

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 7, 2009
8:00 a.m.**

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

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

Also in attendance: Mr. Charles Buckel, Mr. Richard Brandt, Mr. Robert VanDenBerg, Mr. Jack Jostock. Deputy Orrie Smith.

Mr. Hodge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approve Agenda:

100709-149

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

Financial Report Review:

The Board reviewed the accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll check register, and cash statement.

Consent Agenda:

100709-150

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

Approve Minutes For: Committee of the Whole 09/21/09
 Public Hearing 09/21/09
 Regular Meeting 09/23/09

Approve Payment of Bills: \$429,445.80

Approve Projects:

Almont Township

504 001 903011 Replace 18"x44' Cross Culvert and Rip Rap, Bishop Road between Dryden and Tubsprings
Estimated Cost: \$2,300.00

Burnside Township

490 005 904807 Replace 73"x55"x40' Culvert, Brooks Road between M-53 and Marsh Roads
Estimated Cost: \$18,414.00 (\$7,366.00 Bridge Fund)

Dryden Township

504 007 903609 Replace 18"x56' Cross Culvert, Ditch 50', Seed, Mulch, Replace Asphalt, Mill Road between Hollow Corners and Sutton Estimated Cost: \$3,950.00

Elba Township

490 008 904803 Replace Existing Culvert with 48"x45' cmp-Washburn Road between Lippincott and I-69
Estimated Cost: \$8,028.97 (Bridge Fund \$4,817.38)

Rich Township

504 018 904702 Replace X-Tube on Murphy Lake Road Just East of Kelch Road 18"x36'

Estimated Cost: \$1,701.00

504 018 904703 Spot Gravel Various Locations, 1200 Ton Estimated Cost: \$11,040.00

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

Meetings Attended:

Mr. Duckert explained that a public hearing was held on Monday regarding the Petition for Abandonment of Rogers Road in Burlington Township.

Managing Director Report:

Mr. Pearson spoke about the Public Hearing that was held on Law Road at the intersection of Rogers Road in Burlington Township. Mr. Pearson explained that only the petitioner was in favor of the abandonment and it is his desire to clear the trees and brush, drain the area and then farm it. Mr. Pearson stated that he Township has thirty days from the hearing to forward an opinion on the abandonment. It was stated that the residents were well represented, as all parcel owners on Rogers Road were present.

Mr. Pearson went on to state that the first MTF deposit is a slight increase from last year as it includes the annual \$10,000 Engineering Reimbursement payment. Mr. Pearson spoke briefly about a report he receives from the Oakland County Road Commission and gave some comparisons between their \$105 million dollar budget and ours at \$10 million dollars. Mr. Pearson stated that Oakland County is the state's largest road commission, with total road miles double that of Lapeer County.

Mr. Pearson gave an update on the start of the salt deliveries, which will cost approximately \$400,000 to fill the barns. Mr. Pearson spoke about the truck mounted wings and the preparation that is taking place for the winter season. Mr. Pearson stated that he and the foreman are looking forward to using the new wings to save wear and tear on the shoulders. Mr. Pearson explained that he is working with Monroe Truck regarding the new v-box and the pre-wet system. Mr. Pearson stated that the new truck will be able to provide better service when it comes to snow removal and salting. Mr. VanDenBerg also spoke about the advantages of the larger V-box with the pre-wet system. Mr. VanDenBerg stated that the equipment is supposed to cut the salt usage by 10%.

Mr. Pearson spoke about the last part of the bid tabulation for the V-Box that hadn't been approved yet. Mr. Pearson stated that he has spoke in length with Truck and Trailer Specialists regarding the options for the wetting system. Discussion ensued. It was recommended to install the whole system in the event all components are needed in the future.

100709-151

Motion by Mr. Suma seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Bid Tabulations for the Liquid Components for the V-Box in the amount of \$10,207.00. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson thanked the Board for allowing the Road Commission the opportunity to spend the extra funds in order to increase efficiency and safety while salting the expressway. Mr. VanDenBerg also thanked the Board for the chance to increase efficiency. Mr. Hodge stated that this is what we have to look at when trying to balance the budget.

Ms. Erickson asked the Board to approve the 2010 agreement with Stewart, Beauvais and Whipple for Annual Audit and Accounting Services.

100709-152

Motion by Mr. Suma seconded by Mr. Duckert to authorize Mr. Pearson to sign the 2010 Agreement with SBW for the 2010 Audit and Accounting Services in the amount of \$8,100.00. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Meinz explained that there was an audit scheduled on 8/8/09 by MDOT for a High Risk Rural Road project. Mr. Meinz explained that the Road Commission will supply all of the data for the audit.

Mr. Meinz mentioned the upcoming Blue Water Highway Council Quarterly Meeting and the M-53 Corridor Meeting. Mr. Meinz stated that the contractor will be conducting the less than twenty foot bridge inspections.

Board Discussion

Mr. Duckert asked Mr. Meinz why the Wilder Tindall intersection isn't being straightened with the haul route improvement. Mr. Meinz replied that it doesn't make sense engineering wise because the traffic will enter the intersection askew, but understands the argument for funding the improvement while the haul route is being constructed. Mr. Meinz went on to explain that northbound motorists on Wilder Road would have to look over their shoulder when they were turning onto Bowers Road, which is not an optimal situation. Mr. Meinz stated that the intersection would require a four way stop. Mr. Meinz stated that he will create a simple cost estimate to demonstrate the cost for the improvement needed to line the road up with Tindall/Fish Lake.

Mr. Doyle stated that the utility shut-down is scheduled for November 15, 2009. Mr. Doyle also spoke about the approval for Serene Drive and Regional Way. Mr. Doyle explained that the project would be presented for approval within a month.

Public Comment:

Deputy Orrie Smith

Mr. Smith reviewed his September statistics report. Mr. Smith stated that he worked a lot of hours on the freeway in construction zones and wrote a lot of tickets. He also spoke about the escorts for the insurance companies moving

Board Discussion:

Mr. Suma spoke briefly about the "Shake Your Mailbox" campaign.

100709-153

Motion by Mr. Suma seconded by Mr. Duckert to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Douglas Hodge, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary