

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 2, 2012**  
**8:00 a.m.**

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

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

Also in attendance: Mr. Charles Buckel, Mr. Chris Maasch, Ms. Catherine Carrette, Mr. Bob Glaser  
Mr. Joseph Suma, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Approve Agenda:**

**050212-050**

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

Two ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

**Financial Report Review:**

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

**Consent Agenda:**

**050212-051**

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

**Minutes For:** Committee of the Whole 04/16/12  
Regular Meeting 04/18/12

Approve Payment of Bills: \$324,691.94

**Approve Projects:**

Imlay Township	
504 011 124099 Dust Control, Road Maintenance, One Application	Estimated Cost: \$10,215.63
Lapeer Township	
504 012 124198 Roadside Mowing, To be Performed by LCRC Forces, 2 Swaths	Estimated Cost: \$8,000.00
504 012 124199 Dust Control, Road Maintenance, Up to 4 Applications	Estimated Cost: \$20,541.64
Mayfield Township	
504 014 124302 Mayfield Township Signs and Installation (9 Signs)	Estimated Cost: \$1,305.78
Oregon Township	
504 017 124602 Oregon Township Replace 36"x50' Cross Culvert, Oregon between Washburn and Elba	Estimated Cost: \$4,800.00
504 017 124607 Ditching, Pero Lake Road from Indian to Culvert at Curve	Estimated Cost: \$54,612.00
489 017 124608 2,600 Ton Gravel, Pero Lake from Indian to Culvert at Curve	Estimated Cost: \$25,350.00

Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Suma, aye; Hodge, absent.

Two ayes. One Absent. Motion carried.

**Meetings Attended:**

Mr. Duckert stated that he and Mr. Suma, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Pearson and Ms. Daily attended the Blue Water Highway Council Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> and there was discussion regarding the liability and workers compensation insurance coverage debate in the event a county is successful in overseeing a Road Commission.

**Manager's Report:**

Mr. Pearson stated that there were five bidders for the lawn maintenance bid at the Lapeer Service Center.

**050210-052**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma, to approve the Lawn Maintenance bid tabulations for the Lapeer Service Center and award in the best interest of the Road Commission. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, absent. Two ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson went on to state that Arcadia Township is making plans to crush 100,000 ton of gravel to be placed on its roads. The Township is looking to collect bids for the hauling of the material. The Road Commission will bid this project as well. The Road Commission will level and brine the product when it is in place. Mr. Pearson explained that this is a very good investment by the Township as when new material is placed on the roads it makes the maintenance and dust control much easier.

Mr. Pearson explained that Mr. Tom Carr, Mr. Jostock and himself met with the asphalt contractor in Mayfield and Lapeer Townships to come to a resolve on the paving results on Farnsworth Road and Morris Road. Mr. Pearson stated that they are working on a compromise.

Mr. Pearson stated that he spoke with the Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division regarding additional patrols for the Lapeer area. Mr. Pearson stated that he was informed that they would respond when available if we call them. Mr. Pearson added that he will contact Lansing regarding other possible options as well.

Mr. Pearson explained that the crews are grading and working on Klam Road patches and approaches in the North Branch area. Mr. Pearson stated that he also has a crew in Lapeer doing crack sealing on some primary roads.

**Engineering Report:**

Mr. Mainz reported that the next M-53 Corridor Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. and they will be discussing the Incident Plan.

Mr. Doyle asked the Board to approve the renewal of the Haul Route Agreement with Mr. Don Sisson. Mr. Doyle stated that this agreement has been in place for several years and very little product has been removed from the facility.

**050210-053**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma, to approve the Haul Route with Mr. Don Sisson for hauling Class B Seasonal Loads on Blacks Corners Road from the facility entrance south on Blacks Corners Road to Bowers Road, thence east on Bowers Road to Van Dyke Road. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, absent. Two ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Doyle reported that the Safety Projects are underway and the hill cut that was supposed to take only one week has been delayed for much longer. Mr. Doyle stated that they started the hill cut and then it rained and since there weren't any ditches the water didn't have anywhere to drain and it got very saturated with water. The stone was then added and there was more rain and the clay is now seeping into the stone. Mr. Doyle

stated that it is a very unfortunate situation for the residents because the detour around the project is very long. Mr. Doyle stated that the tree cutting is almost complete. Mr. Doyle stated that he expects the guardrail to be placed once the paving is complete, but the paving will be held up until the hill cut it ready.

Mr. Doyle explained that the Genesee Planning Commission has had some changes in their staff and it is hopeful that the new staff will be able to handle the responsibilities better.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Chris Maasch, 1000 Angle Road, Lapeer

Mr. Maasch was present to ask the Board for a variance to the bonding requirement for placing a commercial driveway. Mr. Maasch stated that he would like to be able to use a surety bond for the \$7,500 bond requirement. Mr. Maasch presented the Board with a list of approved surety companies as supplied by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Mr. Pearson stated that he can speak for Mr. Maasch, as he has known him for a long time, and also explained that he has done work for the Road Commission and is trustworthy. Mr. Pearson recommended that the bond be reduced to \$500 or \$1,000 and allow the remainder in a Surety Bond.

**050210-054**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma, to approve the one-time variance for Mr. Chris Maasch for the commercial drive on Saginaw Street to allow a cash bond of \$1,000 and the remainder in the form of a surety bond. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, absent. Two ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Doyle stated that he would also recommend that a variance be approved for the driveway construction to be allowed to proceed without the required hydraulic study and allow an 18" driveway culvert at this time. The variance is contingent upon the understanding that should a larger culvert be needed in the future, it shall be replaced by the applicant.

**050210-055**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma, to allow a variance for the driveway construction to be allowed to proceed without the required hydraulic study and allow an 18" driveway culvert at this time. The variance is contingent upon the understanding that should a larger culvert be needed in the future, is shall be replaced by the applicant.

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

Ms. Catherine Carrette, Mr. Bob Glaser 2668 Miller Road

Ms. Carrette was present to explain to the Board that the brush along Miller Road south of Hunters Creek is creeping into the road and scratching vehicles when two vehicles meet. Ms. Carrette presented photos to the Board of the overgrowth along the road and at the intersection. Mr. Glaser went on to state that the 200 yard section needs to be brush axed. Mr. Glaser explained that he tries to cut back the brush himself with a chain saw, but it is a difficult process. Mr. Glaser stated that they had been to Attica Township and gave their concern to the clerk and have called the township several times.

Mr. Pearson stated that he will get together with the District Foreman and the Township Supervisor to see what can be done. Mr. Glaser and Ms. Carrette stated that they would appreciate the help.

**Board Discussion:**

Mr. Duckert stated that he had a resident ask if we could take a look at the intersection of Hollow Corners Road and Hollow Pine. Mr. Duckert explained that the water drainage and grader blade has cut into the intersection. Mr. Pearson stated that he will have the District Foreman look at the location.

Mr. Duckert stated that he was pleased with the way the intersection of M-21 and Summers Road looks after the trees have been removed and the mowing was complete.

Mr. Duckert also stated that there is a section of roadway on Weyer Road that looks like it is going to break off. It is near the farm of Mr. Dick Vandenberg.

Mr. Suma declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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Douglas Hodge, Chairman

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary