

December 29, 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 Wasylk, Director of Operations

Others Present: Chris Behnan, Daily Press & Argus
 Tom Darling, WHMI

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Ayes: Commissioners Dunleavy, Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

1. Public Hearing—2010 Budget

Chairman Peckens opened the Public Hearing and asked that Mr. Craine present information relative to the 2010 operating budget. Mr. Craine did a review of revenues for the upcoming fiscal year. He informed the Board that Michigan Transportation Fund income received through Act 51 will continue to decrease this next year. The Road Commission budget is based upon that decrease being no more than 4% when compared to 2009. Additionally, there is some one-time income associated with road and bridge projects. This includes ARRA funding for the Old 23-North program as well as several other categories of surface transportation program funding.

He stated that conversations with townships indicate that contributions will be less than in prior years. Several townships have indicated that they are holding off on road improvement funding until the general revenue picture for townships improves. Others say that they are doing special assessment work only.

Expenses reflect the rather meager revenue picture. All categories of Road Commission expense have been constrained. The budget reflects the Board's earlier decision to defer wage increases for non-union personnel for another year. It also has a very limited scope of capital equipment replacement. Project funding is limited to those projects that have a revenue stream associated with them.

On a brighter note a small amount of money, \$450,000, has been identified for pavement preservation activities. Although this will not improve the ride quality of roads, it will extend the service life several more years. Mr. Craine also pointed out that 2010 is the final year of the capital

building project that has been a continuing expense for the last twenty years. This should result in a better situation for 2011.

Commissioners expressed their frustration with the revenue logjam. They also hope that the revenue position improves as the overall economy improves.

The Public Hearing closed at 10:10 a.m.

2. Call for Public Comment (1)

No response

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of Budget
● 2010 Fiscal Year
(Resolution 0912-070)

The proposed budget for the 2010 fiscal year was reviewed in depth during the Public Hearing segment of the meeting. The new budget included revisions to the 2009 budget. Staff recommended adoption of the 2010 budget as proposed.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve Resolution 0912-070. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Dunleavy, Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

2. Acceptance of Project Agreement
● Indianola Road/Gallagher Boulevard Area SAD
Hamburg Township
(Resolution 0912-071)

Hamburg Township officials requested that LCRC improve the roads in the area of Indianola Road and Gallagher Boulevard. A special assessment district will provide funding. Staff developed a proposed project agreement outlining the scope of work and associated costs. The agreement was approved by the Hamburg Township Board of Trustees, and staff recommended LCRC Board approval as well.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve Resolution 0912-071. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Dunleavy, Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

3. Extension of Concept Approval
Acceptance of Streets
● Huron Pines Site Condominium
Section 16, Green Oak Township
(Resolution 0912-072)

The proprietor of the Huron Pines Site Condominium, Guenther Builders of Ann Arbor, requested an extension of concept approval and acceptance of the streets for public maintenance. Staff reviewed the documentation and construction and found that they substantially met the

requirements for plat development as previously adopted by the Board. Therefore, staff recommended acceptance of the streets in the Huron Pines Site Condominium.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Slayton, to approve Resolution 0912-072. (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 (December 10-16, 2009)
2. Clip Sheets (December 17-23, 2009)
3. Release of Escrow, Hartland Road Relocation

F. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (2)

No Response

G. LEGAL

No Report

H. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Minutes

- a. Regular Board Meeting
December 10, 2009

The proposed minutes of the meeting of December 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 December 10, 2009.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunleavy, Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

- b. Closed Session Meeting
December 10, 2009

The proposed minutes of the closed session meeting of December 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 closed session minutes of December 10, 2009.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunleavy, Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

2. Bills

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Slayton, to approve vouchers 067620 through 067712 in the net amount of \$228,337.09.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunleavy, Peckens, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

3. Meetings Announced

- a. Next Regular Board Meeting
January 14, 2010 - 9:30 A.M.
- b. Seven County Council Meeting
January 19, 2010 – 9:00 A.M.
Montcalm County Road Commission

4. Financial Reports Reviewed

- a. Cash Position Statement

5. Miscellaneous Road Items

No items.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Peckens declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Signed _____
David R. Peckens, Chairman

Signed _____
Michael Craine, Managing Director