

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 22, 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

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

Approve Agenda:

082012-078

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:

082012-079

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

Approve Minutes For: Committee of the Whole 08/06/12
Regular Meeting 08/08/12

Approve Payment of Bills: \$725,197.70

Approve Projects:

Almont Township

504 001 123008 2nd Mowing, Single Swath, To be Performed by Priehs Estimated Cost: \$3,679.50

Arcadia Township

504 002 123102 Replace X-Tube on Cedar Lake at Vernor 18"x30' Estimated Cost: \$1,850.00

Burlington Township

489 004 123300 3500 Ton Gravel on Millington Road between Jefferson and Merrill Estimated Cost: \$28,070.00

504 004 123301 Remove Berm from Millington Road between Jefferson and Merrill Estimated Cost: \$2,500.00

Burnside Township

489 005 123402 Trucking of Gravel from Bechtels Sand & Gravel to various spots in Township, 4878 Ton
Estimated Cost: \$18,780.30

Hadley Township

489 010123910 Spread, Level and Brine Only, 15,000 Ton Gravel Estimated Cost: \$12,750.00

Marathon Township

504 013 124206 Replace X-Tube on Howell between Pine Hill and Marathon 18"x36' Estimated Cost: \$1,890.00

504 013 124207 Replace X-Tube on Castle between Marathon & Klam 18" x 30' Estimated Cost: \$2,100.00

Oregon Township

489 017 124611 Build Up Low Area- Smith Road- 500' in Length Estimated Cost: \$4,000.00

504 017 124612 Skinner Lake Road, Ditching and Stone Estimated Cost: \$7,425.00

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

Meetings Attended:

Mr. Suma reported that he had watched the online Live Town Hall broadcast from Governor Snyder on August 21, 2012.

Mr. Duckert stated that he also attended an interesting meeting that was held by the DeKalb Seed Company and Michigan Corn Growers Association, which gave statistics regarding the incredible increase in grain production in the past twenty years and the expectation for that number to double again by 2025. Mr. Duckert went on to state that this corn is not moved by boat or rail, but all by trucks and also the fertilizer is now all being trucked due to the Mississippi River water level being too low for barge usage.

Manager's Report:

082012-080

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma to approve the request for Mr. Pearson to attend the Superintendents Conference October 3-5, 2012. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Hodge, aye, Duckert, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson went on to stated that the salt bid prices came \$1.60 less per ton than last year at \$43.42. Mr. Pearson went on to state that this decrease is a significant savings with the quantities that we purchase.

Mr. Pearson stated that he will be sending four employees, three maintenance and one foreman to the Winter Operations Seminar in Lansing from October 16-17, 2012. Mr. Pearson stated that the conference includes 22 different presentations about equipment, plowing, salting and wetting operations.

Mr. Pearson stated that MDOT is bringing back the salt shed program and he believes that it is time to take a look at this again and get it scheduled for construction.

Mr. Pearson explained that he spoke with Mark from Blumerich Communications Service and Jeff at Central Dispatch and they stated that beginning Tuesday, September 4, 2012 the new radio system equipment will start to be installed in the trucks and equipment and eventually the base stations.

Mr. Pearson stated that inventory will take place on October 5 and 6, 2012.

Engineering Report

Mr. Meinz stated that Imlay City Road is almost complete; it is lacking a couple small signs that need to be placed and Lake Pleasant is open once again and the grass is growing nicely. Mr. Meinz went on to state that there was a water issue near the Fiber Link building that CN Railroad has stated they will fix it if possible.

Mr. Meinz explained that the M-24 project for 2013 is being planned and options are being reviewed for a detour around the thoroughfare.

Mr. Meinz informed the Board that MDOT would be coming on the 29th to do a field drive around the County for review of future projects.

Mr. Doyle stated that he is preparing the paperwork for the improvements at Millville and Oregon and Newark and Lake Pleasant.

Public Comment:

No public comment was received.

082012-081

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to move to Executive Session at 5:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a real estate transaction. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Hodge, aye, Duckert, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

082012-82

Motion by Mr. Duckert seconded by Mr. Suma to approve the minutes of the Executive Session and return to Regular meeting at 5:50 p.m. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried

Open Discussion:

Mr. Duckert spoke briefly about the letter which was sent to Imlay Township regarding the options that are available to the Township for repairing Bowman Road.

Mr. Hodge declared the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Douglas Hodge, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary