

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 1, 2010
8:00 a.m.**

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

Excused: Mr. Douglas Hodge, Chairman

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

Also in attendance: Charles Buckel, Orrie Smith, Richard Brandt, and Nancy Elliott
Mr. Joseph Suma, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approve Agenda:

120110-161

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

Financial Report Review:

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

Consent Agenda:

120110-162

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

Approve Minutes For: Public Hearing 11/03/10
 Regular Meeting 11/10/10

Approve Payment of Bills: \$516,309.05

Approve Projects:

Dryden Township

504 007 013606 Replace 18"x40' Cross Culvert, Havens Road between Hollow Corners and Sutton

Estimated Cost: \$2,000.00

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

Committee Reports:

None

Manager's Report:

Mr. Pearson spoke briefly about the wood chipper that has recently been put out for bids. Mr. Pearson stated that this chipper will replace the old chipper at the Lapeer garage and those bids are due back on December 14, 2010.

Mr. Pearson stated that the Snow Removal bids had also been advertised and were due back on December 10, 2010, and the annual bids were being prepared for the first of the year.

Mr. Pearson explained that the night shift began this week and an additional truck operator will be added in January. Mr. Pearson went on to state that this was the last week for Deputy Smith, the contracted weighmaster, until spring of 2011. Mr. Pearson stated that he is currently reviewing the 2011 contract.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Meinz stated that the Kamax project was complete, and all that remained to be finished was a small punch-list that would have to be complete next spring.

Mr. Meinz spoke about the three federal projects that were on tap for 2011, Castle Road Bridge, Lake Nepessing Road from the railroad tracks south to John Conley Drive, and Imlay City Road from Lake Pleasant Road to Force Road.

Mr. Meinz stated that he will travel to Mayfield Township on December 13, 2010 for a discussion regarding rumble strips on their roads. Mr. Meinz explained that the Rural Task Force Meeting will be held on December 20, 2010 here in Lapeer.

Mr. Meinz explained that he has volunteered to sit as a representative on the Visioning Transportation Committee, as part of the Lapeer County Vision Community Foundation's "Envisioning Lapeer County's Future". The next meeting will be December 16, 2010.

Mr. Meinz stated that he has a grade inspection meeting on Wednesday for the 2011 High Risk Rural Road projects.

Mr. Doyle stated that a fatal accident occurred this week on Pratt Road as a result of a driver hitting a tree.

Public Comment:

Roger and Sharon Deaton, 711 N. Wilder Road, Lapeer, MI 48446

Mr. Deaton stated that he has had white stone in his driveway since 1983, and when the Road Commission recently did the improvements for the Kamax haul route and placed a new culvert, the stone was removed and replaced with a grey limestone. Mr. Deaton went on to state that when AT&T did their work with the lines, they replaced the white stone, so he would like the Road Commission to do the same.

Mrs. Deaton stated that she called the Road Commission and asked Mr. Meinz to have the stone saved and put back. Mr. Meinz stated that he was not contacted until after the project was complete and the stone was already gone. Mr. Meinz explained that the stone must meet MDOT specifications and this is based on material properties not color. Mr. Meinz stated that it is non-standard practice to push material aside.

Mrs. Deaton asked Mr. Meinz what he did with the stone that was removed. Mr. Meinz stated that the contractor took it away as part of their bid. Mrs. Deaton went on to state that she called the Road Commission and asked us to not turn around in her driveway, and if it washes out we will have to make repairs.

Mr. Deaton asked the Board to replace what he had in his driveway.

Mr. Meinz stated that the stone probably isn't the proper specification. Mr. Deaton stated that he has never had a problem with it. Mr. Meinz stated that the product that was placed was rolled. Mrs. Deaton stated that it was not rolled.

Mr. Suma stated that all of the driveways have a slight variation to the original material.

Mr. Suma stated that Mr. Meinz will respond in a written letter as to his decision on the material.

Mr. Richard Brandt, Hadley Township Trustee

Mr. Brandt wished the Road Commission a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Deputy Orrie Smith stated that he had a busy November writing citations, including a 75 mph violator on Bowers Road and an 80 mph violator in the construction zone.

Ms. Nancy Elliott

Ms. Elliott asked about the material problem that occurred on Baldwin Road. Mr. Pearson stated that the product is a steel slag that was used in Oakland and Washtenaw Counties and the only cost to the Road Commission was the trucking to have it delivered. Mr. Pearson explained that the material was mixed with gravel and pulverized. The material is naturally dusty and when it combined with the natural brine, it turned to a slurry, or a lime residue. This was further complicated when it rained shortly after this process was complete. Mr. Pearson stated that the material can be removed from vehicles when the lime is broken down and then power washed away; a technique that Rick's Service Center has been assisting the Road Commission with. It is estimated that forty vehicles have been cleaned thus far, and Mr. Pearson stated that Levy has said they would reimburse the Road Commission for the cost.

Board Discussion

Ms. Daily asked the Board to approve the 2011 Meeting Schedule as presented.

120110-163

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma to approve the 2011 Meeting Schedule. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, absent Suma, aye. Two ayes. Motion carried.

120110-164

Motion by Mr. Duckert seconded by Mr. Suma to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

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

Douglas Hodge, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary