

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 12, 2012**  
**8:00 a.m.**

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Present: Mr. Douglas Hodge, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Member

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

**Approve Agenda:**

**121212-107**

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

Mr. Suma arrived at 8:03 a.m.

**Financial Report Review:**

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

**Consent Agenda:**

**121212-108**

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

Approve Minutes For: Regular Meeting 11/28/12

Approve Payment of Bills: \$318,383.89

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

**Managing Director Report:**

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that he had received a ballot from the County Road Association of Michigan, which is asking all 83 Michigan Road Commissions to contribute a one-time \$1,000 to assist with lobbying for the Road Commissions. Mr. Hodge stated that he believed the County Road Association already had staff that was hired to lobby and work in the best interest of the Road Commissions. Mr. Duckert and Mr. Suma concurred. Lapeer County will not participate in this assessment.

Discussion was then held regarding HB 4790 which involves Township Competitive Bidding. Mr. Pearson stated that we already do competitive bidding for most of our work through our annual bids.

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that he had been misinformed regarding the availability of the funding for the new salt barn through the Michigan Department of Transportation. Mr. Pearson went on to state that he would like to continue with the plans to build the barn with a 2014 target date. Mr. Pearson explained that the new facility will hold 3,500 ton of salt and will include a loading area. Mr. Pearson stated that a similar barn was recently constructed in Saginaw and it cost \$400,000.

Mr. Pearson informed the Board that the new heavy duty cab and chassis had arrived and adjustments were being made to accommodate the blade installation.

Mr. Pearson spoke about an offer from an individual to purchase Ribble Pit. Mr. Pearson stated that the pit is a 40 acre parcel owned by the County of Lapeer and the Road Commission. Mr. Pearson stated that there is still some material in the pit and the Road Commission isn't interested at this time to sell it.

**Engineering Report:**

Mr. Mainz gave an update on his 2013 projects. Mr. Mainz stated that the Rural Task Force meeting will be held at the Lapeer County Road Commission on January 16, 2013, and the joint meeting with Shiawassee County will be held on February 6, 2013.

Mr. Mainz went on to state that he has submitted the bridge projects to the townships for their approval of the 2016 applications.

Mr. Doyle stated that the RFP for DEQ Permits for the next two years are due on Monday, December 17, 2012.

Mr. Doyle went on to state that he is on the County Road Association of Michigan Engineering Subcommittee for weight uniformity and the discussion continues regarding regional frost restriction districts. Mr. Doyle explained that most counties are not happy with this idea, but it will probably happen. Mr. Doyle explained that there will be possibly six or seven districts for the state, and the on/off dates will be set using the weather and FWHA formulas as indicators. Mr. Doyle stated that they are now working on how to implement the program and will run a test this winter.

Mr. Doyle explained that discussion has taken place regarding the bid specifications for pavement and how much Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) should be allowed.

Mr. Doyle informed the Board that he did inspect the Howland and Hollow Corners intersection and has submitted a request to the Township for their approval of a four way stop. Mr. Doyle explained that the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices allow the placement of the four way stop in this location.

**Public Comment**

**Mr. Brad Tubbs, 3080 Hasler Lake Road, Lapeer**

Mr. Tubbs began by apologizing for placing his current culvert without a permit. Mr. Tubbs stated that he intended to place the driveway in this location ever since he bought the property in 1988. Mr. Tubbs explained that he needed the driveway installed now in order to place the ten inches of cobblestone down for the trucks to use the driveway. Mr. Tubbs stated that Mr. Rick Brandt from Hadley Township said the driveway location looked okay. Mr. Tubbs went on to state that he owned 3,000 feet of frontage, and didn't place the driveway in this location when he purchased the property because he didn't want people back there. Mr. Doyle stated that he would not approve the current location of the driveway due to lack of sight distance. Mr. Doyle explained that the hill would have to be cut in order to gain additional sight distance. Mr. Tubbs explained that Mr. Cory Mabery informed him that the Road Commission should grant a variance since the road is not wide enough. Mr. Doyle stated that if the hill is cut, the neighbor's driveway will have to be cut back significantly to accommodate the one and a half foot change. Mr. Tubbs stated that he would rather not have to make a change in the neighbor's drive. Mr. Doyle stated that he would be willing to allow a variance up to 500 feet, and that includes the hill cut.

Mr. James Gatton, Permit Foreman, explained that he went to the location after he received a complaint from a foreman regarding the placement of the new driveway. Mr. Gatton stated that the top of the hill is the safest location for a driveway and the current location is an accident waiting to happen.

Mr. Hodge asked why Mr. Tubbs doesn't continue to use the driveway at the top of the hill. Mr. Tubbs explained that he has been leasing the barn since 2008 and doesn't want to use that same driveway.

Mr. Doyle stated that he will not allow a variance with less than 500 feet of sight distance.

Mr. Suma and Mr. Duckert stated that if Mr. Tubbs can get written approval from the neighbor for reconstruction of his driveway to accommodate the hill cut and he pays for the necessary survey work and construction, they would be willing to approve the variance. Mr. Hodge concurred with this request.

**Mr. Gary Howell**

Mr. Howell stated that the proposed Organization Meeting set for January 2, 2013 would not work for him, but he would be available on January 7, 2013.

**121212-109**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma to move the Organizational Meeting from January 2, 2013 to January 7 at 8:00 a.m. and move the Committee of the Whole to 9:00 a.m.. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Hodge, aye Duckert, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hodge declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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Douglas Hodge, Chairman

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary