

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 4, 2008
8:14 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; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Ms. Linette Daily, Secretary to the Board

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

Mr. Dale Duckert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.

Approve Agenda:

060408-095

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:

060408-096

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

Approve Minutes For: Committee of the Whole 05/19/08
 Finance Meeting 05/216/08
 Regular Meeting 05/21/08

Approve Payment of Bills: \$303,005.00

Approve Projects:

489 006 803507 Deerfield Township/ Gravel Hauls, 4,000 ton Gravel Creek from Five Lakes to Fish Lake; 4,000 ton Miller Lake on east and west section, spot rest; 2,000 ton Skelton, spot gravel Estimated Cost: \$75,181.00

489 006 803508 Deerfield Township/ Gravel Hauls, 2,000 ton Barnes Lake Road, Hilltop to Chapman; 800 ton on Lakeshore from black top to Pine Drive Estimated Cost: \$43,400.00

504 006 803509 Deerfield Township/ Ditch, tile bad spots and tubes, Estimated Cost: \$26,000.00

504 006 803510 Deerfield Township/ Ditch Barnes Lake Road west by Sweet School, Put some limestone off black top Estimated Cost: \$20,000.00

489 006 803511 Deerfield Township/Crush, Shape and Pave Hickory from M-24 to end Estimated Cost: \$77,654.00

504 009 803899 Goodland Township/ Dust Control, 1 application, Road Maintenance Estimated Cost: \$13,805.71

504 009 803898 Goodland Township/ Roadside Mowing, Single Pass, Priehs Estimated Cost: \$3,593.92

504 011 804098 Imlay Township/ Roadside Mowing, Single Pass, Priehs Estimated Cost: \$3,369.30

504 011 804099 Imlay Township/ Dust Control, 1 Application, Road Maintenance Estimated Cost: \$11,433.16

504 011 504002 Imlay Township/ 550 ton of New Gravel, V-Ditch Areas, Seed & Mulch, Blacks Corners between Newark and I-69 Estimated Cost: \$9,200.00

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 8:00 a.m. and approved the payment of bills in the amount of \$303,005.00.

Resolutions:

060408-097

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the three ballots on questions of amending the CRAM Constitution and Bylaws as described.

- A) Amend Article V by inserting a new Section 9 as follows, and re-number the remaining sections of Article V accordingly:**

Section 9. A public Relations-Education Committee of twelve (12) members (12) with not less than one (1) from each district council. The Public Relations-Education Committee shall promote Association public relations strategies, at both the association level and the county road agency level, to educate Michigan residents on the issues relevant to county road agencies.

- B) In 2000, the membership approved a three percent increase in the service charges for each of the next three fiscal years (2001, 2002, and 2003). CRAM would like to make a technical change to this section to properly reflect the factors used in determining service charges as a result of that action.**
- C) This amendment is being proposed as a result of legislation creating Act No. 9 of the Public Acts of 2008, which allows nonprofit corporation like CRAM to use electronic communications to conduct its business. The Act allows a nonprofit corporation to provide in its articles of incorporation or bylaws for electronic notification of meetings, and for its members to participate in meetings by conference telephone or similar communications equipment by which all participants may hear each other.**

This amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws would allow a member of the Board or of any committee to participate in a meeting by conference telephone or other means of remote communication, and permit notice of meetings of the Board or of any standing committee to be given by electronic transmission.

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

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Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve TCO #1(03)2008, in accordance with the Engineer's recommendation, that Peppermill Road between Lake George Road and Lake Pleasant Road in Attica Township be posted with the following Speed Limits:

Forty-five (45) miles per hour from a point 2,450 feet East of Lake George Road to Lake Pleasant Road.

Twenty-five (25) miles per hour from a point 2,450 feet East of Lake George Road to Lake Pleasant Road.

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

Mr. Mainz explained that the TCO for Peppermill Road was created as a result of the addition of the sidewalk along Peppermill Road which leads to the park. This improvement will service many pedestrians and the speed limit warrants this reduction. Mr. Mainz stated that the Township and the park personnel approve of this change.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Pearson stated that he was currently reviewing a draft of the new MDOT Contract. Mr. Pearson stated that there were some changes to the document that appeared to be positive improvements including bidding procedure changes, winter vs. non-winter funding carry-over and the 5-year term of contract.

Mr. Pearson stated that he had been notified that the Volvo grader was due to be delivered to the Road Commission next week.

Mr. Pearson gave an update on the status of the garage sweeper, stating that the cost of the 72" unit which attaches to a skid steer would be approximately 9,100.00. Mr. Pearson stated that he was setting up a demonstration of this unit.

Mr. Pearson also stated that he was in contact with the crack seal vendor and had requested rent the kettle unit for use as soon as possible. Mr. Pearson stated that due to the current constraints on budgets, many organizations were opting to crack seal instead of more expensive pavements improvements and repairs, which was causing a shortage of available equipment. Mr. Pearson anticipated delivery of the equipment in three weeks. Mr. Priehs, District Foreman, stated he was very supportive of the program and stated that the crack seal program is a wise investment.

Mr. Pearson stated that the Lake Pleasant project was nearly complete, but needed line painting to direct the traffic in the intended lanes. Mr. Pearson added that there is a water drainage problem at the Rowley store location that is being addressed today. Mr. Pearson was waiting to see the shots in order to discuss the possible repairs that could be made. Mr. Duckert stated that he has received positive comments regarding the project and the placement of the limestone on the shoulders. Mr. Suma voiced concern regarding the mix in the pavement at the end of each load and the stony material which seems to have resulted.

Mr. Pearson spoke about the Barnes Road Bridge issue which was presented at the last Regular Meeting. Mr. Pearson stated that he will attend the next Burnside Township meeting and will have presented Supervisor Lonnie Hayes with an estimate prior to that meeting for the three year temporary bridge structure. Mr. Pearson stated that he was sympathetic to the needs of the farmer wanting to farm his property and also to the Township, which has budget constraints. Mr. Pearson explained that it is a difficult situation for all involved.

Public Comment:

Mr. Orrie Smith, Weighmaster

Mr. Smith stated that the warmer weather has resulted in an increase in tickets issued due in part to the motorists having a difficult time adjusting to the construction zones.

Mr. Pearson asked Deputy Smith if he conducts truck inspections for the general public. Deputy Smith stated that truck inspections are conducted on traffic stops and with every accident and that he rarely does these inspections alone, although he does have a certain number of inspections and hazardous materials inspections that he must perform. Deputy Smith stated that he has seen an increase in the requests for scaling equipment, but stated that he is hesitant to do this as each request can take up to one hour to perform. Deputy Smith stated that he has been successful in court this year thus far and was pleased with that.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Mainz spoke about the submitted critical bridge application and the response he is preparing for the DEQ Consent requirement.

Mr. Doyle stated that the contractor working on the Elba Sewer Project is almost complete with the pipe and has begun the seed and mulch. Mr. Doyle stated that they will also have to reconstruct Hammond Road, but overall the improvements to the roadway have been positive.

Public Comment:

Mr. Geary Priehs, District Foreman

Mr. Priehs stated that the Road Commission was aware of the muck haul taking place at the end of Hollow Corners Road to the Hyponex plant in case the Board was asked about the operation. Mr. Priehs also stated that he was working with Almont and Dryden Townships for applications of limestone and gravel respectively.

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Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

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

Dale Duckert, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary