

March 10, 2011

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: Stephen F. Crane
John T. Dunleavy
David R. Peckens

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

Others Present: Shannon Filarecki, Hartland Township Public Works Director
Kathleen Kline-Hudson, Livingston County Planning Director
Reid Krinock, Livingston County Planning Commission Chairman

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy, Peckens.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (1)

Mr. Reid Krinock introduced himself as Chairman of the Livingston County Planning Commission. Mr. Krinock also introduced Kathleen Kline-Hudson, Director of County Planning. He said they were attending because of their interest in infrastructure, especially as the economy continued to recover. He described the role that he and Ms. Kline-Hudson play on various committees of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. They also inquired about the status of the Latson Road interchange. Mr. Craine indicated that there was going to be a briefing item on that subject toward the end of the meeting. Chairman Peckens thanked them for attending the meeting today.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Temporary Speed Limit
 - Merrill Road—Hamburg Township
(Resolution 1103-009)

Mike Goryl requested approval of a temporary traffic control order that would limit speed on Merrill Road to thirty-five miles per hour in conjunction with the annual Hamburg Family Fun Fest. If approved, LCRC would provide speed limit signs and also issue permits for a temporary drive on Merrill Road to access the police department and for placing banners across Merrill Road to advertise events.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Crane, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve Resolution 1103-009. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy, Peckens.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

2. MTF Revenue Projections for 2011

Mr. Craine reviewed with the Board the discussion that took place when the budget was adopted in December. Although the budget proposed the same financial commitment for primary road preservation as it had in 2010, concern was expressed during the budget meeting regarding possible cash flow problems in future fiscal years if the program was fully funded. The Board determined to leave the budget alone but to review revenues at the end of the first quarter. Mr. Craine said today's presentation would be on the subject of current issues with the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF). The meeting of March 24 would include a discussion of primary pavement strategies. The meeting of April 14 would be the one for a decision on what level of program effort to fund.

Mr. Craine gave a slide presentation of materials furnished to the Board about the current status of collections for the MTF fund and the amount received to date in this fiscal year. Further, he provided information about the sources of revenue for transportation in Michigan, including those that do not come from fuel tax or vehicle registrations. The sales tax and drivers' license fee income is approximately 4% of the transportation fund and is under scrutiny in these times of tight general budgets. He also provided the Board with background information on the distribution of funds across the transportation network, including the grants to state agencies. Currently, approximately \$110 million is transferred from the transportation fund to the general fund for a variety of costs, including MDOT debt service.

The balance of the presentation focused on the two components of revenue and how they might be affected by changing world oil prices. The actual distribution of fuel costs in relationship to state excise taxes were also discussed. There seems to be limited correlation between pump prices and gas taxes collected when retail fuel prices in the Great Lakes states are examined.

Discussion centered on the specifics of crude oil prices which have been climbing recently and their relationship to pump prices which also have experienced an increase. Mr. Craine provided the Board with information regarding trends over the last five years. An examination of the 2008 patterns makes it clear that the timing of crude oil prices changes and of retail fuel prices are difficult to reconcile. Road agencies do not receive funding based upon the price of fuel but rather the units (gallons) sold.

Mr. Craine also provided information showing that fuel taxes are less than half of the income for road agencies and data on recent trends in vehicle registration fee collections and the process used to track this data. He said that there would be some follow-up tracking done when the April check representing February collections is received. He indicated that February was a particularly snowy month and it will be interesting to see if this affected the total amount of travel in Michigan.

3. Employee Recognition

- Margaret Cosgray
(Resolution 1103-010)

Margaret Cosgray, Accounting Supervisor, celebrated thirty years of employment with the Road Commission on March 9. Staff hosted an afternoon luncheon in her honor. The Board approved a resolution thanking Margaret for her diligence and dedication and for the quality of her work and generosity of her efforts during the course of her career with the Road Commission.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Crane, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve Resolution 1103-010. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy, Peckens.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. Clip Sheets (February 24-March 2, 2011)
2. Clip Sheets (March 3-9, 2011)
3. Record or Near Record Snowfall in February
4. LCRC Salt Usage
5. Certified Roads Inventory
6. Bid Results: Old 23, Hogan to White Lake Road

F. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (2)

No Response

G. LEGAL

No Report

H. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Minutes

- a. Regular Board Meeting
February 24, 2011

The proposed minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2011, were presented to the Board for its review and approval.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Crane, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve the meeting minutes of February 24, 2011.

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy, Peckens.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

- b. Closed Session Meeting
February 24, 2011

The proposed minutes of the closed session meeting of February 24, 2011, were presented to the Board for its review and approval.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Crane, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve the closed session meeting minutes of February 24, 2011.

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy, Peckens.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

2. Bills

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve vouchers 069983 through 070078 in the net amount of \$399,073.21.

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy, Peckens.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

3. Meetings Announced

- a. Next Regular Board Meeting
March 24, 2011 - 9:30 a.m.

4. Financial Reports Reviewed

- a. Cash Position Statement
- b. MTF Comparison Report

5. Miscellaneous Road Items

Mr. Craine gave a brief status report on the Latson Road interchange. The working group supporting the funding of the project is aiming at a fall letting. He described the activities now underway to sew up any loose ends and to identify any gaps in funding that may exist.

Jodie Tedesco gave the Board a status report on the Latson Road bridge. All bridge items should be completed by next week except the guard rail. The road approach construction will likely be deferred until after seasonal road restrictions have been lifted and normal loads can be hauled to the site.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Peckens declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Signed _____
David R. Peckens, Chairman

Signed _____
Michael Craine, Managing Director