



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. Mainz 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.

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

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary