LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

5:00 p.m.

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

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

Also in attendance: Mr. Charles Buckel, Ms. Nancy Elliott

Mr. Douglas Hodge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Approve Agenda:

032112-032

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

Financial Report Review:

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

Consent Agenda:

032112-033

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

Approve Minutes For: Committee of the Whole 03/05/12

Regular Meeting 03/06/2012

Approve Payment of Bills: \$311,351.01

Approve Projects:

Oregon Township:

504-017-124699 Dust Control/Road Maintenance/Up to 3 Applications Estimated Cost: \$23,226.00

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

Meetings Attended:

Mr. Suma reported that he had attended the County Road Association of Michigan Conference in Lansing on March 7, 2012. Mr. Hodge asked what was new in the Legislature and Mr. Suma explained that there is a lot of talk, some about funding; but no action is taking place. Mr. Suma stated that he attended the Right to Work informational meeting on March 12, 2012 at the Center Building. Mr. Suma went on to state that he also attended the Oregon Township meeting on March 13, 2012 and mentioned that the Township had scheduled a road meeting for April 3, 2012. Mr. Suma went on to state that he had also attended the meeting at Goodland Township on the 15th, which addressed the State Incident Management Traffic Pattern Plan. Mr. Suma stated that there was discussion regarding the difference between a frost law route and non-frost law route. Mr. Suma explained that Mr. Meinz is to bring the route plans to the M-53 Corridor Meeting the third week of April.

Manager's Report:

032112-034

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the 2011 MDOT Certification Maps with the addition of .57 miles for Regional Way and .30 miles for Serene Drive, both located in Imlay Township. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Hodge, aye; Duckert, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson stated that he also attended the CRAM Conference and explained that he was frustrated because members from the Senate were to be present to speak, but they ended up in a session lock down and couldn't attend. Mr. Pearson explained that one staff member did attend the session, but was not informative on road subjects.

Mr. Pearson went on to state that the crews are grading the gravels and this is creating dust already. Mr. Pearson stated that the crews have cut a lot of trees this winter; a positive thing and the crack seal machine is ready to go.

Mr. Pearson stated that the crews have already spent \$137,000 on spot grading from January 1 to March 15, and \$826,000 in snow removal. Mr. Pearson explained that oddly, the Road Commission will have twelve months of grading in this 2012 fiscal year.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Doyle stated that he will be contacting the State Representative and the State Senator regarding their non-response to his correspondence.

032112-035

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma to approve the contract with MDOT for Hot mix asphalt paving work along Imlay City Road from Maple Grove Road to Five Lakes Road; including base crushing and shaping, cold milling, and pavement marking work; and all together with necessary related work and allow Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign same. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Hodge, aye; Duckert, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Doyle stated that Mr. Meinz was attending the Bridge Conference and he had just returned from the Asphalt Paving Conference and reported that they were sharing new ideas to keep costs down. Mr. Doyle reported that he had received an email from MDOT regarding utility work on M-24 and the possibility of closures for up to five minutes next week for utility work.

Mr. Doyle also reported that Genesee County Road Commission has purchased equipment to chip seal and the City of Lapeer is now doing signal maintenance, and would like to bid our project in the future.

Public Comment:

Ms. Nancy Elliott, Lapeer, MI

Ms. Elliott asked what was being done to prompt the closures. Mr. Doyle stated that the poles were being moved at the railroad bridge project near the hospital.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Suma stated that the Board must decide whether or not to keep the contracted Weighmaster for the 2012 season. Mr. Suma went on to state that the Michigan State Police have three new officers patrolling the County and it would be a cost cutting measure to work with the State for traffic patrol. It was stated that it was uncertain if MDOT would continue to reimburse for the weighmaster cost on the State Highways.

032112-036

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to cancel the contract with the Sheriff Department for the Weighmaster position. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Hodge, aye; Duckert, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

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Mr. Suma went on to state that if the traffic and construction pick up, the program could be started again. Mr. Suma explained that the Road Commission still has its two in house weighmasters. Mr. Suma stated that the total cost for all expenses associated with the contracted Weighmaster was nearly \$75,000 in 2011 and those resources can be used in other areas. Mr. Pearson stated that the program was started in 1998 when the Road Commission was very busy with construction programs. Since then the work has reduced and construction is less. A meeting will be set with the MSP to see what options are available for additional services. Mr. Duckert added that two gravel pits in his area are not in business, so he sees that the need has been reduced. Mr. Suma added that the position can be re-evaluated in the future. Mr. Pearson agreed that if the permits start to climb we will know that construction will begin to increase and additional patrols may be needed. Mr. Pearson stated that he will inform Undersheriff Rapson of the change.

Mr. Hodge declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.				
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Joseph Suma, Vice Chairman	Linette Daily, Board Secretary			