

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 7, 2010
8:00 a.m.**

Present: Mr. Douglas Hodge, Chairman; Mr. Joseph Suma, Vice Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, 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/Acting Board Secretary

Also in attendance: Mr. Gary Roy, Mr. David Schlaud, Mr. Norm Snoblen, Mr. Jack Jostock, Mr. Ron Cischke, Mr. Richard Brandt, Ms. Nancy Angelotti, Officer Orrie Smith, Mr. Geary Priehs.

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

Approve Agenda:

040710-036

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:

040710-037

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

Approve Minutes For: Committee of the Whole 03/22/10
 Regular Meeting 03/24/10

Approve Payment of Bills: \$239,301.75

Approve Projects:

Burnside Township:

504-005-013401	Stop Sign Delineators – Various Local Roads	\$738.00
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Deerfield Township:

489-006-013501	8,000 T Gravel on Burnside and 3,000 T Gravel Falkenbury	\$89,650.00
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504-006-013500	Ditch Various Spots on Burnside and Falkenbury, Replace or clean-out drive tubes	\$10,000.00
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Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye; Suma, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Meetings Attended:

Mr. Suma reported that he attended the County Commission meeting on March 25th, at which time he passed out his “Fix Michigan Roads” cards. Mr. Duckert stated that he also passed out all of his and stated that there has been a lot of interest in this campaign. Mr. Suma stated that the County Commission indicated that they would vote to support a resolution to increase the gas tax by .04 and diesel tax by .06 following the Road Commission’s resolution of support.

Managing Director Report

Mr. Pearson reported that our Michigan Transportation Funds are down \$50,530.84 from this month last year, which is a total of \$130,769.71 decrease so far for the year. Mr. Pearson stated that compared to two years ago, our MTF revenue is down \$251,461.48. Mr. Pearson stated that a 7% decrease had been budgeted, and it looks like we are on target for that amount of decrease.

Mr. Pearson stated that he and Ms. Erickson will be meeting with MDOT on Monday morning to discuss the budget. Mr. Pearson stated that he will be discussing a few potential projects with MDOT for this construction season.

Mr. Pearson stated that he will be meeting with the Sheriff's Department on April 14th, to discuss projects for this summer. Mr. Pearson stated that he should know something about the Lake Nepessing closure by then.

Mr. Pearson reported that the crews are currently working on cutting trees, pulling berm and grading. Mr. Pearson also stated that the shop crew is removing salters from the trucks. Mr. Pearson reported that we still have 935 ton of back up salt to be delivered.

Mr. Pearson stated that Mr. Van Den Berg is looking at some used pick-ups to replace some of the old and worn out ones in the fleet.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Mainz reported that the Imlay City Road stimulus project did not go out to bid April 2 as scheduled. Mr. Mainz stated that there was some confusion with the MDOT consultant reviewing the plans and thought that this project was supposed to be held and bundled with the regular federal aid project. Mr. Mainz stated that these projects will not go out to bid now until May 21st.

Mr. Mainz reported that the final right-of-way property owner for the Kamax project has been located in Florida. Mr. Mainz stated that this project is scheduled for a July letting with construction to take place in August, September, and October.

Mr. Mainz announced that the Board of Road Commissioners will be holding a Public Hearing on April 19th 2010 at the Deerfield Township Hall, for the purpose of hearing public comment on changing the status of Burnside Road to a Natural Beauty Road.

Mr. Ryan Doyle reported that he received the first non-residential drive permit of the year.

Mr. Doyle also reported that the HRRR project letting occurred on April 2nd, and that the bids came in 30% below the estimated costs. Mr. Doyle stated that letters had gone out to the property owners requesting that they notify us if they want the wood cut on their properties. Mr. Doyle reported that the pre-construction meeting for this project will be next week.

Public Comment:

Mr. Ron Cischke, Goodland Township Supervisor

Mr. Cischke presented the Board with copies of an estimate to replace the bridge deck on Shaw Road over the Stevenson Drain. Mr. Cischke stated that the Township's share of the project is estimated to be \$30,000.00, which is almost their entire road budget for the year. Mr. Cischke asked the Board if they would consider spreading the payments out over two years, and allowing the Township to utilize \$5,000.00 of their allocation funds from 2010 and 2011. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hodge instructed Ms. Erickson to draw up a contract for

Goodland Township, allowing them to utilize \$5,000.00 of their allocation funds from each 2010 and 2011 with the balance of the costs to be spread out over the two years.

Mr. Gary Roy, County Commissioner

Mr. Roy reported that the County Commission is continuing to debate the two county water parks. Mr. Roy reported that the issue has become more complicated as they received notification from the DNR that the county is to continue the use of these parks, in perpetuity as state and federal funds were utilized to build them. Mr. Roy stated that if the parks aren't kept open, it could hinder the County of Lapeer from getting other State and Federal Grants.

Mr. Roy stated that due to the decline of the 911-radio system, he would advise the Road Commission to have a contingency plan in the event that the system fails. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Orrie Smith, Deputy

Mr. Smith reported that March was a very busy month with Frost Laws in effect. Mr. Smith stated that working in tandem with Jim and Ryan worked much more efficiently. Mr. Smith stated that this year a lot more of the garbage companies had gotten their permits, which really helped. The other two items which have been reported the most to Mr. Smith this month was gravel being taken off of the roads for personal use, and wood from trees being trimmed left for the property owners being stolen.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Duckert reported that while fishing with his Grandson he noticed that there was a hole in the steel side wall of the Belle River Bridge, which could wash out. Mr. Duckert requested that Mr. Mainz look at the bridge.

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Motion by Mr. Suma seconded by Mr. Duckert to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

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

Douglas Hodge, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary