

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 23, 2013
5:00 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman

In Attendance: Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Linette Daily, Secretary to the Board; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. William Meinz, County Highway Engineer; Mr. Ryan Doyle, Assistant Engineer; Mr. Charles Buckel; Ms. Marcia Cronin; Ms. Michele Filipiak; Mr. Joe Suma

Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Lapeer County Road Commission Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

012313-016

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the agenda. Two ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

012313-017

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Organizational Meeting minutes dated January 7, 2013 and the Regular Meeting minutes dated January 9, 2013. Two ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

012313-018

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve disbursements dated January 24, 2013 in the amount of \$285,619.20. Two ayes. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson explained that to date the Road Commission had used 3,100 ton of salt, and had 6,400 ton remaining in the barns.

Mr. Pearson gave an explanation of the MTF worksheet that is prepared for Board Meetings which contains inputs and outputs.

Mr. Pearson spoke briefly about Public Act 421 of 2012 regarding the increase in fees for the maintenance for the railroad crossings consisting of signals with signs, circuitry or crossing gates and other appurtenances. Mr. Pearson stated that for Lapeer County this means charges will go from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Mr. Pearson explained that he has asked for an itemized bill before paying the charges.

Mr. Pearson stated that the crews are still cleaning up trees from the winds on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Pearson explained that once annual bids are completed, he would like to look at possible paving bids, which will include a project for MDOT for northbound M-24 in the city.

Mr. Pearson also stated the DEQ was scheduled to conduct an audit with MDOT's Bay Region, so we will be on standby if any of our projects need to be inspected.

ENGINEERING REPORT

012313-019

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell, to approve the contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Lapeer County Road Commission for hot mix asphalt paving work along Lake Pleasant Road from Martus Road northerly to Burnside Road; including crushing and shaping, aggregate shoulder, and guardrail work; and all together with necessary related work, and allow Mr. Howell and Mr. Duckert to sign same. Two ayes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Mainz stated that this project will begin in June 2013.

Mr. Mainz asked for approval of the following resolution, which has a 2013 call for 2016 construction. Mr. Mainz went on to state that the project is a primary road and is funded 95% with the Road Commission also being responsible for the engineering costs.

012313-020

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell, to approve the following Resolution in Support of Bridge Replacement Project for Saginaw Road over the South Branch of the Flint River. Roll Call: Mr. Howell, aye; Mr. Duckert, aye. Mr. Hemmingsen, absent. Two Ayes. Motion Carried.

WHEREAS, the Saginaw Road Bridge over the South Branch of the Flint River in Section 29 of Mayfield Township of Lapeer County is structurally and geometrically deficient; and,

WHEREAS, the Lapeer County Road Commission wishes to have a fast, safe and efficient transportation network for its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Lapeer County has experienced growth and continues to grow placing further burden on the transportation network; and,

WHEREAS, the Lapeer County Road Commission has recommended that the Wilder Road Bridge over the South Branch of the Flint River be replaced because of its structural deficiencies; and,

WHEREAS, the Lapeer County Road Commission has reviewed a cost estimate for replacement of this bridge; and,

WHEREAS, the Lapeer County Road Commission will apply for Federal Aid funding through the Michigan Department of Transportation to replace this bridge; and,

WHEREAS, the Lapeer County Road Commission is actively pursuing participation in the replacement of this structure.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners is in support of this project and is aware of the financial obligation to fund its share for replacement of this structure.

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Mr. Mainz presented the bid tabulations for the Traffic Signal Maintenance. Mr. Mainz stated that the contract is for two years and two bids were received. Mr. Mainz went on to state that the two bidders, Sky Electric and J. Ranck Electric have both been good vendors for the Road Commission.

Ms. Marsha Kroman was present on behalf of Sky Electric and she stated that they have the contract with Metamora and Imlay City and they would like to continue the contract with the Road Commission. Mr. Mainz explained that Sky Electric has had the contract for the past two years, and J. Ranck prior to that. Mr. Howell stated that the Road Commission is obligated to award the bid to the lowest bidder when there is not quality of work issues.

012313-021

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell, to approve the bid tabulations for the 2013-2014 Traffic Signal Maintenance and award in the best interest of the County for J. Ranck Electric. Two ayes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Mainz went on to state that he was going to Rich Township in February to speak about the Squaw Creek Road Bridge that he will have to submit by May 1st if they would like to replace it. Mr. Mainz stated that they would like to get a better explanation of the different options they have for building the bridge.

Mr. Doyle stated that the engineering firm, Wilcox Associates, went out of business and were a vendor we used for several projects. The upcoming project on Lake Pleasant Road was designed by Wilcox, and was to include construction inspecting. Mr. Doyle is hopeful that the former employees will still be available to do the work.

Mr. Doyle also stated that he had received a verbal confirmation that the High Risk Rural Road projects had been awarded and those will be between 90-100% funded.

PUBLIC TIME

Mr. Joe Suma, Drain Commissioner

Mr. Suma complimented Mr. Doyle on securing the funding for the High Risk Rural Road projects. Mr. Suma went on to state that he will work with the Road Commission whenever needed.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Howell stated that he received the letter that was sent to Mr. Tubbs regarding the details that were discussed at the December 12, 2012 meeting. Mr. Howell stated that he was not a Commissioner at that time, but was in attendance at that meeting and would like to confirm on the record that the deadline to get approval from the neighbor, have the survey completed and commit to funding was 60 days.

012313-022

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Duckert, to confirm that the Board did grant 60 days, or until February 12, 2013 to obtain the neighbor's written permission for the necessary grading easement, have a survey and design completed for the hill cut required to obtain a minimum of 500' of sight distance from the proposed driveway location, and commit to funding the necessary construction for the required hill cut. Two ayes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Duckert stated that the four way stop signs that have been placed at the intersection of Hollow Corners and Howland are nice, but now he has noticed that there is brush in the way when you pull up to stop. Mr. Duckert stated that he is not sure if the brush is in the right of way.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary