

East Bay Charter Township

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Resolution 2008-12
Support Road Repair

Motion by: _____ Second by: _____

To

Approve

Table

Deny

Roll call vote:

Aye: _____

Nay: _____

Abstain: _____

Absent: _____

Motion:

Passed

Failed

EAST BAY CHARTER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION OF EAST BAY CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION # 2008-12 ROADS
SUPPORTING EXPLORATION OF SOLUTIONS TO ROAD REPAIR FUNDING
July 14, 2008

At a regular meeting of the EAST BAY CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES held on July 14, 2008, the EAST BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, on a Motion made by _____, and seconded by _____, passed the following Resolution by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ opposed:

WHEREAS, East Bay Charter Township contains approximately 142.0 miles of County roads, which are maintained and administered by the Grand Traverse County Road Commission, and

WHEREAS, according to PASER ratings provided by the Road Commission, the condition of county roads within East Bay Charter Township is generally as follows: approximately 3.5% in good condition, approximately 12.7% in fair condition and approximately 73.2% in poor or failed condition, and approximately 10.6% are considered unrated, and

WHEREAS, Holiday Road and most of the subdivision roads accessed from Holiday Road in the Holiday Hills area have been assigned a PASER rating of "3" , which is generally a poor or failed condition, and

WHEREAS, in East Bay and Acme Townships it has been determined that Holiday Road is the sole source or key component of road access to approximately 1,200 housing units, approximately 55% of which are in East Bay Charter Township, and

WHEREAS, East Bay and Acme Townships, out of concern that the poor condition of Holiday Road is detrimental to public health, safety and welfare, have been working together actively since June 2006 to determine how needed repairs and/or reconstruction can be conducted, and to that end in 2007 the two townships shared the cost of a survey for approximately 0.88 miles of Holiday Road east of Five Mile Road so that the Road Commission could provide an analysis of the work needed and the potential costs involved, and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Road Commission estimated costs to reconstruct the surveyed portion of Holiday Road east of Five Mile Road at approximately \$1.5 million, and

WHEREAS, PA 51 of 1951 (MCL 247.662(15)) provides that for county local roads such as Holiday Road, a Road Commission is responsible for maintenance costs but may only pay for reconstruction of a road to the extent that costs are matched by other sources (maximum of 50%), and

WHEREAS, the Grand Traverse County Road Commission has a current policy of contributing a maximum of 25% of the cost of reconstruction of local collector roads if funding is available in their budget, and

WHEREAS, generally the portion of the cost for major local road repairs not covered by the County Road Commission is reimbursed by the owners of parcels of land immediately abutting the road through special assessment districts (SADs), and

WHEREAS, the number of parcels of land actually abutting Holiday Road within East Bay Township is approximately 98, and the number of parcels of land actually abutting Holiday Road within Acme Township is approximately 41, for a total number of abutting parcels of approximately 139, and

WHEREAS, it seems both impractical and unreasonable to East Bay Charter Township to expect that only the owners of land abutting Holiday Road could or should cover 75% or more of the cost to reconstruct the road which is used by so many additional households as a key transportation route,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT East Bay Charter Township supports in principle the recently-reported efforts by the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners and the Grand Traverse County Road Commission to partner in seeking a way to provide additional funding for immediate repair of critical county roads in need of repair, potentially including bonding and/or a county-wide road repair millage request, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that East Bay Charter Township urgently requests assistance from both Grand Traverse County and the Grand Traverse County Road Commission in finding a way to fund needed major repair and/or reconstruction of that portion of Holiday Road east of Five Mile Road that does not place 75% or more of the cost burden on the approximately 139 parcels of land immediately abutting the road.

I, Susanne M. Courtade, East Bay Charter Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the East Bay Charter Township Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting thereof held on July 14, 2008.

Susanne M. Courtade, East Bay Charter Township Clerk