

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, April 22, 2009  
5:00 p.m.**

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Present: Mr. Douglas Hodge, Chairman; Mr. Joseph Suma, Vice Chairman

Absent: Mr. Dale Duckert, Member

In Attendance: Ms. Tami Erickson, Acting Board Secretary/Chief Financial Officer; Mr. William Meinz, County Highway Engineer; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director.

Also in attendance: Mr. Charles Buckel

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

**Approve Agenda:**

**042209-074**

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

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

**Financial Report Review:**

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

**042209-075**

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Hodge to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$228,217.89.

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

**Consent Agenda:**

**042209-076**

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

Approve Minutes For: Committee of the Whole 04/06/09

Finance Meeting 04/08/09

Regular Meeting 04/08/09

Approve Payment of Bills: \$228,217.89

Approve Projects:

**Almont Township**

504 001 903004	Replace 18" x 40' X-Tube and Rip Rap, Shoemaker between Tubsprings and General Squier	Estimated Cost:	\$2,000.00
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**Dryden Township**

504 007 903601	Ditching 600 Feet, Pull Stumps, Seed and Mulch, Thornville Between Dryden and Casey	Estimated Cost:	\$3,407.40
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504 007 903602	Replace 18" x 48' Cross Culvert, Ditch 400 Feet, Seed and Mulch, Crawford and Havens Intersection	Estimated Cost:	\$5,220.00
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504 007 903603	Replace X-Tube – 18" x 40', Bohlman Road between Sutton and Hollow Corners	Estimated Cost:	\$2,000.00
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504 007 903604	Replace X-Tube – 18” x 40’, Lake George between Crawford and Casey	Estimated Cost:	\$2,000.00
504 007 903605	Replace X-Tube – 18” x 48’, Bordman Road between Bishop and Secord Lake	Estimated Cost:	\$2,400.00
<b><u>Attica Township</u></b>			
489 003 903205	10,000 ton Gravel – Leveling and Brine Only, Various Local Roads	Estimated Cost:	\$8,500.00
504 003 903206	3,000 Ton Gravel – Leveling and Brine Only, Various Local Roads	Estimated Cost:	\$2,550.00
<b><u>Hadley Township</u></b>			
504 010 903900	Replace 30” x 50” Culvert, Hurd Road between Farmers Creek and Sutton	Estimated Cost:	\$3,300.00
504 010 903901	Install 18” x 40’ Cross Culvert, Washburn Road between Pratt and Bringham	Estimated Cost:	\$1,890.00
504 010 903902	Replace Cross Culvert- 18’ x 60’ and patch asphalt, Farmers Creek Wynn’s Mill Intersection	Estimated Cost:	\$4,400.00
<b><u>Elba Township</u></b>			
504 008 903705	Stop Sign Post Delineators, 81 @ \$9.00 each, Various local roads	Estimated Cost:	\$729.00
<b><u>Lapeer Township</u></b>			
504 012 904101	Replace 18”x46’ X-tube, Hunters Creek between Morris and Broker Roads	Estimated Cost:	\$2,200.00
504 012 904198	Dust Control- Up to 4 Applications, Road Maintenance	Estimated Cost:	\$23,249.84
504 012 904199	Roadside Mowing, Up to 2 Applications, LCRC Forces	Estimated Cost:	\$8,600.00
<b><u>Marathon Township</u></b>			
504 013 904200	Stop Sign Post Delineators, 39 @ \$9.00 each	Estimated Cost:	\$351.00
<b><u>Metamora Township</u></b>			
504-015-904402	Brush Mowing - Various Local Roads - Jostock Trucking	Estimated Cost:	\$8,518.50
504-015-904498	Dust Control-2 Applications with optional 3rd Partial, Road Maintenance	Estimated Cost:	\$24,056.24

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

**Committee Report**

Mr. Suma reported that he and Mr. Pearson attended the Township Supervisors Meeting and the MTA meeting on April 21, 2009. Mr. Suma stated that Mr. Pearson did an excellent job in his presentation, and felt the meeting went quite well.

**Managing Director Report:**

Mr. Pearson reported that he would like to present the bid tabulation for the Sign Truck Cab and Chassis equipment bids. Mr. Pearson stated that only one bid had been received from Weiland International. Mr. Pearson reported that this purchase was in the capital equipment budget for 2009. Mr. Pearson stated that the truck that this will be replacing is a 1996 vehicle, which is in need of being replaced before there is a major breakdown. Mr. Pearson stated that while we do have another sign truck, it is a small vehicle and not capable of pulling the sign trailer needed to close a road. Mr. Suma stated that he was surprised that only one bid had been received. Mr. Hodge inquired if the specs for the equipment had been too specific to allow for other bids from other companies. Mr. Pearson stated that the specs were standard specs for this type of vehicle. Mr. Buckel agreed with Mr. Pearson and stated that a lot of the other companies have gotten out of the truck building business.

**042209-077**

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Hodge to accept the Bid Tabulation for the Sign Truck and Chassis, and award the bids in the best interest of the County

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

Mr. Pearson reported that the Safety Policy's revision is complete, and asked the Board to approve said policy. Mr. Hodge inquired if the revised policy met with the approval of the Safety Committee. Mr. Pearson stated that the Safety Committee had been working on the revisions for 3 months, and they approved of all revisions.

**042209-078**

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Hodge to accept the Safety Policy and Safety Rules as presented.

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

Mr. Pearson reported that he attended the Township Supervisor's meeting to review road funding, and the history and evolution of the funding process between the Townships and the Road Commission. Mr. Pearson also stated that he received quite a few questions regarding the price difference between price for gravel provided to the Road Commission during annual bids, and the price being presented directly to the Townships. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Suma stated that there was also a discussion regarding overhead costs. Mr. Suma stated that many of the Townships are concerned that their overhead costs are going to increase as other Townships contract direct. Ms. Erickson stated that this is a good possibility. Ms. Erickson stated that as expense accounts to be distributed begin to decrease and overhead costs continue to increase; ultimately a higher rate would have to be charged to cover expenses.

Mr. Pearson reported that the 25 miles per hour speed limit signs in Oakland County are finally coming down. Mr. Pearson stated that Oakland County was told to remove the signs 2 years ago, as they are not legal.

**Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Mainz stated that he has the contract for the CMAQ projects, and would like the Board to approve the contract.

**042209-079**

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Hodge to approve the contract with MDOT for a left-turn lane at the intersection of Morris Road and Imlay City Road.

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

Mr. Mainz reported that the four safety projects were scheduled to begin last Tuesday, but had to be postponed due to the rain.

Mr. Mainz reported that he and Mr. Suma attended a meeting with Kmax, last Friday. Mr. Mainz stated that Representative Kevin Daley was also in attendance. Mr. Mainz stated that several options were reviewed and now it is up to Kmax to decide how they would like to proceed.

Mr. Mainz stated that on Monday, April 27th, he would be attending the M-53 Corridor meeting to be held at Goodland Township Hall at 10:00 a.m.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Tom Angellotti, Mayfield Township Resident

Mr. Angellotti inquired if anything was going to be altered on the southbound lane of Meyers Road in conjunction with the northbound safety project. Mr. Mainz stated that the southbound lanes would be redone to match the northbound, and that turn lanes would be added along with curb and gutter.

Mr. Pat Lockley, 70 W. Burnside Road, Fostoria, Michigan

Mr. Lockley stated that there is a tree on the edge of the road in front of his property, which needs to come down before it falls down. Mr. Lockley presented the Board of Road Commissioners with pictures. Mr. Pearson stated that he would get some prices to remove the tree that Mr. Lockley could take to the Township to see if they will fund the removal. Mr. Lockley stated that he does not want the wood after the tree is removed.

**Board Discussion:**

Mr. Suma stated that a resident contacted him regarding the intersection of Blacks Corners and Hunters Creek. Mr. Mainz stated that he would look at the intersection to see if there is a problem.

**042209-080**

Motion by Mr. Suma seconded by Mr. Hodge to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

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

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Douglas Hodge, Chairman

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary