

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 8, 2012
8:00 a.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. Norman Snoblen (LCRC); Mr. Gary Howell; Mr. Richard Brandt, Hadley Township; Mr. Dale Hunt and Mr. Jeff Spears, Land Services, Inc.

Mr. Douglas Hodge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approve Agenda:

080812-074

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:

080812-075

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

Approve Minutes For: Regular Meeting 07/25/2012

Approve Payment of Bills: \$946,358.42

Approve Projects:

Elba Township

504 008 123711 Replace 18”X36’ Cross Culvert and Ditching, South Shore between Highland and the Dead-End
Estimated Cost: \$3,100.00

489 008 123712 Spread and Level 1800 Ton 23A Limestone, Hasler Lake between Farm Hill and Stewart
Estimated Cost: \$31,230.00

Imlay Township

504 011 124005 2nd Brining, Road Maintenance Estimated Cost: \$10,215.63

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

Meetings Attended:

Mr. Suma stated that the Commissioners and Management Team attended the Quarterly Blue Water Highway Council Meeting which was hosted by Lapeer County. Mr. Suma explained that the topic of the Keregnondi water pipeline from Lake Huron to Flint was very informative, even though there was a power outage at the meeting location.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Pearson explained that he gave a presentation regarding transportation funding to a small group of people at Vo-Tech on July 30, 2012 at the request of Representative Kevin Daly. Mr. Pearson stated that although there were not many in attendance, those that were there walked away better educated on the subject.

Mr. Pearson stated that he will have the 2013 Budget ready for review at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Engineering Report

Mr. Meinz explained that the Imlay City Road project is complete, but the signs and barrels still need to be removed. Mr. Meinz stated that the contractor must still re-apply the fog seal on the section that was diamond cut. Mr. Meinz explained to the Board that payment will be held until the project is complete.

Mr. Meinz went on to state that the CN Railroad has now closed Lake Nepessing Road at the railroad tracks for an upgrade. This closure is only until Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Meinz informed the Board that Superior Concrete company is open for 30 days to accommodate the concrete slab repair on I-69, which creates an unexpected inconvenience for the road repair crew.

Mr. Meinz also explained that he is reviewing his bridge list for those needing repair.

Mr. Meinz explained that the CN railroad tracks at Wilder Road and M-24 will be repaired in 2013.

Mr. Doyle added that he submitted the 2014 High Risk Rural Road application.

Mr. Doyle spoke briefly about two haul routes that have expired and he has contacted the owners to see if they are interested in extending their contracts.

Discussion was held regarding Elba Township's desire to put money into Golf and Hunt Roads. It was stated that prior to placing the overlay, they may do curb and gutter for better drainage.

Public Comment:

Mr. Jeff Spears & Mr. Dale Hunt, Land Services, Inc.

Mr. Jeff Spears was present to speak to the Board about the proposed Oil and Gas Lease that was presented to Mr. Pearson on June 25, 2012. Mr. Spears stated that his company would like to enter into a five year lease for the 114.9 acres at \$20.00 per acre and a 1/8 royalty of any oil produced and \$25.00 per acres for any additional years after the five year time period.

Mr. Hodge stated that it was his opinion that he hated to encumber Road Commission property when the property is currently for sale. Mr. Spears and Mr. Hunt stated that a mutual clause could be added to cover the transfer of property. It was also stated that if the Road Commission waits too long, the client may decide to go elsewhere and the offer would no longer be available. Mr. Hodge stated that in his opinion, he didn't care if that happened.

Mr. Pearson explained that he considered the property to be taxpayer property and was not sure we have the rights to lease the public owned property in this way. Mr. Hunt stated that his company has leased from Road Commissions all around the state. Mr. Hunt went on to add that they have leased 14,000 acres.

The Board stated that they will hold off on a decision until a current purchase proposal on the property is considered in Executive Session.

Mr. Richard Brandt, Hadley Township Trustee

Mr. Brandt stated that he was still concerned about the dip on Herd Road. Mr. Pearson explained that he did go out there shortly after Mr. Brandt mentioned it at the last meeting, but didn't see anything significant.

Mr. Hodge congratulated Mr. Howell on a successful Road Commissioner primary election. Mr. Howell congratulated Mr. Suma on his win in the Drain Commissioner primary election.

080812-076

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to move into Executive Session at 8:45 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the sale of real estate. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Hodge, aye, Duckert, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

At 9:05 a.m. Mr. Hodge reopened the regular meeting.

080812-077

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to deny the offer on the Old State Road property. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Hodge, aye, Duckert, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hodge declared the meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Douglas Hodge, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary