

February 26, 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: David R. Peckens
Richard I. Slayton

Commissioners Absent: John T. Dunleavy

Staff Present: Michael Craine, Managing Director
Donald Kuchnicki, Finance & Policy Director
Jodie Tedesco, County Highway Engineer
Steve Wasylk, Director of Operations

Others Present: Chris Behnan, Daily Press & Argus
Jeff Morgan, EBB Lake Association
Val Olander, Detroit News
Ron Rau, Putnam Township Supervisor

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Ayes: Commissioners Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (1)

Mr. Jeff Morgan, representing the EBB Lake Association, asked to address the Board regarding Pettys Drive. He stated that he understood that stimulus program funds would not be available for this roadway. He stated that this was disappointing. He reviewed for the Board the characteristics of Pettys Drive. He stated that it is a high-volume roadway (1,520 vehicles per day) and that it would be an ideal time to repair it with the state improving the intersection of Pettys Drive at M-36. He reminded the Board that it was the sole access for 200 homes and for the Lakeland Elementary school. He stated that the proximity of the Lakeland Trail Park crossing provides an opportunity for people to park at the school and utilize the trail. He thanked the Board for their attention and hoped that this roadway and its improvements would rise in priority.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Lakeland Trail Improvement Project
 - Putnam Township
 - (Resolution 0902-008)
 - (Resolution 0902-009)

Mike Craine reviewed with the Board his memorandum covering the efforts of Putnam Township officials and the Friends of the Lakeland Trail to undertake improvements to the Lakeland Trail. A similar project in Hamburg Township has proved to be very popular with local residents. Putnam Township is pursuing a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural

Resources (MDNR) and Transportation Enhancement Activity (TEA) funds from the Michigan Department of Transportation. TEA guidelines require that the Road Commission be the recipient of TEA funds on behalf of the township. Staff recommended approval of a resolution in support of the township's effort to secure the MDNR grant and approval of a second resolution authorizing staff to be involved in the TEA application process. Putnam Township will be responsible for all local costs of this project.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Peckens, to approve Resolution 0902-008. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Peckens, to approve Resolution 0902-009. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

2. **2009 Pavement Marking Program**

- Authorization to Award

(Resolution 0902-010)

Mike Goryl, Traffic and Safety Engineer, provided the Board with bid results for the 2009 Pavement Marking Program. The low bidder, R. S. Contracting, was awarded our pavement marking contract one other year and their work was satisfactory. Staff recommended accepting the bid from R. S. Contracting based upon low bid and past performance.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Peckens, to approve Resolution 0902-010. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

3. **2009 Carbide Tool Bit Bids**

- Authorization to Award

(Resolution 0902-011)

Steve Wasylk reviewed with the Board the bid results for carbide tool bits. Winter Equipment Co. was the low bidder. LCRC has used this vendor in the past and has been very satisfied with their products and service. Staff therefore recommended awarding the bid to Winter Equipment Co.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Peckens, to approve Resolution 0902-011. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

4. **2009 Corrugated Steel Pipe Bids**

- Authorization to Award

(Resolution 0902-012)

Mr. Wasylyk provided the Board with the bid results for corrugated steel pipe. Contech Construction Products was the low bidder for both 12" and 15" diameter pipe sizes. The majority of LCRC's pipe purchases are in these two size categories. Contech's bid prices for 18" and 24" diameter pipe sizes are very competitive and staff feels that Contech's bid is the best overall bid this year. Since LCRC has used this vendor in the past with good result, staff recommended awarding the contract to Contech.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Peckens, to approve Resolution 0902-012. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

5. 2009 Grader and Float Blade Bids

- Authorization to Award

(Resolution 0902-013)

Mr. Wasylyk provided the Board with bid results for grader and float blades. Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc. is the low bidder for the 12-foot float blades and the 7-foot grader blades. Prices of both blades are significantly higher this year. Vendors attribute the increases to higher mill prices due to overseas demand and a reduction in work force because of the recessive economy. The price hike means LCRC will experience a cost increase of approximately \$29,000 for this year's blade purchases. These price increases appear to be industry wide with no signs of coming down anytime soon. Since blades are a vital component of maintenance operations, staff recommended no delay in purchasing blades and that we award the bid to Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Peckens, to approve Resolution 0902-013. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

6. Non-Union Dental Plan

- Change in Coverage

(Resolution 0902-014)

Mr. Craine reviewed with the Board the current dental program for staff. The current plan is no longer available through Blue Cross as written, which means that all claims filed under the existing program must be hand-processed. This results in a somewhat higher premium than for comparable standard dental plans through Blue Cross. Switching to a standard plan provides improved benefit levels at a lower premium. Staff requested approval to shift from a non-standard to a standard dental plan.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Peckens, to approve Resolution 0902-014. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

7. County Road Association of Michigan

- Board of Director's Ballot

Staff presented the Board with a memorandum from the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM) requesting their vote for CRAM's Board of Directors. Staff recorded the vote of the Board and submitted the ballot to CRAM on the Board's behalf.

8. **Medical Reimbursement Plan**

- **Adoption of Plan**
(Resolution 0902-015)

Mr. Craine provided the Board with copies of the medical reimbursement plan that is the crux of recent insurance changes at LCRC. The plan document is a mandatory document clarifying those services eligible for reimbursement and will be part of a package of information distributed to affected employees. Staff recommended approval of a resolution adopting the plan.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Peckens, to approve Resolution 0902-015. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

E. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

1. **Clip Sheets (Feb. 12-18, 2009)**
2. **Clip Sheets (Feb. 18-25, 2009)**
3. **MERS Funding Issues**

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

Ron Rau thanked the Board for its support of the Lakeland Trail Project.

G. **LEGAL**

No Report

H. **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

1. **Minutes**

- a. **Regular Board Meeting**
February 12, 2009

The proposed minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2009 were presented to the Board for its review and approval.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Peckens, to approve the meeting minutes of February 12, 2009.

Ayes: Commissioners Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

b. **Closed Session Meeting**
February 12, 2009

The proposed minutes of the closed session meeting of February 12, 2009 were presented to the Board for its review and approval.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Peckens, to approve the closed session meeting minutes of February 12, 2009.

Ayes: Commissioners Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

2. **Bills**

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Peckens, to approve vouchers 065954 through 066027 in the net amount of \$406,087.40.

Ayes: Commissioners Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

3. **Meetings Announced**

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

4. **Financial Reports Reviewed**

- a. **Cash Position Statement**

5. **Miscellaneous Road Items**

Mike Goryl made a presentation of a SimTraffic movie that replicated the traffic volumes on Pettysville and Chilson Roads during the M-36 closure. He stated that he assumed approximately 20% of the M-36 traffic did not use the detour along Chilson and Pettysville Roads. He stated that the purpose of undertaking the analysis was to determine if a temporary signal was beneficial at the intersection of Swarthout and Chilson.

Mr. Goryl operated different scenarios for the Board. These included existing traffic, detour traffic with all-way stops during the M-36 project, and detour traffic with a signal at Swarthout and Chilson during the project. There was considerable delay under any of the detour alternatives. It appeared there was no performance enhancement utilizing a temporary traffic signal compared to a three-way stop. LCRC staff is working with MDOT staff to determine if the number of work days could be shortened if the budget for the temporary signal was used to expedite construction. In light of the lack of clear performance advantages, staff will continue these discussions with MDOT.

Jodie Tedesco made a brief report regarding the status of project design. She stated that Winans Lake/Hamburg and Hamburg Road Bridge projects have been turned in to MDOT. She also indicated that Old U.S. 23 was ready for a grade inspection. The two stimulus projects on Grand River and on Old U.S. 23 north of Faussett were nearing completion of proposal packages for MDOT review.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Peckens declared the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m. Motion carried.

Signed _____
David R. Peckens, Chairman

Signed _____
Michael Craine, Managing Director