

November 12, 2015

THAT the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Peckens 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  
Terry Palmer, Accounting Supervisor  
Jodie Tedesco, County Highway Engineer  
Steve Wasylk, Deputy Managing Director of Operations

Others Present: Mike Cunningham, Supervisor, Tyrone Township  
Cam Gonzales, Trustee, Tyrone Township  
Robert West, Director of Public Works, Hartland Township  
Lance Schuhmacher, Trustee, Oceola Township  
Denise Smith, WHMI

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

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

No response

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approve Project Agreement, Marion Township
  - Norton Road between Burkhart and M-155(Resolution 1511-068)

Staff presented the Board with a project agreement approved by Marion Township for a base repair project on Norton Road between Burkhart Road and M-155. Staff had reviewed the proposed project and recommended Board approval.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve Resolution 1511-068. (Certified copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

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

## 2. Recent Funding Legislation

### ● Overview

Mr. Craine presented the Board with an early view of the recent packages of legislation that increased road funding in Michigan. He indicated that a total of seven bills were modified with financial implications for taxpayers and road agencies. These changes have been well summarized in the press and in specialty coverage by affected agencies.

The new funding is divided into two sources: traditional user fees collected at the fuel pump or the annual registration, and monies from the state's general fund that would be transferred to the Michigan Transportation Fund.

No new taxes are effective until January 1, 2017. There are major impacts on diesel fuel taxes as well as a 20% registration fee increase.

The general fund/general purpose income will be from state income tax collections. It starts October 1, 2018. It slowly ramps up over the following three years. Existing general fund support ends at the end of fiscal year 2016. There also is no constitutional protection against redirection of general fund monies in the future.

There were some other issues that were part of the package and these include road warranties for certain kinds of projects, competitive bidding requirements under certain circumstances, and a so-called road innovation lockbox. Mr. Craine said that items like competitive bidding shouldn't affect the Road Commission and that the road warranty language needs to be closely studied. The road innovation lockbox is a policy enigma and more will be revealed as various committees are appointed. According to SEMCOG officials, the growth in new income is slow, starting at 4% in 2017. If the general fund money remains committed to transportation, approximately 50% of the increase would be from the general fund in 2021.

There were no actions on vehicle weights or sales tax on motor fuels. Mr. Craine stated that he had concerns with the general fund/general purpose monies. As the pressure on roads decreases, other priorities of state government may cause the road transfer to be re-examined.

## G. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. Clip Sheets (October 22-28, 2015)
2. Clip Sheets (October 29-November 4, 2015)
3. Clip Sheets (November 5-11, 2015)

## H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (2)

No response

## I. LEGAL

No report

## J. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

### 1. Minutes

- a. Regular Board Meeting  
October 22, 2015

The proposed minutes of the meeting of October 22, 2015, were presented to the Board for its review and approval.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Peckens, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve the meeting minutes of October 22, 2015.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Crane, Peckens.

**Abstained:** Commissioner Dunleavy.

**Nays:** None.

**Motion Carried.**

2. Bills

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Crane, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve vouchers 79718 through 79833 in the net amount of \$435,136.10.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Motion Carried.**

3. Meetings Announced

a. Next Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday November 24, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.

4. Financial Reports Reviewed

a. Cash Position Statement

b. MTF Comparison Report

5. Miscellaneous Road Items

Jodie Tedesco stated that the signal work at Grand Oak and Latson should begin the week of November 16. It is expected that all the foundation work can be completed during this period while waiting for the string poles to be fabricated and delivered sometime in January. Additionally, she stated that there are a few small remaining paving projects to be completed during the week of November 16 also.

Mr. Craine gave a quick update on the Eager Road short-span culvert. He stated that the required wetland delineation had been completed and that a topographic survey would be started next week. He anticipates being in further discussion with Oceola Township to determine a direction for action. Staff has evaluated the possible one-way operation of the road and found it to be not feasible from a safety perspective.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Peckens declared the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m. Motion carried.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
David R. Peckens, Chairman

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