

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 14, 2009
8:10 a.m.**

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

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

Mr. Douglas Hodge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Approve Agenda:

011409-006

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the agenda. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye; Suma, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

011409-007

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

Approve Minutes For: Committee of the Whole 12/29/08
 Finance Meeting 12/31/08
 Regular Meeting 12/31/08

Approve Payment of Bills: \$405,787.00

Approve Projects:

504 010 803907- Hadley Township- Cutting Trees and Brush, Various Locations,
Estimated Cost: \$20,555.00

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee Report:

Mr. Hodge reported that the Finance Committee met at 8:00 a.m. and approved the payment of bills in the amount of \$405,787.00.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Pearson asked the Board to approve the traffic signal contracts.

011409-008

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma to approve the traffic signal maintenance contracts with MDOT for the following locations: M-53, M-90 (Van Dyke) @ M90 (Burnside); M-24 @ Daley Road; M-24 @ Dryden Road; M-24 @ Burnside Road. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Suma, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that the county map inventory was getting low, and the map was being revised for a new production. The last revision of the map was done in 2002 and 6,000 of the maps were printed. The printing company stated that they will print the maps for the same cost as the last print run.

Mr. Pearson then gave a detailed report of the current winter maintenance costs versus last year. Mr. Pearson stated that the hours and cost of materials for this year far exceeds last year's figures and that is only through January 11, 2009. Mr. Pearson stated that he has approximately \$44,500 left in the Primary Winter Maintenance (WM) Budget, \$50,000 in the Local (WM) Budget and \$80,000 in the State (WM) Budget.

Mr. Hodge stated that the crews were doing a good job and running a lot of hours. Mr. Hodge went on to state that Ms. Denise Secson has the toughest job fielding most of the complaints and concerns that come into the Road Commission. Mr. Hodge stated that he appreciated her good attitude.

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that the management contracts have been prepared for signatures and reported that all renewed contracts contained a pay freeze for 2009.

011409-009

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Employment Agreements for Ms. Erickson, Mr. Mainz, Mr. Doyle and Ms. Daily and the amendment to Mr. Pearson's Employment Agreement. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Suma, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Mainz spoke about the 2009 CMAQ project, the traffic signal maintenance contract results, bridge inspection contractor, engineering services for the Castle Road Bridge over the Flint River in Burlington Township and the scour evaluations for the 39 bridges which have a December 31, 2009 deadline.

Mr. Orrie Smith, Weighmaster

Mr. Smith stated that he was staying busy with snow issues involving neighbors at odds with each other over the pushing of snow, and those plowing snow into the roadway.

Mr. Smith also explained that he is having to move people out of the rest areas, when they take up residency there.

Mr. Smith stated that he has been assisting the truck operators when they have been plowing the roadways in tandem and need to discourage drivers from cutting in between the trucks. Mr. Smith stated that he is also seeing a high disrespect of safety by the motorists when the maintenance crew is attempting to patch the roadways.

Public Time:

Gary Roy, County Commissioner

Mr. Roy gave a brief update of the latest news at the County. Mr. Roy explained that the County is facing the same type of issues as the Road Commission. Mr. Roy went on to ask Mr. Pearson if he had acquired the EMOC generator yet. Mr. Pearson stated that he had not received the generator, but had been notified that the equipment was in Bay County.

Mr. Roy also spoke briefly about the Senior Millage and the 911 Radio System Millage, which will be on the ballot.

Mr. Richard Brandt, Trustee/Hadley Township

Mr. Brandt asked about the funding that was available through the High Risk Rural Road Program. Mr. Brandt suggested an improvement on Pratt Road near Hasler Lake Road. Mr. Brandt stated that there are concerns regarding school bus stops along this section. Mr. Mainz stated that he would review the site for specifications.

Mr. Brandt stated that the Lapeer garage was doing a good job in Hadley Township.

011409-010

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

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

Douglas Hodge, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary