

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, March 26, 2008  
5:10 p.m.**

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Present: Mr. Dale Duckert, Chairman; Mr. Joseph Suma, Member

Excused: Mr. Douglas Hodge, Vice Chairman

In Attendance: Mr. William Meinz, County Highway Engineer; Mr. Ryan Doyle, Assistant Engineer; Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Ms. Linette Daily, Secretary to the Board

Also in attendance: Mr. Orrie Smith and Mr. Tom Carr.

Mr. Dale Duckert, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

**Approve Agenda:**

**032608-061**

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the agenda.

Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, absent; Suma, aye. Two ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

**032608-062**

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

Consent Agenda:

Approve Minutes For: Special Meeting 03/10/08

Approve Payment of Bills: \$235,846.00

Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, absent, Suma, aye. Two ayes, one absent. Motion carried

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee Report:**

Mr. Duckert reported that the Finance Committee met at 5:00 p.m. and approved the payment of bills in the amount of \$235,846.00.

**Manager's Report:**

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that the bids had been tabulated for the Volvo 330 excavator, which had been declared surplus previously. Mr. Pearson asked the Board to approve the bid tabulations.

**032608-063**

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Bid Tabulations for the Volvo 330 Excavator and award in the best interest of the County.

Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, absent. Two ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson went on to state that the foremen were selling some gravel and there was some township work being approved for the upcoming construction season. Mr. Pearson stated that the annual intersection sweep and catch basin cleanup was being planned for next week. Mr. Pearson stated that there was also grading, tree cutting and blacktop patching work in all garages.

**Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Meinz reported that he submitted the Hutchinson Road Bridge project to the DEQ three weeks ago and needs that approval to move forward. Mr. Meinz stated that this approval usually takes 90 days, but he will order the box by April 30, 2008 to secure the current price.

Mr. Meinz also stated that he must submit the next Safety Project Application by Friday and will easily meet that deadline.

Mr. Meinz stated that the Frost Laws are still in effect.

Mr. Doyle stated that the tree removal is taking place on Hammond Road for the sewer project.

Mr. Doyle went on to state that the High Risk Rural Road bids came in less than the estimates. Mr. Doyle also stated that the permit compliance was going well.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Orrie Smith, Weighmaster

Mr. Smith stated that truck traffic has decreased with Frost Laws and the usual speeding traffic on M-24 was keeping him busy. Mr. Smith spoke briefly about the Lapeer County Road Commission Fee Schedule and his recommendation to increase fees.

Mr. Larry Van Horn, 2792 Carpenter Road, Lapeer, MI 48446

Mr. Van Horn asked the Board if they had plans for the proceeds from the sale of the excavator. Mr. Pearson stated that he was planning to purchase an additional truck and possibly some new swipes for the trucks.

Mr. Gary Roy, County Commissioner

Mr. Roy asked about the Bridge Fund and the management staff provided details. Mr. Pearson stated that the Bridge Fund is very important to the Road Commission and the Townships as it provides an opportunity for the Townships to fund the expensive replacements of the rural bridges.

Mr. Roy gave an update of the state of the County and explained some of the shortfalls the County was facing. Mr. Roy stated that the County was consolidating departments where it was appropriate and reducing staff by attrition. Mr. Roy stated that the County does not want to lay off any on its workers, so they are having to find ways to save funds wherever possible. Mr. Roy stated that the County projects a monetary shortfall by 2010 or 2011. Discussion was also held regarding the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Department and it's reduced workload.

**032608-064**

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, absent. Two ayes, one absent. Motion carried.

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Dale Duckert, Chairman

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary