



Hadley Township

504 010 90311 Replace 12" x 40' Cross Culvert, Pine Creek Drive between Pratt and Dead-End

Estimated Cost: \$1,750.00

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

Chief Financial Officer Report:

Ms. Erickson asked the Board to approve the Bid Tabulations for the Used Graders.

**111809-174**

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Bid Tabulations for the used graders and award in the best interest of the County. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

**Engineering Report:**

Mr. Mainz asked the Board to approve the following TCOs to reduce weight on recently inspected bridges.

**111809-175**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma to approve TCO#1(09)2009- In accordance with the Engineer's recommendation, that the Shaw Road Bridge over Stevenson Drain between M-53 and Brown City Road in Goodland Township be posted as 10 tons. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

**111809-176**

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve TCO#1(14)2009- In accordance with the Engineer's recommendation, that Slater Road over the Bryant Drain between Haines Road and Daley Road in Mayfield Township be posted as 3 Tons/No Trucks. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

**111809-177**

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve TCO#1(18)2009-In accordance with the Engineer's recommendation, that Millington Road over the Cable Drain between Rumph Road and Heater Road in Rich Township be posted as 10 Ton GVW limit. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

**111809-178**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma to approve TCO#2(05)2009-In accordance with the Engineer's recommendation, that Willis Road over Cedar Creek between Summers Road and Blacks Corners Road in Burnside Township be posted as 10 Tons/No Trucks. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

**111809-179**

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve TCO#2(18)2009-In accordance with the Engineer's recommendation, that Mowatt Road over Cable Drain between Barnes Road and Millington Road in Rich Township be posed as 10 Ton GVW limit. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

**111809-180**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma to approve TCO#3(18)2009-In accordance with the Engineer's recommendation, that Sarles Road over the Natural Waterway between Chamberlain Road and Seyforth Road in Rich Township be posted as 3 Ton GVW limit/No trucks.

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

Mr. Mainz stated that Kamax has received the MDOT Category A funding for the haul route improvements and Wilcox Engineering has already begun with their work. Mr. Mainz explained that he is working on the payment contract for this project.

Mr. Mainz stated that the culvert for Newark Road at the Pine Creek had been replaced and was being backfilled. Mr. Mainz explained that the cut would be paved once complete. Mr. Mainz also spoke about the bridge on Hollow Corners Road which was scheduled to be replaced. Mr. Mainz stated that the bridge deck was on order and that project should begin on December 1, 2009.

Mr. Doyle stated that he was working on the permit fee schedule and gave an explanation of his changes. Mr. Mainz gave a brief history of the fee changes in the past several years.

**Public Time**

Mr. Louis Swift, 1423 and 1052 Hadley Road

Mr. Swift stated that he owned two parcels of property along Hadley Road and he was against the decision to cut the trees. Mr. Swift stated that some of the trees could be cut, like the dead Ash, but objected to cutting the Hickory, Cottonwood and others. Mr. Swift stated that he drove all around the county and it all looks the same with the trees and doesn't understand why these trees have to be cut. Mr. Swift said that he thinks the money would be better spent elsewhere. Mr. Hodge explained that the Road Commission has jurisdiction on this right of way and the trees are immovable objects that cause more injuries than anything else when a vehicle leaves the road. Mr. Mainz stated that this project is part of a federal safety grant where crash rates are higher than the statewide average. Mr. Swift stated once again that he was totally against the removal of the trees.

Mr. David Cohassey, 1570 Hadley Road

Mr. Cohassey stated that the trees stop cars from hitting his house. Mr. Cohassey explained that cars drive too fast along this stretch of the highway and seem to lose control and end up on his lawn. Mr. Cohassey stated that his house was built in 1800 and is close to the road. He also has assisted more than one drunk driver when they have ended up in his front yard. Mr. Cohassey also stated that he has a 100 year old oak tree that he also would hate to lose.

Mr. Doug Miller, 1370 N. Hadley Road

Mr. Miller asked about the thirty-three foot right of way and the trees that are near that outside line. Mr. Doyle explained that it still hadn't been determined if all of the marked trees would be removed. That would depend upon the bid received from the contractor.

Mr. Richard Smith, 1419 Hadley Road

Mr. Smith stated that Hadley Road was one of the least traveled roads and didn't understand why it was chosen.

Ms. Susan Dzikcek, 1419 Hadley Road

Ms. Dzikcek stated that she has lived there for 35 years and also was against the tree removal and wanted to know who wrote the grant and who she can write to about the grant. Ms. Dzikcek also spoke about a cement pillar that already blocks some of the trees. Ms. Dzikcek stated that she believed this was a foolish project and asked if she could get a written response for a list of questions she had prepared. Ms. Dzikcek stated that she feels like the federal money is going to waste and would like her money to go to better sources, like the Lippincott/Hadley intersection that should be improved. She also stated that she believes that the statistics include crashes that aren't related to the trees. Mr. Doyle stated that the intersection is looked at every year when the call goes out for projects, but the warrants are not present and won't allow for the upgrade. Mr. Mainz stated that he has to live within the rules of the grants.

Mr. Hodge went on to state that the trees are probably going to come down, but that the residents were free to contact Congresswoman Candice Miller. Mr. Duckert added that another point that hadn't been mentioned was what the trees do to the road when they cast a shadow on the roadway. Mr. Duckert explained that the shade causes the roads to remain icy longer and in the spring the roads aren't allowed to dry out as quickly.

Mr. Doyle went on to explain the process used when roads are chosen and the criteria that must be present. A question was then asked about lowering the speed limit. Mr. Mainz spoke about the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile test that the State Police require and explained that the test would most likely yield unfavorable results since the traffic is traveling at high rates. Mr. Mainz stated that he would perform the test and pass along the results to the Township to show the speed that is being travelled on the roadway.

Mr. Doyle explained that all of the resident will be notified prior to the tree cutting and the cut logs, when requested, will be left for the resident when the project begins next spring. Mr. Doyle went on to state that he was sympathetic to keeping the trees, but he also has to do his job.

Mr. Tom Angellotti

Mr. Angellotti asked if the tree cutting policy is the same that was implemented when Daley Road was improved? Mr. Mainz stated it was the same. Mr. Angellotti stated that he wasn't happy with the plans for those trees to be cut either, but now that they are gone it is much safer. Mr. Angellotti also thanked Mr. Mainz for allowing him to review the Wilder/Tindall intersection and the plans for the Kamax upgrade.

Board Discussion

Mr. Hodge stated that Sheriff Kalanquin would like the Road Commission to consider posters that would ask the public to report overweight trucks. Mr. Hodge also reported that the Levy Company has put down a new system of resurfacing on 10 Mile Road using foundry slag which costs substantially less than other methods.

**111809-181**

Motion by Mr. Suma seconded by Mr. Duckert to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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

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Douglas Hodge, Chairman

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary