

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 19, 2010
5:00 p.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; Ms. Linette Daily, Secretary to the Board

Also in attendance: Nancy Elliott; Rick Brandt; Tim McKinney, Charles Buckel

Mr. Douglas Hodge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approve Agenda:
051710-059

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:
051710-060

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

Approve Minutes For: Committee of the Whole 05/03/10
 Regular Meeting 05/05/10

Approve Payment of Bills: \$360,227.11

Approve Projects:

Almont Township	
504 001 013098-Dust Control, Road Maintenance, Up to 2 Applications	Estimated Cost: \$25,282.14
504 001 013099-Roadside Mowing, T.G. Priehs, One Single Swath	Estimated Cost: \$3,663.00
Arcadia Township	
489 002 013101- Paving on Spencer Street	Estimated Cost: \$9,702.00
Attica Township	
504 003 013298- Dust Control, Road Maintenance, Up to 2 Applications	Estimated Cost: \$24,215.68
504 003 013299- Roadside Mowing, T. G. Priehs, One Single Swath	Estimated Cost: \$3,774.00
Goodland Township	
490 009 014801-Replace Bridge Deck and Guardrail, Shaw Road over the Stevenson Drain	Estimated Cost: \$48,362.70

Hadley Township

504 010 013902-Crack Seal, Herd Road North of Pratt and Green Corners South of Pratt
Estimated Cost: \$4,000.00

504 010 013903-Trim Trees, Bringham and Crampton Roads
Estimated Cost: \$4,884.00

Imlay Township

504 011 014002- Replace 18"x46' Cross Culvert, Blacks Corners between Hall and Hannan Roads
Estimated Cost: \$2,200.00

504 011 014003- Replace 18"x40' Cross Culvert, Blacks Corners between Weir and Bowers
Estimated Cost: \$2,000.00

490 011 014802- Replace 117"x79' Pipe Arch, Wheeling Road North of Petz
Estimated Cost: \$19,020.00

Lapeer Township

504 012 014101-Replace 5 Cross Culverts- (1) 18"x60', (1) 18"x64', (2) 18"x44', (1) 18"x48' with Asphalt Patches, Maple Grove and Bloomingfield between Greenwood and Peppermill
Estimated Cost: \$16,650.00

Marathon Township

504 013 014206-Ditching on Washburn Road on East side and replace 2 X-tubes 18"x54' and 18"x50' between Dodge and Pyles
Estimated Cost: \$10,500.00

489 013 014207-Limestone Washburn Road from Dodge Road to Pyles, 1500 Ton, Hauling, Leveling, Brining
Estimated Cost: \$24,000.00

504 013 014208-Replace X-Tube on Aurand Road, Between N. Lake and Dead End 36" squash x 50'
Estimated Cost: \$3,300.00

Oregon Township

489 017 014600- Gravel/Pit Run Haul for Martha Court
Estimated Cost: \$8,671.88

504 017 014698- Dust Control, Michigan Chloride, Up to 4 Applications
Estimated Cost: \$34,254.60

504 017 014699- Roadside Mowing, Jostock, 1 Single Swath
Estimated Cost: \$4,218.00

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

Managing Director Report

Mr. Pearson reported that he had attended the Committee of the Whole at the County Commission regarding the request for the ORV legislative change for Deerfield Township. Mr. Pearson stated that Commissioner Dyle Henning spoke about the ORV change. Mr. Pearson explained that he spoke in opposition of the proposal and addressed the reasons. Mr. Pearson stated that the Sheriff Department also is concerned about the speed differential of the ORV and the motoring public. It was stated that those in favor of the change would like Lapeer to be the new up-north. Mr. Pearson explained that up-north has much less traffic and established trail systems.

Mr. Pearson went on to state that several bills have been introduced that completely change the ORV, now OHV, rules and regulations. Those bills are 6159-6162.

It was stated that a letter of non-support will be forwarded to Representative Daley.

Mr. Pearson stated that the maintenance crews were busy with township projects and some state work. Mr. Pearson explained that he met with the contractor regarding the liners for the 42 tubes on I-69 and stated that this project is nearly \$400,000.00.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Mainz asked the Board to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing \$47 billion per year to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, with the cooperation of the Michigan Department of Transportation and other stakeholders, has proposed this route crossing the lower peninsula of Michigan to be developed as United States Bike Route 20, a map of which is herein incorporated into this resolution by reference; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route through Lapeer County is from the Southern Links Trailway (Otter Lake Forest Ave.), Hart Lake Rd., Otter Lake Rd., M-90 (North Branch), Lake Pleasant Rd., E. Burnside Rd. (to Brown City).

WHEREAS, the Lapeer County Road Commission has investigated the proposed route and found it to be a suitable route through the county, and desire that the route be designated so that it can be mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area; now, therefore,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Lapeer County Road Commission hereby approves and supports the establishment of the U. S. Bike Route 20 through Lapeer County and authorizes the posting of signs within the public right-of-way identifying the route through the community.

Mr. Mainz stated that the route across the country is mostly made up of county roads and will provide recreational opportunities and commercial benefit to residents and businesses. Mr. Mainz explained that the route will be designated on maps as MDOT and ASHTO have designated the route.

Mr. Mainz went on to state that the bike trail would use the existing lanes of roadway and the Road Commission would not be responsible for signing the route. Mr. Mainz explained that the neighboring counties have already approved the route.

051910-061

Motion by Mr. Suma seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Resolution for approval of the United States Bike Route 20 through Lapeer County.

Discussion ensued regarding the section from Lake Pleasant to Burnside Road to M-90 versus M-90 to M-53 to Burnside Road.

051910-062

Motion by Mr. Duckert seconded by Mr. Suma to table Motion 051910-061 until the route is agreed upon.

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

Mr. Doyle explained that he went to a sign reflectivity seminar and that by 2012 the Road Commission will have to have a sign replacement policy in place, in 2015 all regulatory and warning signs will have to meet the required reflectivity and by 2018 all street signs will have to meet the requirements for reflectivity.

Public Comment:

Mr. Tim McKinney, Pratt Road

Mr. McKinney was present to ask the Board if the tree at the end of his driveway could be saved. Mr. Doyle stated that he is aware of this tree and had the opportunity to review the location and that this tree is nineteen feet off of the white line. Mr. Doyle stated that the standard states eighteen feet is the minimum, with twenty-two feet as the recommended. Mr. Doyle stated that this tree is located just as you are coming into the curve, and in the area where drivers will be hitting their brakes, and thus he cannot recommend that the tree be saved. The Commissioners agreed with the recommendation.

Mr. McKinney then spoke about the bicyclists that use Pratt Road on the weekends and ride on the center of the road in large groups of about fifteen.

Mr. Hodge stated that as a bicyclist himself, he supports the law which requires single file riding on the roadway, and stated that bicyclists need to be predictable to the motoring public in order to avoid any sort of incident.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Richard Brandt, Hadley Township Trustee

Mr. Brandt stated that he also does not support the ORV changes, and their deputy has ticketed ORV operators that are on the roadways. Mr. Pearson assured Mr. Brandt that each township will have authority over allowing the usage in their jurisdictions.

051910-063

Motion by Mr. Suma seconded by Mr. Duckert to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

Douglas Hodge, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary