

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 1, 2008**  
**8:15 a.m.**

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

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

Mr. Dale Duckert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

**Approve Agenda:**

**070108-113**

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:**

**070108-114**

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

Approve Minutes For:	Committee of the Whole	06/16/08
	Finance Meeting	06/18/08
	Regular Meeting	06/18/08

Approve Payment of Bills: \$243,871.82

Approve Projects:

489 006 803512 Deerfield Township- Cap approaches on Chapman, Laur and Booth

Estimated Cost: \$7,800.00

504 008 803702 Elba Township- 2946 Ton Limestone, to be spread, leveled and brined, Bullock Road between Stewart and the Poplar Drain Estimated Cost: \$50,000.00

504 008 803703 Elba Township- Build Turn Around, Dead End of Mitchell Road, Estimated Cost: \$4,500.00

504 012 814103 Lapeer Township- Replacement of Cross Culverts- Broker at Newark, Morris between Higley and Greenwood, Morris between Peppermill and Higley, Morris between Higley and Greenwood, Morris between Peppermill and Higley- 4 Blacktop Overlays Included Estimated Cost: \$20,000.35

490 014 814800 Mayfield Township- Repair Deck on Mayfield Road Bridge, Estimated Cost: \$20,145.00

504 015 814400 Metamora Township- Replacement of X-Tube, Wilder and Sutton Roads, Estimated Cost: \$1,707.49

504 016 814598 North Branch Township- Roadside Mowing-Double Swath, Jostock, Estimated Cost: \$5,390.88

504 016 814599 North Branch Township- Dust Control, 2 Applications, Road Maintenance, Estimated Cost: \$31,127.00

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 \$243,871.82.

**Meetings Attended:**

Mr. Suma stated that he and Mr. Pearson attended the Burnside Township Meeting regarding the Barnes Road Bridge.

**Resolution:**

**070108-115**

Motion by Mr. Hodge, seconded by Mr. Suma to approve the following resolution as amended.

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

**WHEREAS**, it is the obligation of the Lapeer County Road Commission to provide the motoring public with a safe, efficient transportation network; and

**WHEREAS**, the state-collected gas tax is the single largest funding source for the roads in Michigan, as it is in most states, and

**WHEREAS**, with the current economic conditions of the State, the rising cost of fuel and the increasing number of fuel efficient vehicles, the Michigan Transportation Funds continue to decrease each month, and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of maintenance, repair and construction continue to rise uncontrollably, reducing the amount of work that can be completed, and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan allows the heaviest commercial truckloads in the nation, further contributing to poor road conditions, thus hindering economic growth, and

**WHEREAS**, historically, Michigan's gas tax has been among the lowest in the nation, making the gas tax rate a major contributor to the state's poor showing in per capita road funding by comparisons, and

**WHEREAS**, the price of gasoline and diesel fuel continue to increase and the Michigan sales tax on these purchases is 6%,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lapeer County Road Commission in an effort to improve the public road system, encourages the legislature to formulate a plan to designate a portion of this sales tax windfall for road funding and transportation projects,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Michigan Farm Bureau, Governor Granholm, State Senator Jud Gilbert, State Representative John Stahl, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator Carl Levin and U.S. Congresswoman Candice Miller.

**Manager's Report:**

Mr. Pearson spoke about the Burnside Township meeting and stated that the Township was going to have a meeting with the landowners to speak about options regarding the possible placement of a culvert out of the right of way.

Mr. Pearson informed the Board that the MTF were down approximately \$88,000 from last year at this time.

Mr. Pearson spoke about the Burnside Road paving improvement and the removal of some bumps in the roadway.

**Financial Officer Report:**

Ms. Erickson asked the Board to approve the removal of old accounts receivables from 2006.

**070108-116**

Motion by Mr. Hodge, seconded by Mr. Suma to approve write off of uncollectible debt dated 2006, in the amount of \$597.08.

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

**Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Mainz explained to the Board that he had received a letter from the DEQ stating that the consent order was complete.

Mr. Mainz gave an update on the current projects and spoke briefly about the bridge compliance project.

**070108-117**

Motion by Mr. Hodge seconded by Mr. Suma to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

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

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Dale Duckert, Chairman

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary