

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 11, 2012
5:00 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Douglas Hodge, Chairman; 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; Mr. William Meinz, County Highway Engineer.

Also in attendance: Mr. Charles Buckel (LCRC), Mr. Richard Brandt (Hadley Township), Mr. Gary Howell, Ms. Nancy Elliott

Mr. Douglas Hodge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approve Agenda:

071112-070

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:

071112-071

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

Approve Minutes For: Regular Meeting 06/27/12

Approve Payment of Bills: \$634,429.95

Approve Projects:

Mayfield Township

504 014 124303 Replace 12"x40' X-Tube, Slater Road between Haines and Daley Estimated Cost: \$1,500.00

504 014 124304 Crack Seal, Pepperridge Subdivision Estimated Cost: \$8,000.00

504 014 124305 Ditching/Haul/Level 2300T Gravel, From Pit to Township, Township to purchase gravel direct from Weber @ \$4.90/Ton, Roods Lake Road between Vernor and Byers Estimated Cost: \$30,600.00

504 014 124306 Overlay, Farnsworth Road between Vernor and Sawdust Corners Estimated Cost: \$125,377.82

504 014 124307 Crack Seal, Sandhurst, Shadow Tree and Tackwood Estimated Cost: \$4,000.00

504 014 124308 50 Hours of Brush Mowing, To be Performed by Kappen Estimated Cost: \$4,181.00

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

Meetings Attended:

Mr. Suma reported that he had attended the Arcadia Township Meeting on Tuesday.

Manager’s Report:

Mr. Pearson explained that this is a slow period for the Road Commission due to the holiday.

Mr. Pearson went on to state that the Governor signed into law a few Bills that will affect the Road Commission, including Public Acts 225, 252, and 262, which deal with funding, farm axle weights and a required flashing beacon for snow plowing.

Mr. Pearson stated that we currently have the following hauls for the Townships: limestone and gravel in Dryden, and gravel in Arcadia and Lapeer Townships. Mr. Pearson extended a “thank you” to the Townships for investing in their roads, which benefits the residents, the Township and the Road Commission.

Mr. Pearson explained that the chip seal program was complete and that program went well, as we had good drying weather. Mr. Pearson stated that according to the Michigan Department of Transportation Maintenance Coordinator, the railroad bridge project on M-24 was ahead of schedule, and the other bridge to the north was moving along well also with the dry weather.

Mr. Pearson stated that he had started the 2013 budget process and was happy to report that the grant money was quite significant for the coming year and the required matching funds were minimal.

Mr. Pearson went on to state that Metamora Township has requested their second brine application. Mr. Pearson explained that if we were to receive some rain then the roads would get graded back into shape.

Engineering Report

Mr. Mainz stated that the Millville Road bridge replacement was coming along well. Mr. Mainz explained that the expansion joint was replaced along with the pier area below the joint where the concrete had corroded away over time and had rebar exposed. Mr. Mainz went on to state that Lake Nepessing Road from the railroad tracks to John Conley Drive will hopefully be ready for pavement next week and the contractor on Imlay City Road has completed the topping and will begin the restoration next. A brief discussion was held regarding the surface deviation report that was created for the two mile area. Mr. Mainz noted that the report is just an indicator of a variation in the road surface, and he will continue to work with James P. Contracting to negotiate a solution. It was also stated that approximately seventy mailboxes will have to be moved closer to the paved roadway.

Mr. Doyle reported that the contractor has returned to complete the restoration for the High Risk Rural Roads project in Hadley Township. Mr. Doyle reminded the Board that he will not pay the contractor until all of the punch-list items are complete. Mr. Doyle explained that the CN railroad was going to be making repairs to the crossings on Lake Nepessing Road and Maple Leaf Road. Mr. Doyle urged CN to work on Lake Nepessing Road while it was closed for the other improvements. The Railroad stated that they would attempt to accommodate, but were still waiting for authorization for this crossing.

Mr. Doyle spoke about Bullock Road and urged everyone to drive over there and look at it, as it looks amazing. Mr. Doyle stated that the water marks on the trees indicate nearly an six feet reduction in water depth.

Mr. Doyle informed the Board that the preparation work for the Millville/Oregon intersection has begun for the moving of the utilities and fiber lines with the utility companies including Detroit Water, and the involved schools.

Mr. Doyle also stated that he had some positive news regarding the assessment proposal for Barnes Lake. Mr. Doyle went on to explain that a resident had secured 95% of the needed signatures for the improvement of half of the roadway.

Public Comment:

Mr. Gary Howell

Mr. Howell explained that he was present to educate himself on the Road Commission issues. He added that he thinks the improvement to Barnes Lake is a great idea, but thinks the two year timeline is very optimistic.

Mr. Richard Brandt, Hadley Township Trustee

Mr. Brandt spoke about House Bill 4790 which deals with competitive bidding for townships and road commissions for unpaved projects that are more than \$25,000 and for paved projects that are over \$50,000 if the township contributes more than 50%. Mr. Pearson stated that he was somewhat familiar with the bill, and would continue to watch it as it moves through committees.

Mr. Brandt also spoke about a bump in the road on Herd Road, north of Davenport. Mr. Brandt stated that the dip is causing vehicles to hit bottom. Mr. Brandt stated that the road was cut years ago in that area.

Mr. Brandt spoke about a request for the Township to take over Star Meadow Court. Mr. Doyle stated that the Road Commission has a packet that explains the process to convert a road from private to public. It was stated that the process is difficult and hasn't been completed in many years.

Mr. Brandt spoke about some loose chip seal stone at the intersection of Green Corners and Pratt Roads. Mr. Pearson stated that he will use the broom truck if needed to sweep the area.

Finally, Mr. Brandt asked the Board when the roadside mowing was going to begin in his Township. Mr. Pearson explained that Mr. Jostock stated he will begin on Monday, the 16th.

Mr. Hodge declared the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Douglas Hodge, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary