:22 am to discuss lawyer correspondences.

At 10:34 a.m. the Board moved back into general session.

Derek Hall reviewed the annual audit with the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52pm.

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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 August 21, 2018 were approved as written.

Bruce Cummings from Martiny Township asked how MCRC bills for non-regulatory traffic control signs. The township is to pay for sign, post and labor. Morton Township is paying for the bicycle signs that were installed in Martiny Township.

Sue Mumby asked for clarification on the right of way of roads and who owns the trees in the road right of way. She was informed that the land owner can do as they wish with the trees in the road right of way.

Mike Sweeney asked if 10th Ave is going to be turned back into gravel. He suggested MCRC look into changing to the speed limit for trucks to 35 MPR year-round.

Jackie Fitzgerald, Mecosta County Drain Commissioner informed the Board the Blanchard Intercounty Drain project will be starting soon. The Drain Commission is going to have Tonkin Drain surveyed and is hoping the 13 Mile Culvert can wait until spring. Jackie informed the Board that they can petition Mecosta County for a drain to be put in Lynwood Lane. Jackie asked the Board to consider ditching 75th Ave to help Stevens Drain.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the board they are still in negotiations and the county is working on the budget.

Amy Kailing reviewed financials with the Board. Amy also presented a Budget Revision to the Board. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded approving the Budget Revision.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that projects are on hold until the strike with MITA and Operating Engineers Local 324 is resolved.

The Board discussed the ongoing issue of a resident changing their address from James Ave to Youngs Lake.

Tim reviewed LS Engineering's solution to the Lynwood Ln Drain issue. It was proposed to raise the road, ditch the sides and add culverts which would cost about \$70,000. The residents

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opposed the suggestion and asked that MCRC fix the pipe that is currently there. The Board would like prices on boring a 6" pipe.

The Board discussed finishing the Morley Brine Tanker which will cost \$30,000-\$35,000. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to finish the Morley Brine Tanker. Motion carried with a roll call vote of (3) yeas.

The Board discussed possibly purchasing surplus trucks. It was approved for Tim and Gene to go look at the trucks.

Tim informed the Board that they would have to rebid the building of our trucks because Truck and Trailers bid was only for the trucks they're currently doing.

Connie Larson informed the Board that according to MERS all our part time employees qualify for MERS benefits if they worked more than 10 full time days a month, which means MCRC and the employee would each pay 4.7% of the employee's wages at the time of service if they're awarded service credit for the time the employee was not compensated for. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded awarding Connie 11 months service credit.

The Incident/Accident Report was reviewed by the Board.

The Board approved advertising for the supervisor position in Remus.

The Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve the voucher for 9/18/18 for payment in the amount of \$812,381.05. Roll call vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48am.

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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, October 16, 2018. 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: None

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

Minutes from September 18, 2018 were approved as written.

Mr. & Mrs. Twitchell asked if anything has been decided regarding Lynwood Lane. The Board reviewed the quote for a new pipe to be installed. Tim Nestle strongly suggested the pipe not be replaced and that the road be raised to solve the water issue. Mr. & Mrs. Twitchell were informed that they could ask the township to do an assessment to fix the road. Mr. & Mrs. Twitchell were asked if the residents of Lynwood Lane would pay for half the cost to bore a new drain, they said they would talk to the residents and get back to Tim Nestle.

Green Township Supervisor, Jim Chapman, thanked the Board for Spruce Road.

Fork Township Trustee, Pam Gilbert, asked if anything was decided regarding Fork Township paying for the county line to be brined.

Amy Kailing reviewed financials with the Board.

At 10:00 am Van Johnson motioned and Mike Wernette seconded to open and read bids for Truck Accessories.

Amy Kailing informed the Board that a Trust would need to be opened to address the unfunded liability for retiree healthcare. The Board requested more information on the matter.

Amy Kailing informed the Board that a rebate from Blue Care Network was received as required by the Affordable Care Act. The Board agreed to share the rebate with qualified active employees.

The Board discussed stop paying extra to MERS. Van Johnson motioned and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to stop putting extra money into the MERS defined benefit retirement payments.

Tim Nestle reviewed the Project List with the Board. 90th Ave is almost completed, 200th Ave is waiting to finish paving, Campus View and Pine Ridge are ready to be paved, 155th Ave will be complete once ditching is finished, and crack seals have started.

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The Board reviewed the contract for Pine Ridge subdivision overlay in Colfax Township. Van Johnson motioned and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve Colfax Township Contract.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that a TWA was received for M-20 ditching/paving between 60th and 70th.

The Board was informed that there is a meeting to discuss adding Clare County and Isabella County to the Orient-Fork Intercounty Drain.

The Board was informed that Night Patrol Assignment was posted and will start in November weather dependent. The Board reviewed and approved the overtime roads winter maintenance after state trunkline.

The Board discussed the radio issues and approved adding internet service to the Remus Tower.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that the Paul Bunyan Council is requesting road commission members to participate in the Wetland Bank Agreement between Grand Traverse County and Paul Bunyan Council. No action at this time.

The Board was informed that council is meeting regard SB 396 which has to do with weight laws.

The Board discussed possibly selling the Hinton/Altona Property and decided to wait.

The Board reviewed and approved Frank Randall's retirement letter.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that the road commission received the annual CRASIF Stewardship Report.

The Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson motioned and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve vouchers for 10/16/18 for payment in the amount of \$1,043,561.48. Roll call vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that we were not awarded the surplus trucks and will keep looking.

The Board asked if weight restrictions have been placed on the new culvert on Spruce Rd and Tim informed them it has not and if we add another foot of cover we would not have to. Board approved another foot of cover.

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The Board was informed that Summit Petroleum is selling the coldwater brine well.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that Nestle Waters still has not gotten back to him regarding 8 Mile. The Board decided to not address any of the issues on 8 Mile until Nestle Waters gets back to us.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that winter maintenance preparation has started.

The Board discussed and approved Tim Nestle and Jon Firman to go attend the DEQ Conference December 5th & 6th in Mt. Pleasant.

The Board was informed that a resident has complained about the condition of 1 Mile W 190th Ave in Morley. It was decided to talk to the township about putting the road back to gravel.

At 11:17 am Van Johnson motion and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to go into closed session to discuss contract mediation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 am.

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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 November 20, 2018. 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 October 16, 2018 were approved as written.

Michelle Graham, Mecosta Township Supervisor, inquired about the cost of turning 200th back to gravel, 8 Mile Rd in front of Ice Mountain needs to be worked on, and 11 Mile primary section needs to be patched.

Randy Vetter, Grant Township Supervisor, asked for RC input on what to do to save Fir Dr between Round Lake Rd and Youngs Lake Rd. He was informed we would look into it and get back to him.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board that the county is working on the budget, they're still in negotiations and they're working on hiring more paramedics.

Amy Kailing reviewed financials with the Board.

Tim Nestle reviewed 2019 Project List with the Board.

Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion for Budget Hearing for proposed 2019 budget, motion carried. The Board reviewed the proposed budget for 2019. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve 2019 Budget. Roll call vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle reviewed the 5 year federal aid plan with the Board.

Tim Nestle reviewed Resolution 18-03 with the Board. Mecosta County is taking the Resolution to the board meeting on December 6th. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve resolution 18-03, motion carried.

The Board discussed Reith Riley Special use permit on 18220 Taft Rd and decided to stay neutral on the topic.

The Board reviewed the CRA Negotiating Committee Update.

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Tim Nestle discussed upgrading the Big Rapids garage fire suppression system. The Road Commissions equipment is over 20 years old. The Board asked for another bid on the equipment before deciding.

Incident/Accident Report was reviewed.

The Board reviewed and approved Jerry Wright retirement letter.

The Board reviewed correspondences.

The Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson motioned and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve vouchers for 11/20/18 for payment in the amount of \$757,926.38. Roll call vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Amy Kailing informed the Board that MERS is our option for opening a trust to address our OPEB liability.

The Board reviewed and approved 2019's meeting calendar.

The Board discussed turning part of 1 Mile back to gravel.

Interviews were held for a District Supervisor position in Remus. The Board interviewed the following; Markko Lumsden, Dennis Cummings, Nick Kaye, Butch Losey, and John Wernette.

Board discussed the District Supervisor's position and agreed to offer the position to Nick Kaye and recommended appointing John Wernette as Lead Person.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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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, December 11, 2018. 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 November 20, 2018 were approved as written.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board that the county passed resolution opposing SB396 Loggers exemption from frost laws.

Amy Kailing reviewed financials with the Board.

The Board reviewed the 2019 Dust Control Contract for Wheatland Township. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve Wheatland Townships 2019 Dust Control Contract. Vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that three townships and the county has passed resolutions opposing SB396 Loggers exemption from frost laws.

The Board reviewed 2017 actual project costs and approved to send project costs to all townships.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that the House Transportation Committee is meeting about SB396 today.

The Board discussed renewing Fahrner Asphalt crack seal price for 2019. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve Fahrner Asphalt crack seal price for 2019. Roll call vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Incident/Accident Report was reviewed.

Tim Nestle reviewed the proposed Supervisors Unit Contract with the Board. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve the Supervisors Unit Contract. Roll call vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondences.

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The Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve vouchers for 12/11/18 for payment in the amount of \$685,522.43. Roll call vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the truck accessories bids. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to award Truck and Trailer the truck accessories for 2019. Roll call vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board discussed the leases for the motor grader in Remus and loader in Morley that are up in 2019.

Supervisors meeting at 10:30 a.m. present: Jake Erickson, Gene Heintzelman, Bill Bechaz, Nick Kaye. Board asked for Supervisors opinion and the MDOT contract and the Supervisors did not take a position on the MDOT contract.

Amy Kailing discussed starting a Retiree Health Funding Vehicle (RHFV). Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to start putting \$5,000 a month into a MERS Capital Preservation Portfolio RHFV starting January 2019.

Tim Nestle discussed St Joseph County offering to pay \$5,000 for the beams the RC will be removing from New Millpond bridge in 2019.

The Board reviewed how many counties, townships and cities have road mileages.

Tim Nestle discussed 2019 Capital Outlay with the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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