

May 23, 2013

THAT the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Dunleavy at 9:30 A.M. in the Board Room of the Livingston County Road Commission, 3535 Grand Oaks Drive, Howell, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with Act #267 of 1976.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Stephen F. Crane  
John T. Dunleavy  
David R. Peckens

Staff Present: Michael Craine, Managing Director  
Jodie Tedesco, County Highway Engineer  
Steve Wasyilk, Deputy Managing Director of Operations

Others Present: Les Andersen, Marion Township Trustee  
Mike Cunningham, Tyrone Township Supervisor  
Mark Fosdick, Cohoctah Township Supervisor  
Cam Gonzalez, Tyrone Township Trustee  
Mike Rife, Conway Township Supervisor  
Mike Tipton, Howell Township Trustee

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Crane, seconded by Commissioner Peckens, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy, Peckens.  
Nays: None.  
Motion Carried.

**E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (1)**

Mike Tipton, Trustee, Howell Township, told the Board that the township appreciated the cooperation of Scott Buell and Darryl Wellman on the township's large item clean-up day. The event was a success and Darryl's help in running the loader made a big difference.

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Association of Southern Michigan Road Commissions
  - Election of Directors

A ballot for the election of directors to serve two-year terms on the Association of Southern Michigan Road Commission's (ASMRC) Board of Directors was received recently. Two road commissioners and two road commission staff members are to be elected. The LCRC Board cast votes for commissioners Robert Kaarlie (Allegan County) and Ronald Gerstenberger (Sanilac County), and staffers Larry Brown (Allegan County) and Ryan Doyle (Lapeer County). Staff recorded the votes and submitted the ballot on behalf of the Board.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Peckens, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to cast votes for Robert Kaarlie, Ronald Gerstenberger, Larry Brown, and Ryan Doyle to serve on the ASMRC Board of Directors.

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy, Peckens.  
Nays: None.  
Motion Carried.

2. **Project Agreement, Deerfield Township**  
● **Faussett Road, Argentine Road to Green Road**  
(Resolution 1305-028)

Staff reviewed with the Board a project agreement approved by Deerfield Township for limestone resurfacing of Faussett Road between Argentine and Green Roads. Staff recommended approval of the agreement.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Crane, seconded by Commissioner Peckens, to approve Resolution 1305-028. (Certified copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

**Ayes:** Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy, Peckens.

**Nays:** None.

**Motion Carried.**

3. **Plans and Specifications/Submittal for Bidding**  
● **Traffic Signal Upgrades**  
Grand River at Kensington Road, Brighton and Green Oak Townships  
Grand River at Old US-23, Brighton Township  
(Resolution 1305-029)

Staff provided the Board with a proposed resolution approving recently completed plans and specification to modernize two traffic signals. Upgrades include new box span signal configurations at the intersections of Grand River Avenue and Kensington Road and Grand River Avenue and Old US 23. New left-turn phasing will be added to the eastbound and westbound approaches at Grand River and Kensington.

Total construction costs are estimated to be approximately \$159,000 with Federal safety funds covering \$120,000 of the total. The project is scheduled to be let for bids in August, started in mid-September, and completed by November 15.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Peckens, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve Resolution 1305-029. (Certified copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

**Ayes:** Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy, Peckens.

**Nays:** None.

**Motion Carried.**

4. **Project Agreements, Green Oak Township**  
● **Various Gravel and Paved Roads**  
(Resolution 1305-030)

Green Oak Township requested project agreements for improvements to numerous gravel and paved roadways throughout the township. Staff developed cost estimates and project agreements which have been approved by the township. Staff recommended Board approval as well.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Peckens, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve Resolution 1305-030. (Certified copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

**Ayes:** Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy, Peckens.

**Nays:** None.

**Motion Carried.**

5. **Primary Pavement Program**  
● **Project Activity Selections**

Mr. Craine referred the Board to a spreadsheet entitled 2013 "Cooperative Investment Candidates". He indicated that the townships had confirmed their interest in the listed roads. Accordingly, LCRC will be able to offset approximately 17% of the construction costs with this program. He reviewed some notes contained on the sheet describing additional activities that will be undertaken. The total value of the township contributions for these road projects is \$1.1

million. Staff said that the Board will see agreements for each of these projects for final approval after the townships have acted upon the agreements. Board members commented that this program seemed to be fair to all who were interested in this work.

#### G. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were presented to the Board as information only:

1. Clip Sheets (May 9-15, 2013)
2. Clip Sheets (May 16-22, 2013)
3. County Board Resolution: Repair of Michigan's Roads

#### H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (2)

Mike Rife, Supervisor, Conway Township, explained that there will be some oil field development on the Sherwood property north of the Maple Grove airport. As a part of the drilling activities, large amounts of water and chemicals will have to be imported to the site. He also stated that there would be a good deal of brine generated by this field and that the township was going to have it tested and use it for dust control. Mr. Craine indicated that the Road Commission Board in the past had chosen to no longer use oil field brines because of the residual chemicals contained in them. He referred Mr. Rife to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality policies and oil field-brine regulations.

Les Andersen, Trustee, Marion Township, indicated that their board may be interested in doing more work if any of the participants in the Cooperative Investment Program had to withdraw their projects. He also inquired about whether it was desirable to relocate roads that were not inside their platted right-of-way. Mr. Craine said that the Road Commission evaluated this on a case-by-case basis. In most cases, the road is left where is currently is unless the relocation is a minimal distance. The pattern, particularly with rural cottage development, is that often the roadway was not placed where the original plat surveyor called for the right-of-way.

There was a discussion of the benefits and consequences of the use of limestone on gravel roadways.

Mike Tipton offered comments on the recently adopted resolution of the County Board of Commissioners on road funding.

Mark Fosdick, Supervisor of Cohoctah Township, asked about several items. Mr. Craine provided him with an update of the schedule for the Latson Road interchange. Mr. Fosdick also asked about the status of road repair by Enbridge. Mr. Craine said that he was working with Mark Curwin of Enbridge. The area along the pipe staging site has been discussed with Enbridge for re-graveling using materials that Enbridge has on-site. Mr. Fosdick also reported on a recent meeting that the MTA had with legislators regarding road spending. He indicated that there has been a lot of concentration on revenue mobilization but there has been little discussion on where the money would be directed. Mr. Craine concurred that that did seem to be a missing element of the road funding conversation.

#### I. LEGAL

1. Daniel Paton v Livingston County Road Commission
  - Complaint to Vacate land, Highcrest Drive  
Genoa Township

This matter was referred to counsel.

#### J. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Minutes
  - a. Regular Board Meeting  
May 9, 2013

The proposed minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2013, were presented to the Board for its review and approval.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Crane, seconded by Commissioner Peckens, to approve the meeting minutes of May 9, 2013.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy, Peckens.

**Nays:** None.

**Motion Carried.**

2. **Bills**

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Peckens, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve vouchers 074546 through 074644 in the net amount of \$542,230.58.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy, Peckens.

**Nays:** None.

**Motion Carried.**

3. **Meetings Announced**

a. **Next Regular Board Meeting**  
June 13, 2013 - 9:30 a.m.

b. **Seven County Council Quarterly Meeting**  
July 16, 2013 – 9:00 A.M. (LCRC Hosts)  
Chemung Hills Golf Club and Banquet Center

c. **CRASIF and MCRC SIP Annual Membership Meetings (Combined)**  
July 24-25, 2013  
Soaring Eagle Resort, Mt. Pleasant

4. **Financial Reports Reviewed**

a. **Cash Position Statement**

5. **Miscellaneous Road Items**

Steve Wasylyk reported to the Board that the Brighton garage has been demolished. The work was completed this week.

Jodie Tedesco reported that the Layton Road bridge was getting ready to open. Guard rail was being installed today. There were a few punch list items but the bridge will essentially be open to traffic. She said that staff will begin work on the Green Oak and bituminous overlay programs next.

Chairman Dunleavy requested that staff prepare a discussion memo and map depicting the locations of Road Commission property in the county.

Mr. Craine reported that the testing has been completed at the intersection of Grand River and Burkhart Road. It does show some weaknesses along the large crude oil pipeline. Staff is working Soils and Materials Engineers, Inc. to develop a repair response activity. No details are yet available on this repair.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dunleavy declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Motion carried.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
John T. Dunleavy, Chairman

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Craine, Managing Director