

September 24, 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
 Donald Kuchnicki, Finance & Policy Director
 Jodie Tedesco, County Highway Engineer
 Steve Wasylyk, Director of Operations

Others Present: Chris Behnan, Daily Press & Argus
 David E. McKenzie, 152 Gulley Road, Howell

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)

Mr. David McKenzie of 152 Gulley Road addressed the Board regarding his concerns about ditching on Gulley Road, vehicle damage incurred by Mrs. McKenzie as a result of road conditions, and sight distance on Gulley Road at Golf Club. He provided the Board with photographs and a narrative history in letter form of the events leading to the current situation. Steve Wasylyk, Director of Operations, told Mr. McKenzie that he was aware of the issue and that a ditch cleanout was on the schedule to be completed this year. He further stated that steps would be taken to improve sight distance at Gulley and Golf Club Road. The Board thanked Mr. McKenzie for bringing his concerns to them.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Report on Pavement Condition

Mr. Craine furnished the Board with a recently prepared map that indicated the pavement conditions on all roadways rated using the PASER system. The road ratings also compared the conditions in 2003 with the conditions in 2007, the last year for which total results of evaluations are available.

The evaluations revealed some stark realities. The number of miles of roads that entered the poor condition category vastly outstrips the number of roads that are being improved. Over 97 miles went from good to poor during this study period. Over 231 miles went from fair to poor. Mr. Craine stated that the continuing fiscal constraints placed upon the Road Commission by the current economic downturn gives him little hope that poor roads can be addressed in the near term. He stated that the number one priority of the Road Commission ought to be to keep good roads in good condition.

He reminded the Board of the recent study done for the 2035 transportation plan. The results of the study indicated that the only strategy that produced good results in the long term was that which focused on keeping good roads in good condition. This will result in practical objections from some people living on roads rated in poor condition. This is because financial resources would be placed on maintaining the good condition of roads since many more miles can be treated under this scenario. Mr. Craine also provided the Board with information regarding the county's bridges. He stated that even with the replacement-rehabilitation schedule of at least one bridge per year, the number of poor condition bridges remained static. This is because previously fair condition bridges deteriorate.

Commissioner Peckens stated that it was good that this kind of information was to be provided to townships as part of a seminar on road planning. He wondered if bridge weight limits should be considered in light of the deterioration factors. Mr. Craine said that was something that deserved further consideration.

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. Clip Sheets (September 10-16, 2009)
2. Clip Sheets (September 17-23, 2009)
3. Partial Escrow Release, Hartland Road

F. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (2)

No Response

G. LEGAL

1. Notice of Injury
 - Strawberry Lake Road, Hamburg TownshipDOL June 26, 2009

ACTION: This matter was referred to counsel.

H. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Minutes
 - a. Regular Board Meeting
September 10, 2009

The proposed minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2009, were presented to the Board for its review and approval.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2009.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunleavy, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Abstained: Commissioner Peckens

Motion Carried.

2. Bills

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve vouchers 067098 through 067164 in the net amount of \$857,585.65.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunleavy, Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

3. Meetings Announced

- a. Next Regular Board Meeting
October 8, 2009 - 9:30 a.m.

4. Financial Reports Reviewed

- a. Cash Position Statement

5. Miscellaneous Road Items

Jodie Tedesco informed Board members that Clyde Road had been completed and was open to traffic. The contractor was working on minor punch list items. She also told the Board that the stimulus-funded portion of the Grand River pavement rehabilitation in Genoa Township had begun. She told the Board that the Hamburg Road Bridge currently is targeted to open on October 2.

Commissioner Dunleavy stated that the guardrail installed by ITC is in place and should provide an effective barrier. He discussed possible landscaping issues to be done outside of the right-of-way to soften the impact of the construction.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Peckens declared the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m. Motion carried.

Signed _____
David R. Peckens, Chairman

Signed _____
Michael Craine, Managing Director