

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 20, 2010
5:00 p.m.**

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

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

Also in attendance: Charles Buckel, Nancy Elliot, and Robert VanDenBerg

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

Approve Agenda:

102010-142

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:

102010-143

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

Approve Minutes For: Committee of the Whole 10/04/10
 Regular Meeting 10/06/10

Approve Payment of Bills: \$552,479.36

Approve Projects:

Almont Township

504 001 013007 Replace 18" x 44' Cross Culvert, Shoemaker between Hollow Corners and Dryden
Estimated Cost: \$2,300.00

Burlington Township

490 004 014804 Additional Engineering Work/Castle Road Bridge Estimated Cost: \$8,500.00

Elba Township

504 008 013702 Replace 3 Culverts- (2)- 18"x56' (1)- 18"x64' with Asphalt Patches, Maple Leaf between
Genesee and Davison Roads Estimated Cost: \$10,950.00

504 008 013706 Place Culvert in Ditch, 220 Feet of 18" CMP, Lake Nepessing between Lippincott and Hunt
Roads Estimated Cost: \$2,000.00

504 008 013707 22X Slag to Repair Sand Pockets, Merwin Road Between Bullock and Baldwin
Estimated Cost: \$4,375.00

Goodland Township

504 009 013802 Replace 18"x40' Cross Culvert, Schook Road between Abbott and Bohms

Estimated Cost: \$2,000

504 009 013805 Replace 18"x40' Cross Culvert, Blacks Corners between Stine and Martin

Estimated Cost: \$2,000

Meetings:

Mr. Suma stated that he had attended the Blue Water Highway Council Meeting with Mr. Hodge and the management team. Mr. Suma explained that Lapeer County was the host county with Mr. Steve Cooney from SnapTite as the guest speaker. Mr. Suma went on to state that there was lengthy discussion regarding districting of the commissioners.

Mr. Suma stated that he had attended the St. Clair County Road Commission Meeting last night to observe the format they use for their meetings. Mr. Suma commented that he actually found them similar to ours.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Pearson also spoke about the Blue Water Highway Council Meeting and asked that we send Mr. Cooney a thank you for his time.

Mr. Pearson asked the Board to approve the contract with Stewart, Beauvais and Whipple, P.C. for accounting services. Mr. Pearson stated that the contract is for the same amount as the 2009 contract.

102010-144

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the 2010 contract with SBW for accounting services, and allow Mr. Pearson to sign same. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson then explained that gravel crushing bids were taken for gravel projects in the Townships of North Branch and Arcadia.

102010-145

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

Mr. Pearson then gave an explanation of the truck upfitting bids that were solicited for the two new cab and chassis'. Mr. Pearson stated that the bids for the dump body and live bottom were quite competitive, but were not all bid with the same equipment. Mr. Pearson stated that he would prefer to purchase two live bottoms since the prices were so reasonable. Mr. VanDenBerg gave the benefits of the live bottom vs. the dump bottom, including the safety factors.

102010-146

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

Mr. Pearson stated that the salt shed in Lapeer was full of salt. Mr. Pearson explained that the back walls on the Imlay City and North Branch salt barns are being reinforced and a new cement slab was put at the entrance of the Imlay City salt barn.

Engineering Report

Mr. Meinz stated that the Kamax project is still rolling along about 10 days behind schedule. Mr. Meinz explained that the wetland area is complete, all the drive culverts were set and the east side has been widened. Mr. Meinz spoke about the wider shoulders and the overlay that will be put down soon. Mr. Meinz stated that an accident occurred at the worksite when a car traveled around barricades and three pieces of equipment in the wrong lane, eventually ending up in a pile of millings.

Mr. Doyle explained that our attorney has advised the Road Commission to leave the fences up at the Hemstead Road location, but they are to be unlocked.

Mr. Doyle then explained that he has been working with a resident on Pratt Drive near Hadley Road. Mr. Doyle stated that there is a difference of opinion regarding the need to upgrade the drives for commercial use after there has been a change of business. Mr. Doyle stated that the resident wants a variance to waive the requirement for a taper lane and a paved approach. Mr. Doyle stated that the drainage is okay, the dimensions appear to be close to correct without the taper lane, and he believes the speed limit is 25 mph at this location. Mr. Doyle stated that he recommends waiving the need for a taper because of the 25 mph speed limit, but wants the approach paved by June 15, 2011.

102010-147

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the variance to waive the taper because of the 25 mph speed limit for Mr. Curry, with the agreement that the paved approach will be placed by 6/15/2011. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Mr. Robert VanDenBerg stated that he is concerned about the stress that the salt barns have to withstand when the salt is pushed up with the dozer. Mr. VanDenBerg stated that there are some alternatives to piling in this manner. Discussion ensued.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Suma reminded all that Shake Your Mailbox Day was approaching.

102010-148

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.

Joseph Suma, Vice Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary