

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, January 11, 2012  
8:00 a.m.**

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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. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Linette Daily, Secretary to the Board; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director

Also in attendance: Charles Buckel; Orrie Smith, Nancy Elliott  
Mr. Douglas Hodge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

**Approve Agenda:**

**010912-013**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma 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:**

**010912-014**

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

Approve Minutes For:            Regular Meeting 12/28/11

Approve Payment of Bills:    \$344,756.32

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

**Manager's Report:**

**010912-015**

Motion by Mr. Duckert seconded by Mr. Suma to approve bid tabulations for Used Motor Grader and award in the best interest of the County. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson explained that this grader will go to the North Branch Garage and will be outfitted with a wing in the near future. Mr. Pearson also stated that the bids included an option to trade in the old grader.

**010912-016**

Motion by Mr. Suma seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve bid tabulations for the Upfitting of the New One Ton Truck 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 vehicle will be used as the night Patrol unit and will be equipped with a slide in stainless steel box and salter and a blade. The truck will be used to do the turnarounds on I-69.

Mr. Pearson stated that he met with Oregon Township officials regarding road projects for their area as their bond has now expired. Mr. Pearson explained that he gives the Township a lot of credit for recognizing the need to keep roads a priority and creating a working document to refer to.

Mr. Pearson stated that he also met with MDOT and future projects have been proposed as a result of the lower expenses associated with this mild winter.

Mr. Pearson went on to state that the crews are getting the opportunity to cut trees and spot grade as the weather permits.

**Engineering Report:**

Mr. Mainz gave an update on the paperwork he was processing for future projects and stated that he had a GI set for Imlay City Road.

Mr. Mainz went on to state that he reviewed the Lake Pleasant and Newark Roads intersection and believes the warrants are there to modify the signal from amber to red. Mr. Mainz will continue to work on this issue and will work with Mr. Doyle for additional safety funds.

Mr. Doyle stated that the bid letting for the 2012 safety projects was on Friday and the bids were thirty percent less than the engineers estimate. Mr. Doyle explained that Pro Line Asphalt was the low bidder. He also added that the tree removal and centerline corrugation came in lower than expected.

Mr. Doyle stated that there have already been two fatalities in the county from drivers hitting trees and explained that this is why he continues to pursue the safety funds for tree removal whenever possible.

**Public Comment:**

Ms. Nancy Elliott, County Press/LA View

Nancy asked about the Lake Pleasant/Newark Road intersection and the timeframe for installation. Mr. Mainz stated that he will have to do a cost estimate, but anticipates that he will probably go ahead soon with the changes.

Ms. Elliott also asked about the Ash Tree problem in the County and requested cost figure for the removal of the dead ash. Mr. Pearson explained that he doesn't have a separate line item for the dead Ash Trees.

Ms. Elliott further inquired if there were any grants to assist with the dead tree problem. Mr. Pearson stated that initially there was some funding available, but he was not aware of anything at this time.

Mr. Duckert added that the waters of the State were also being damaged from the dead trees as they fall into the waterways.

Mr. Hodge declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.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