

January 22, 2009

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. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present:                    John T. Dunleavy  
    David R. Peckens  
    Richard I. Slayton

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

Others Present:                              Les Andersen, Marion Township Trustee  
    Tom Darling, WHMI  
    Charlie Musson, 333 Triangle Lake Road, Howell  
    Brian Zatloukal, SME

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Ayes: Commissioners Dunleavy, Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

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

No Response

**D. ACTION ITEMS**

1.     **Paint Booth Wall Restoration**
  - Bid Results(Resolution 0901-002)

Steve Wasylk and Brian Zatloukal reviewed with the Board their memorandums regarding bid results for repair of the north wall of the paint booth. Mr. Wasylk indicated that Soils and Materials Engineers, Inc. (SME) was employed to assist in the project and that staff had thoroughly discussed the bids and the design with SME. Staff agreed with SME's recommendation to award the bid to Ram Construction Services and recommended Board approval as well.

**ACTION:**     It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve Resolution 0901-002. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Dunleavy, Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

2. **The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**  
● **Economic Stimulus Package**

Mr. Craine reviewed with the Board his memorandum regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 which has generally been referred to as the economic stimulus package. The portion that concerns road agencies most directly is title XII which addresses infrastructure issues.

The measure would add approximately \$43 billion to the U.S. Department of Transportation budget with at least \$30 billion obligated for highway and bridge programs. The bill allocates the funding between state DOTs and local agencies represented through area-wide planning organizations known as MPOs. SEMCOG is the MPO for the Seven County region that includes Livingston County.

The formulas for sub-allocation are contained in the draft legislation. Small urban areas such as the Brighton-Howell-South Lyon urban area would share \$31.4 million made available for this purpose to the State of Michigan. Timelines for using or losing the funds will apply. There is an additional \$132 million left to the state's discretion to spend and also \$39 million for facilities for bicyclists, pedestrians, and similar purposes.

There are many questions that do not have answers at this time. The most significant one deals with project selection and whether traditional federal highway rules will apply as a condition of receiving funds.

Staff has been working on the stimulus project since December and has evaluated many miles of roads. The most obvious application of the funding that would meet the specified timelines is for hot mix asphalt resurfacing. Other projects, such as the Clyde Road project, would be ready to package quickly.

Board members were comfortable with staff activity on this matter.

3. **Medical Reimbursement Account**  
● **Establishment**  
(Resolution 0901-003)

Mr. Craine reviewed Don Kuchnicki's memorandum to the Board regarding the medical reimbursement account for the new non-union insurance program. He indicated that it was necessary to establish a separate checking account through the Livingston County Michigan Treasurer's office to process claims. Staff recommended establishing a \$7,000 fund with no rollover provision.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve Resolution 0901-003. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

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

**Nays:** None.

**Motion Carried.**

4. **Hamburg Bridge over the Huron River**  
● **Joint Funding Agreement with U.S. Geological Survey**  
(Resolution 0901-004)

Mr. Craine provided the Board with a proposed funding agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The rehabilitation of the Hamburg Road Bridge over the Huron River requires the relocation of a stream flow monitoring gauge operated by USGS. USGS will perform the work and the road commission is responsible for the cost of the work. The expense is eligible for reimbursement by MDOT at 95% of invoice. Staff recommended approval of the joint funding agreement.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Slayton, to approve Resolution 0901-004. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

**Ayes:** Commissioners Dunleavy, Peckens, Slayton.  
**Nays:** None.  
**Motion Carried.**

**E. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

1. Clip Sheets (January 8-14, 2009)
2. Clip Sheets (January 15-21, 2009)

**F. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (2)**

Les Andersen asked if the Jewell Road Bridge could be designed so that the township and the road commission could be ready for funding opportunities that became available.

**G. LEGAL**

No Report

**H. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

1. Minutes

- a. Regular Board Meeting  
January 8, 2009

The proposed minutes of the meeting of January 8, 2009 were presented to the Board for its review and approval. Staff recommended a revision of the minutes to correct the resolution number regarding West Peterson Drive. The corrected resolution number is 0901-001.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve the meeting minutes of January 8, 2009 as revised.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Dunleavy, Peckens, Slayton.  
**Nays:** None.  
**Motion Carried.**

2. Bills

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve vouchers 065770 through 065852 in the net amount of \$389,807.82.

**Ayes:** Commissioners Dunleavy, Peckens, Slayton.  
**Nays:** None.  
**Motion Carried.**

3. Meetings Announced

- a. Next Regular Board Meeting  
February 12, 2009 - 9:30 a.m.

4. Financial Reports Reviewed

- a. Cash Position Statement

5. Miscellaneous Road Items

None

6. Collective Bargaining

Staff recommended entering into closed session to discuss collective bargaining matters.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Slayton, to enter into closed session at 10:36 a.m. for the sole purposes of discussing the status of collective bargaining.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Motion Carried.**

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Slayton, to return to open session at 11:26 a.m.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Motion Carried.**

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Peckens declared the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m. Motion carried.

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

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