

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 9, 2008
8:12 a.m.**

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

Excused: Mr. Douglas Hodge, Vice Chairman

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

Also in attendance: Mr. Orrie Smith, Mr. Geary Priehs, Mr. Dennis Streichert, and Mr. Charles Buckel.

Mr. Dale Duckert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

Approve Agenda:

040908-068

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

Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, absent; Suma, aye. Two ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

040908-069

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

Approve Minutes For: Committee of the Whole 03/24/08
 Finance Meeting 03/26/08
 Regular Meeting 03/26/08

Approve Payment of Bills: \$306,833.81

Approve Projects:

504 003 803298 Attica Township- Roadside Mowing, Double Pass to be performed by Priehs
Estimated Cost: \$5,503.19

504 003 803299 Attica Township- Dust Control, 2 Applications to be applied by Road Maintenance
Estimated Cost: \$25,629.14

Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, absent, Suma, aye. Two ayes, one absent. Motion carried

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee Report:

Mr. Duckert reported that the Finance Committee met at 8:00 a.m. and approved the payment of bills in the amount of \$306,833.81.

Resolutions:

040908-070

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to correct motion 031008-056 to correct Byers Road length.

To approve the Certification Maps dated December 31, 2007 and authorize Mr. Hodge to sign said document. Documentation includes Additions and Deletions to County Local Road Systems: Peter's Path, +0.26 miles; Byers Road, -1.55 miles; and Millville Road, -0.36 miles. Documentation also includes Request for Change in County Primary Road System with the addition of 0.76 miles of Peppermill Road.

Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, absent, Suma, aye. Two ayes, one absent. Motion carried

Manager's Report:

Mr. Pearson reported that the current cash balance is up as the Federal Aid Buy-out funds and MTF had been received prior to the meeting. Mr. Pearson reported that after the frost laws have been lifted, the crews will begin the Lake Pleasant Road project. Mr. Pearson stated that he is currently working to get the timing set for the contractor's crews to come in and do the grinding and paving.

Mr. Pearson reported that he has checked the back roads for frost, and while most of the frost is out, the roads are still extremely saturated, and feels that the restrictions will remain in effect for a little while longer.

Mr. Pearson reported that the crews are currently grading everywhere possible to help improve the road surfaces. Mr. Pearson also stated that this is the time of year to pull berm to improve drainage, which the crews have also begun to do. Mr. Pearson reported that crews are also cleaning the sand from the winter out of catch basins.

Mr. Pearson reported that the used grader bids are due April 21st. Mr. Pearson also reported that he has ordered the two new graders, one of which will be delivered in May and the other one will be delivered in June.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Mainz reported that there are four bridges in the northern portion of the county, which now require annual inspections. Mr. Mainz reported that these inspections will be done tomorrow on Goslin, Index, Peck and Castle.

Mr. Mainz stated that he has sent a request to MDOT regarding the addition of a left turn lane and a deceleration lane on M-53 at the intersection of Hough as a new bank is going in on this corner.

Mr. Mainz reported that the Elba Township Sewer Project will begin once again as soon as the frost laws are lifted.

Mr. Duckert stated that he had spoken with Mr. Kosiara, Elba Township Supervisor, who had inquired if the Road Commission would be able to help pay for the tree removal for the sewer project. Mr. Doyle stated that the tree removal is taking place on Hammond Road for the sewer project, not for the Road Commission, and that Hammond Road is a local road. Mr. Duckert stated that if there was anything that we could do to help, the Township would appreciate it.

Public Comment:

Mr. Orrie Smith, Weighmaster

Mr. Smith stated that truck traffic has decreased quite a bit. Mr. Smith reported that he has been patrolling the back roads, at a rate of approximately 150 – 200 miles per day.

Mr. Geary Priehs, District Foreman

Mr. Priehs stated that with this being an election year, he would like to see an article placed in the local newspaper regarding the proper placement of political signs, as they are starting to pop up, and block clear vision areas at intersections.

040908-071

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, absent. Two ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Dale Duckert, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary