

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 2, 2009
8:00 a.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. William Meinz, County Highway Engineer; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Ms. Linette Daily, Board Secretary.

Also in attendance: Mr. Charles Buckel, Mr. Geary Priehs, Mr. Tom Atkins, and Mrs. Nancy Angelotti.

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

Approve Agenda:

120209-185

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

Financial Report Review:

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

Consent Agenda:

120209-186

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following,
Approve Minutes For: Regular Meeting 11/18/09

Approve Payment of Bills: \$339,692.29

Approve Projects:

Dryden Township

504 007 903612 Replace 18" x 40' Cross Culvert, Hough Road between Havens and Lake George
Estimated Cost: \$2,100.00

Goodland Township

504 009 703801 Replace 18" x 40' X-Tube and Rip Rap, Reside between M-53 and Blacks Corners
Estimated Cost: \$2,000.00

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

Managing Director Report

120209-187

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

120209-188

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the OPEB Resolution to establish the Retiree Health Care Fund Trust, as presented. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye; Suma, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

120209-189

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Winter Maintenance Policy. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye; Suma, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson explained that the Lapeer County Road Commission along with other Road Commissions are informing the public that winter clean up time will be slower than usual. Mr. Pearson stated that he has had to reduce his staff ten percent and is working with thirteen percent less funding. Both of these things will affect how quickly the crews get the snow and ice cleared up. Mr. Pearson went on to explain that in the event all of the equipment is being used and small areas still need to be cleared, he may call upon the engineering department to assist. Mr. Pearson stated that the Winter Maintenance Policy will be followed as closely as possible, but there are always special instances. Mr. Pearson went on to state that with the purchase of the three new patrol wings, the operator can run the state and the shoulder at the same time. It was also stated that the wings can also work on some of the primaries.

Mr. Pearson stated he will be watching the budget closely, as last year with the heavy winter the expenses were \$1.2 over budget, of that the local budget was \$800,000 over.

Mr. Pearson spoke about the increased salt prices and the continued need to decrease costs. Mr. Pearson explained that the salt/sand mix is 2:1 to start the season and may move to 1:1 if needed as the season progresses. Mr. Pearson stated that the salt/sand mix doesn't work as well as the full salt application, but it does work and the pre-wetting will prevent some of the bouncing and keep more of the salt on the roadway. Mr. Pearson stated that we will have to step back with our level of service and the roads will have some slush on them.

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that the cost of the Newark Road culvert replacement was less than first estimated and he would like to commend the Imlay crew on a job well done. Mr. Priehs stated that the engineering department worked hard also, and the shop kept all of the equipment going.

Mr. Pearson explained that last year at this time we had already spent \$233,000 on winter maintenance and this year we haven't spent any.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Mainz asked the Board to approve the agreement with Kamax which explains the responsibility of funding.

120209-190

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve Preliminary Agreement with KAMAX and the County of Lapeer to disclose the responsibility of funding and invoice processing. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Kamax Project Engineer, Mr. Tom Atkins, gave a brief explanation of the short term plans Kamax has.

Mr. Mainz stated that the road project should be underway next August.

Mr. Doyle asked the Board to approve the Proposed 2010 Permit Fee Schedule after holding the Public Hearing on Monday.

120209-191

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma to approve the 2010 Proposed Fee Schedule as presented. Roll Call: Suma, aye; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

120209-192

Motion by Mr. Suma, seconded by Mr. Duckert to amend TCO #2(05)2009-In accordance with the Engineer's recommendation, that Willis Road over Cedar Creek between Summers Road and Blacks Corners Road in Burnside Township be posted at **3 Tons/No Trucks**.

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

120209-193

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Suma to approve TCO #4(12)2009- In accordance with the Engineer's recommendation, that Newark Road over Pine Creek between Wilder Road and Five Lakes Road be open to all legal traffic.

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

Mr. Meinz explained that the Imlay City Road project was due to let on April 2, 2010 and construction would begin in May.

Board Discussion

Mr. Duckert stated that persistence has paid off for Kamax in regard to the haul route improvement. Mr. Meinz added that this project had been in the works since 2005. Mr. Suma added that the haul route will benefit both Kamax and the Road Commission.

Discussion was held regarding the M-53 lane shift at Hollow Corners. Mr. Priehs stated that the rumble strips had been covered and the concrete barriers had been added.

Mr. Priehs explained that he is still finding damage from the intense rain storm earlier this year. Mr. Priehs explained that he is still jetting and excavating to keep waterways clear.

120209-194

Motion by Mr. Duckert seconded by Mr. Suma to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

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

Douglas Hodge, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary