

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, May 21, 2008  
5:14 p.m.**

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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; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Ms. Linette Daily, Secretary to the Board

Also in attendance: Mr. David Schlaud and Mr. Charles Buckel.

Mr. Dale Duckert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

**Approve Agenda:**

**052108-087**

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:**

**052108-088**

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

Consent Agenda:

Approve Minutes For:	Committee of the Whole	05/05/08
	Finance Meeting	05/07/08
	Regular Meeting	05/07/08

Approve Payment of Bills: \$375,654.00

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 5:00 p.m. and approved the payment of bills in the amount of \$375,654.00.

**Correspondence:**

Letter from Rosemary Schlaud regarding Scholtz Road/Kings Mill  
Letter from E. Mark Kothe regarding excellent work on gravel roads in Metamora.  
Letter from Dale Kerbyson regarding Lake Nepessing Road.

Mr. Meinz responded to Mr. Kerbyson's letter in reference to Lake Nepessing Road. Mr. Meinz stated that this section of Lake Nepessing Road falls under urban funding and will be considered by the Urban Task Force. Mr. Meinz explained that the other two pieces were funded with Safety Funds and Congestion Mitigation Funds. Mr. Meinz stated that I-69 is not scheduled for construction until 2010, so the need is not immediate. Mr. Meinz will respond to Mr. Kerbyson.

**Manager's Report:**

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that due to the decrease in Federal and Local Sources of revenue and the increase in expenses, adjustments were indicated. Mr. Pearson explained that the MTF payment for this month was approximately \$60,000 less and if this trend continued (10% decrease), future changes would have to be made. Mr. Pearson asked the Board to approve the Budget Amendment.

**052108-089**

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve Budget Amendment FY08-01.

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

Mr. Pearson explained that some of the work that was expected from MDOT on the State roads has been cut and the local municipalities are also cutting back on their annual projects. Mr. Pearson stated that some counties are able to only perform emergency maintenance with their low budgets.

Mr. Pearson gave the Board an update on the Lake Pleasant project and wished to commend the crews for their good work in completing that project. Mr. Pearson stated that the improvement looks nice and is ahead of schedule.

**Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Mainz asked the Board to approve the Parking in the Right of Way Policy.

**052108-090**

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve Parking in the Right of Way Policy.

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

Mr. Mainz spoke about the safety projects, which were underway and were planned for this construction season. Mr. Mainz went on to state that he was working with the DEQ to terminate the consent agreement. Mr. Mainz asked the Board to recognize the efforts and hard work of Mr. Tommy Carr who took over the responsibilities of the vacant position of surveyor. Mr. Mainz stated that Mr. Carr is working on projects most of the day and then coming back to office to keep up on paperwork. Mr. Mainz commended Mr. Carr's initiative to pick up the slack for the good job he is doing.

Mr. Doyle gave the Board an update on the Rails to Trails project from Columbiaville to Otter Lake. Mr. Doyle stated that the trail is paved and is getting a lot of use already. Mr. Doyle stated that the crossings still need to be completed. Mr. Doyle stated that the Elba Sewer project had moved to Hammond Road now. Mr. Doyle also explained that Mr. Ken Measel wanted the Road Commission to disregard the haul route agreements as they are working on new language.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. And Mrs. Lon Muxlow, 8087 Van Dyke Road, Marlette

Mr. And Mrs. Muxlow were present to ask the Board for their assistance in coming up with a solution to keep the Barnes Road Bridge open over the Peters Drain. Mr. Muxlow stated that he has 80 acres of farmland that he has always farmed and wants to continue to farm. Mr. Muxlow stated that he is aware that a DEQ permit was pulled for the structure, and he has been working on getting bridge fixed for five to six years. Mr. Mainz stated that the bridge was posted ten years ago and then reduced to a three-ton limit. Due to the recent annual inspection, the bridge was deemed unsafe. Mr. Mainz explained that two years ago an estimate was prepared for the Township for a replacement and that is when the permit was pulled. The permit states the size that is required for this location and that is what the estimate to the Township was based on. Mr. Mainz explained

that this is a local road and the responsibility of the Township to maintain. Mr. Mainz stated that the current bridge cannot be repaired as it was constructed out of J trusses. Mr. Muxlow asked if the Road Commission could speak to the Township and convince them that the bridge needs to be replaced. It was agreed upon that Mr. Mainz will speak to the Township regarding the status and if needed an inspector may be asked to give an opinion on upgrading the current structure.

**Board Discussion**

Mr. Duckert stated that on behalf of the bus drivers, they thanked the Road Commission for the use of the signs for the Bus Driver Rodeo. Mr. Duckert stated that the Lapeer bus drivers did well.

**052108-091**

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

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

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Dale Duckert, Chairman

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary