

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 13, 2008
8:15 a.m.**

Present: Mr. Dale Duckert, Chairman; Mr. Douglas Hodge, Vice Chairman; Mr. Joseph Suma, Member

In Attendance: Mr. William Meinz, County Highway Engineer; Mr. Ryan Doyle, Assistant Engineer; Ms. Linette Daily, Secretary to the Board; Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director

Also in attendance: Mr. Charles Buckel and Mr. Robert VanDenBerg.

Mr. Dale Duckert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Approve Agenda:

021308-038

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Hodge to approve the agenda.

Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye; Suma, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

021308-039

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Hodge to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following,

Consent Agenda:

Approve Minutes For: Committee of the Whole 01/28/08
 Finance Meeting 01/30/08
 Regular Meeting 01/30/08

Approve Payment of Bills: \$484,488.71

Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye; Suma, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried

Committee Reports

Finance Committee Report:

Mr. Hodge reported that the Finance Committee met at 8:05 a.m. and approved the payment of bills in the amount of \$484,488.71.

Secretaries Report

Ms. Daily asked the Board to approve the 2008 Annual Bid Tabulations as presented.

021308-040

Motion by Mr. Hodge, seconded by Mr. Suma to approve the 2008 Bid Tabulations as presented and award in the best interest of the County.

Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Pearson stated that he has salt on order, but is only getting two or three loads a day. Mr. Pearson explained that the garages are mixing the salt with sand in order to stretch the supply. Mr. Pearson stated that the Road Commission has gone through 12,000 tons of salt thus far, and has spent 1.5 million for its winter operations during this record snowfall year. Mr. Pearson explained that the operators are wore out but are still doing a great job.

Mr. Pearson stated that he was going to place an ad for the excavator, as there was interest throughout the country. Mr. Pearson explained that the grader bids were due on Friday and the paving bids were due on the 25th.

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that the office was handling many complaints from citizens regarding the many perils of winter weather and the roads. Mr. Pearson stated that Denise was doing an outstanding job at the front desk

Mr. Orrie Smith, Weighmaster

Mr. Smith stated that he has been slow due to the weather. Mr. Smith explained that there have been many accidents due to excessive speeds on the snowy and icy roads. Mr. Smith stated that he was attending some schooling to obtain updates and additional education.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Mainz gave an update on the Elba Sewer Project and explained that the contractors could not obtain density due to the frozen backfill. Mr. Mainz stated that the project would have to be shut down now until after the frost clears.

Public Comment:

Mr. Robert Vandenberg, Working Shop Foreman

Mr. Vandenberg stated that he was thankful for his dedicated staff and the latitude the Road Commission has given them to improve productivity. Mr. Vandenberg spoke about the reduction in equipment failures and the increased up time. The new equipment has proven to need much less maintenance.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Duckert stated that he has received good feedback from the public regarding snow maintenance.

Mr. Hodge proposed the following resolution.

021308-041

Motion by Mr. Hodge, seconded by Mr. Suma to formally commend the office staff, maintenance crews and shop personnel for their dedicated service during this trying winter season.

Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

021308-042

Motion by Mr. Hodge, seconded by Mr. Suma to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Dale Duckert, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary