

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 29, 2011
8:00 a.m.

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

Excused: Mr. Douglas Hodge, Chairman

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

Also in attendance: Mr. Charles Buckel, Deputy Orrie Smith

Mr. Joseph Suma, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approve Agenda:

062911-066

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

Financial Report Review:

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

Consent Agenda:

062911-067

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

Minutes For: Regular Meeting 06/15/11
Approve Payment of Bills: \$443,762.83

Approve Projects:

Burlington Township

504 004 113300

Replace X-Tubes on Law Road between Jefferson and Township Line 18"x34' Estimated Cost: \$1,734.00

Burnside Township

504 005 113403

Three culverts for North End of Brown School Road Estimated Cost: \$660.00

Lapeer Township

504 012 114108

Ditching on Maple Grove Road from 195 Maple Grove to 445 Maple Grove and Erosion Control
Estimated Cost: \$5,000.00

Rich Township

489 018 114701

Gravel Remaining Roads in Township, East of M-24 and South of Barnes, 13,000 Ton
Estimated Cost: \$110,500.00

504 018 114702

Replace X-Tube 18" x 30' Kelch Road north of Swaffer Estimated Cost: \$1,530.00

Motion carried.

Meetings Attended

Mr. Suma stated that he had attended the 2011 Thumb Area Public Officials Conference in Caro. Mr. Suma stated that the conference was hosted by the Emergency Managers of Lapeer, Sanilac, Tuscola and Huron Counties and explained the various roles each person plays when a disaster strikes.

Mr. Suma stated that he also attended the County Commission Committee of the Whole Meeting and stated that the major topics were hiring at the County and the management of dead trees in the forest property the County owns.

Managing Director Report

Mr. Pearson stated that the new tractor and mower in North Branch are working great. Mr. Pearson explained that the contractors were mowing the townships and some complaints had been received regarding this process. Mr. Pearson also stated that Metamora Township was hauling gravel, and Deerfield and Rich Townships would begin after the Fourth of July. Mr. Pearson explained that the Chip-Seal and Fog Seal were complete and he has received both complaints and compliments regarding the material.

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that a bid was being prepared for the additional mile of M-21 and those numbers will not be difficult to prepare, as the project is similar to the job last year.

Mr. Pearson then turned his attention to Mr. Geary Priehs, retiring Imlay District Foreman. Mr. Pearson stated that he has worked with Mr. Priehs for twenty four years and has never met anyone that was more dedicated to his position. Mr. Pearson praised Mr. Priehs' PR skills and ability to hustle up funds for the good of the road system. Mr. Pearson shared some memories from the past years and thanked Mr. Priehs' family for their patience and understanding while Geary was working for the Road Commission.

Engineering Report:

Mr. Mainz stated that the Castle Road Bridge was underway and the Kamax Haul Route repairs were still being worked on. Mr. Mainz reported that the concrete driveways were being replaced.

Mr. Mainz stated that the Imlay City Road Federal Aid project was going to be let on August 5th and construction will begin in September.

Mr. Mainz explained that the bridge inspections were underway and he was very pleased with the inspector that has been hired to do the inspections.

Mr. Doyle stated that he followed up on the variance request on Hayes and Oregon for the farmer to place a driveway across from an existing drive on the opposite side of the road. Mr. Doyle stated that the site distance is 350 feet and he would like to suggest that the Board deny the request. Mr. Mainz added that this amount is below the minimum required for this type of request. Mr. Duckert stated that this roadway carries 3,000 cars a day and many at high rates of speed. There is also a chance that this driveway could become a residential drive and the usage would become daily and a safety issue for the motorists.

Mr. Mainz stated that a speed study was conducted for Mayfield Township for Millville Road from Davis Lake to Reamer Road and the 85th percentile was between 59 and 60 mph. Mr. Mainz was astonished to discover that 15-16% of the drivers exceeded 65 mph between Davis Lake and Oregon. Mr. Mainz explained that this study was completed last week when school was out of session.

Mr. Doyle explained that the High Risk Rural Roads project was nearly complete in Hadley Township.

Mr. Doyle ended with his statement that Mr. Priehs was always good to work with and would be missed.

Public Comment:

Mr. Travis Priehs, youngest son of Mr. Geary Priehs and future employer, gave a speech about his father and the life lessons he taught them. Mr. Stan Hampton, Mr. Jack Jostock, Mr. Dennis Streichert, Mr. John Smiljanich, Mr. Dale Duckert, and Mr. Joseph Suma spoke about memories they recall over the years with Mr. Priehs. Mr. Priehs then spoke about his time with the Road Commission and thanked many for their assistance and support throughout the years. Mr. Priehs then thanked his sons and wife for their patience over the years.

Board Discussion

Mr. Joseph Suma presented a plaque to Mr. Priehs for his 27 years of service at the Road Commission and thanked him for his service and dedication.

Vice Chairman Suma declared the meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m. Motion carried.

Douglas Hodge, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary