

Mason, Michigan
May 26, 2009

The Board of Ingham County Road Commissioners met for a rescheduled regular meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Road Commission's Austin E. Cavanaugh Administration Building located at 301 N. Bush Street, Mason, Michigan.

Present: Joseph A. Guenther, Chair, Shirley M. Rodgers, Vice Chair, Thomas M. Mitchell, Member, James Dravenstatt-Mocerri, Member, and Norman L. Gear, Member.

Also Present: William M. Conklin, Managing Director, Deborah L. Bellows, Secretary to the Board, Tina M. Henry, Director of Finance, Robert H. Peterson, Director of Engineering, James M. Benjamin, Director of Operations, and George M. Brookover, Legal Counsel.

Others Present: Will Comstock, ICRC Western District employee, Tom Gamez, ICRC Western District Assistant Supervisor, and Rick Phillips, ICRC Construction Engineer.

Chair Joseph A. Guenther called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT.

1. John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, Haslett. Mr. Veenstra stated he wanted to bring to the Board's attention, a situation behind the L&L Grocery Store in Haslett. There is a township trail that goes across the drain in this area and continues out to Marsh Road. Some years ago, the Road Commission abandoned the right of way behind the L&L store and preserved access for utilities. Once the right of way was abandoned, L&L put up "No Trespassing" signs and will not allow the township to connect the pathway to Marsh Road. He asked that in the future the Road Commission, when considering abandonments, also consider retaining easements for township pathways.

Commissioner Mitchell asked Mr. Veenstra if this was the old Raby Road right of way. Mr. Veenstra said yes, the township had a pathway through there that went east to the drain and across. The intent was to continue the pathway to connect with Marsh Road. Now they are unable to connect that pathway because it is private property now and they don't have the right for access and/or continuation of their pathway.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – CONSENT ITEMS.

Moved by Commissioner Mitchell and Supported by Commissioner Rodgers, that the following items be approved under consent:

1. Agenda Item #6 A-H – Routine and Special Permits.
3. Agenda Item #9A – Accounts Payable.

5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 A-H – Routine and Special Permits.

Moved by Commissioner Mitchell and Supported by Commissioner Rodgers, that routine and special permits be approved as follows:

09-0098	09-0156	09-0157	09-0158	09-0167	09-0169
09-0170	09-0171	09-0172	09-0173	09-0178	09-0179
09-0180	09-0181	09-0182	09-0183	09-0184	09-0186
09-0187	09-0188	09-0189	09-0190	09-0191	09-0192
09-0197	09-0198	09-0199	09-0200	09-0201	09-0155
09-0159	09-0162	09-0163	09-0166	09-0174	09-0175
09-0176	09-0177	09-0193	09-0194	09-0196	09-0202

Permit #09-0122 applied for by the Ingham Conservation District for conducting a 5k run/walk on Sunday, October 11, 2009, from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm. This will include closure of Dexter Trail between Diamond Road and Hawley Road. The event is sanctioned by Vevay Township.

Permit #09-0160 applied for by Playmakers (on behalf of MI Running Foundation) for conducting the "5k 4 TJ Race" on June 6, 2009, from 10:00 am to 10:45 am. The event is sanctioned by Meridian Township.

Permit #09-0161 applied for by Kinawa Middle School for conducting a mile run known as the "Chieftain Challenge" on May 29, 2009, from 1:45 pm to 2:30 pm. The event is sanctioned by Meridian Township.

Permit #09-0164 applied for by the Lake Lansing Park Band Shell Committee for the placement of a hanging banner on Hamilton Road announcing the Summer Friday Night Concert Series, for the period of May 13, 2009, through June 8, 2009. This is sanctioned by Meridian Township.

Permit #09-0165 applied for by the Meridian Township DDA for placement of a hanging banner on Hamilton Road to announce the "Celebrate Downtown Okemos Art Walk", for the period of June 8, 2009, through June 22, 2009.

Permit #09-0185 applied for by Mary Jo Hirt for the purpose of conducting a neighborhood graduation party to be held May 23, 2009, from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Windreef Circle cul-de-sac will be closed for the event. The event is sanctioned by Meridian Township.

Permit #09-0086 applied for by Webberville Community Schools for the purpose of conducting the 3rd Annual Webberville "Lest They Be Forgotten" Memorial Day 5k run/walk to be held May 25, 2009, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The event is sanctioned by the Village of Webberville.

Permit #09-0195 applied for by Origami Brain Injury Rehab Center for the purpose of conducting the 7th annual Origami 5k run/walk/wheel fundraiser on August 15, 2009, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The event is sanctioned by Alaieton Township.

5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #9A – Accounts Payable.

Moved by Commissioner Mitchell and Supported by Commissioner Rodgers, that the accounts payable for the two week period of April 27-May 10, 2009, be confirmed and approved as follows: check numbers #93073 through #93156, totaling \$105,672.62.

5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – APPOINTMENT WITH VANCE KINCAID.

Mr. Kincaid thanked the Board for setting this appointment with him. He stated this issue with his property has gone on for a long time and asked the Board for its understanding from a homeowner point of view. Mr. Kincaid said it is very difficult to find out that what you thought you own, is not really what you own at all. He said he has learned that what he thought was part of his yard, isn't. It would have been nice to know this when he bought the property. He said that nothing has yet to be submitted by either to Township or the Road Commission that shows exactly what they own. Mr. Kincaid said all he is trying to do is come up with an accurate description of his property and there is four feet of roadway on his property that is about 20 feet long.

Mr. Kincaid said he simply wants to ask the Road Commission that, at some point in the future when the Road Commission rebuilds Nakoma Drive, and Mr. Kincaid believes it will need to be done at some future time, that the Road Commission consider realigning the road and moving it over four feet to get it off his property. Mr. Kincaid said this is nothing the Road Commission created and he has not blamed the Road Commission for this. He said the Township had the opportunity to address this problem in 2003 and he was told at that time that if he held up the project it would cost him. Mr. Kincaid continued that after that all communications with him were cut off by the Road Commission and the Township and no one would listen to him.

He asked the Board if any one of them wouldn't have done the same thing to take any action possible to fix what they thought was a problem with their property description. Mr. Kincaid said his title company told him to take whatever action necessary to fix the property description dispute. He also said that all the work that was done in 2003 has been damaged by the poor condition of the drain.

Mr. Kincaid asked for clarification of the documents. He said that what was filed with the Register of Deeds (showing the Road Commission owns four feet into his property) is not accurate. He said there is clearly enough right of way to the west to correct the alignment of the road and move it to the west by four feet. Mr. Kincaid said the Road Commission's right of way encroaches on his property according to his legal description. He said he even went as far as to hire KEBS Engineering to do an official survey of his property.

Mr. Kincaid said he has always had a good relationship with the Director of Engineering for the Road Commission and all he asks is that at some point in the future when the Road Commission reconstructs Nakoma Drive, that it consider realigning the roadway four feet to the west. He said his recent communications/inquiries have gone unanswered. This has been a long and expensive battle, but this is his land and he will do whatever it takes to make things right.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORTS.

- A. The auditor will be at the next meeting to present the Board with the 2008 Audit.
- B. Proposed budget adjustments will be presented at the next Board meeting.
- C. Much of the local road program may need to be delayed or split into phases this year because of the high prices for asphalt. It is currently estimated that it will cost \$70,000 to pave one mile of road. Several of the townships have opted out of any road improvements this year. With the Governor's latest round of budget cuts, the Townships are facing additional decreased revenues, plus the current issues of the Sheriff patrols being cut to rural townships.

AGENDA ITEM #10A – AWARD OF PROPOSAL #1556 FOR BITUMINOUS SURFACING MIXTURE.

Director of Operations Jim Benjamin reviewed his recommendation for award of Proposal #1556 for bituminous surfacing mixture. This material is for plant pickup of asphalt applied by our own forces. There were two bids

received and the low bid is from Rieth-Riley Construction Company for \$44.00 per ton for 13A designation, and \$46.50 per ton for 36A designation. This will be for pickup at Rieth-Riley Construction Company's Mason plant (formerly Aggregate Industries).

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROPOSAL #1556.

RESOLUTION #043-09

Moved by Commissioner Mitchell and Supported by Commissioner Dravenstatt-Moceri. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Director of Operations, the Board authorizes award of Proposal #1556 for plant pickup of bituminous surfacing mixture to the low bidder, Rieth-Riley Construction Company, for \$44.00 per ton for 13A designation, and \$46.50 per ton for 36A designation.

AGENDA ITEM #10B – AWARD OF PROPOSAL #1557 FOR ASPHALT EMULSIONS.

Director of Operations Jim Benjamin reviewed his recommendation for award of Proposal #1557 for asphalt emulsions. The HFRS-2M material is used for the chip seal program. The low bidder for this material is Asphalt Materials of Oregon, Ohio, at a price of \$1.8151 per gallon trucked to the job site. The SS-1h product is used for tack for the paving program. The low bidder for this material is Bit Mat Products of Bay City, at a price of \$1.70 per gallon trucked to the job site.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROPOSAL #1557 FOR ASPHALT EMULSIONS.

RESOLUTION #044-09

Moved by Commissioner Dravenstatt-Moceri and Supported by Commissioner Mitchell. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Director of Operations, the Board authorizes award of Proposal #1557 for asphalt emulsions to Asphalt Materials of Oregon, Ohio, at a price of \$1.8151 per gallon trucked to the job site for HFRS-2M material, which is used for the chip seal program; and to Bit Mat Products of Bay City, at a price of \$1.70 per gallon trucked to the job site for SS-1h product, which is used for tack for the paving program.

AGENDA ITEM #10C – AWARD OF PROPOSAL #1559 FOR PURCHASE OF A USED MOTOR GRADER.

Director of Operations Jim Benjamin reviewed his recommendation for award of Proposal #1559 for a used motor grader. Mr. Benjamin recommended award to Michigan Cat for the purchase of a 1993 John Deere six wheel drive motor grader.

Commissioner Rodgers stated that in the past when used equipment is being recommended for purchase, there has normally been an accompanying memo from the Fleet Manager regarding any additional costs to put the used equipment in service. She said she didn't see anything here. Commissioner Rodgers was informed that the Fleet Manager was invited to participate in the investigation and purchase of a used grader for the Road Commission, and he chose not to participate in the process.

Managing Director Bill Conklin stated that this grader needs new tires and Michigan Cat is willing to credit the purchase price by \$3,000.00 in order to accommodate the purchase of new tires. Thus, the purchase price of the grader would be \$36,000.00 and not the bid price of \$39,000.00.

Commissioner Rodgers expressed her concern with making a deal with the vendor after bids have been received without giving all vendors the same courtesy. Commissioner Mitchell stated he does not see any problem at all in speaking to a low bidder about the need for new tires, or the need to correct any deficiency on the particular piece being offered under the bid. Mr. Benjamin stated the other pieces being offered through other bids, especially those at a lower cost, were not in good condition and would not, in any event, have been the pieces being recommended for purchase.

Commissioner Gear stated that to take into account the lower purchase price, plus the purchase of new tires, would not increase the price sufficiently enough to surpass the bid price. Commissioner Dravenstatt-Mocerri asked if \$3,000.00 would be enough to cover tires and installation and what ever additional costs there may be to put this piece into service. Mr. Benjamin said yes.

Mr. Conklin stated the John Deere offered by Michigan Cat remains to be the best value for the Road Commission, plus this particular grader can be used year-around.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROPOSAL #1559 FOR ONE USED MOTOR GRADER.

RESOLUTION #045-09

Moved by Commissioner Mitchell and Supported by Commissioner Dravenstatt-Mocerri. Commissioner Guenther, yes, Commissioner Mitchell, yes, Commissioner Dravenstatt-Mocerri, yes, Commissioner Gear, yes, Commissioner Rodgers, no. 4 yes, 1 no. Resolution carried.

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Director of Operations, the Board authorizes award of Proposal #1559 for the purchase of a used motor grader from Michigan Cat, for a 1993 John Deere 672B, for a purchase price of \$39,000.00 minus \$3,000.00 for the purchase of new tires.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ICRC'S 2009/2010 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

Chair Guenther called the public meeting to order and introduced Board members and staff. He indicated the purpose of the public hearing is to obtain public input regarding the Road Commission's proposed projects for 2009 and 2010. Chair Guenther explained the Board's rules for public hearings stating that individuals would be allowed five minutes to speak. He stated that since there were so few people present, he would give latitude as to speaking time.

Secretary to the Board Deborah Bellows stated the Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the April 19, 2009, and May 17, 2009, editions of the Holt Community News, the Ingham County Community News, the Towne Courier, the Lansing City News, the Williamston Enterprise, and the DeWitt-Bath review. She also read into the record, one email communication received from John Johnson of 3935 Belding Court, Okemos, regarding his opposition to the Okemos Road Enhancement project.

Chair Guenther turned the presentation over to Director of Engineering Bob Peterson. Mr. Peterson reviewed the proposed projects for 2009 and 2010 as follows:

For 2009:

1. Okemos Road Enhancement – Jolly Road to Clinton Street. Decorative paving, plantings and furniture. Meridian Charter Township. Federal Enhancement Grant and Meridian Township funding. Estimated Cost: \$472,000.00.

2. Williamston Road – City of Williamston City Limits to Haslett Road. Add paved shoulders and resurface. Williamstown Township. Federal Stimulus, Small Urban, and Rural STP funding. Estimated Cost: \$1,346,000. This project is currently over half completed.
3. Waverly Road – Moores River Drive to Lansing Road. Drainage improvements and concrete pavement repair. Lansing Charter Township. Federal Urban STP funding. Estimated Cost: \$250,000. The design for this project is not yet completed.
4. Waverly Road – St. Joseph Street to Barton Drive. Partnering with Lansing West Side Water to install new watermain and reconstruct the roadway. Lansing Charter Township. Federal Urban STP and State Revolving Funding. Estimated cost of roadway work only: \$1,715,000. Estimated cost of watermain only: \$1,118,000. This project has been awarded, but not started.
5. Marsh Road – Baker Street to BR 1-69. Partnering with the Clinton County Road Commission to resurface the roadway. Bath Township and Meridian Charter Township. Federal Stimulus funding. Estimated cost of Ingham County portion only: \$150,000. This project will be bid June 5.
6. Marsh Road – Tihart Road to the RR Bridge deck at Franklin Street. Road resurfacing. Meridian Charter Township. Federal Stimulus funding. Estimated cost: \$500,000. This project is ready for bid, but has not been let yet.
7. Marsh Road – Hamilton Road to Grand River Avenue and Hamilton Road – Okemos Road to Marsh Road. Road resurfacing. Meridian Charter Township. Federal Urban STP funding. Estimated cost: \$285,000. This project will be bid June 5.
8. Holt Road – Heatherton Street to Thorburn Street. Road resurfacing. Delhi Charter Township. Federal Stimulus and Township funding. Estimated cost: \$850,000. This project is ready to submit to MDOT for a mid-July letting.
9. Bellevue Road – Onondaga Road to US-127. Preventative maintenance through chip seal. Leslie Township and Onondaga Township. Federal Stimulus funding. Estimated cost: \$100,000.
10. Barnes Road – College Road to Meridian Road. Preventative maintenance through chip seal. Ingham Township and Vevay Township. Federal Stimulus funding. Estimated cost: \$100,000.
11. Morton & Heeney Road – Parman Road to M-52. Preventative maintenance through chip seal. Stockbridge Township. Federal Stimulus funding. Estimated cost: \$50,000.

For 2010:

1. Waverly Road – Willow Street to Grand River Avenue. Road resurfacing. Lansing Charter Township. Federal Stimulus and Economic Development, Category F funding. Estimated cost: \$1,275,000.
2. Waverly Road – Columbia Road to the bridge deck at Pleasant River Drive. Aurelius Township and Delhi Charter Township. Federal Rural STP funding. Resurface roadway. Estimated cost: \$900,000.
3. Mt. Hope Road – Farm Lane to Okemos Road. Reconstruct roadway. Meridian Charter Township. Federal Urban STP funding. Estimated Cost: \$1,100,000.
4. Dobie Road Bridge – Over the Red Cedar River. Bridge replacement. Meridian Charter Township. Federal and State Local Bridge Program funding. Estimated Cost: \$1,570,000. This will include a pedestrian walkway on the west side of the structure.
5. Cedar Street Phase II – Holbrook Drive to College Road. Reconstruct road with wider median and indirect left turn crossovers. Delhi Township DDA funded project. Estimated cost: \$8,500,000. Depending on funding availability, this may have to be postponed until 2011 or 2012.

Chair Guenther opened public comment.

1. Leonard Provencher, 5824 Beuna Parkway, Haslett. Mr. Provencher referred to the proposed projects for 2009, stating he is opposed to the Okemos Road Enhancement project. As a citizen of Meridian Township he believes this project is fiscally irresponsible on the Township's behalf. He believes there are other, more worthy projects that the money could be used on. Mr. Provencher said he understands this is federal and township money and he objects to the Township spending its money for this project. Mr. Provencher said he is not opposed to the

proposed projects on Marsh Road and Mt. Hope Road. He said he also supports the Dobie Road bridge replacement.

2. Cheryl Fritze, 2207 White Owl Way, Okemos. Ms. Fritze stated she concurs with comments made by Mr. Provencher and Mr. Johnson regarding the Okemos Road Enhancement project. She said she is opposed to it and does not believe now is the time to do this type of work, especially considering the financial commitment required by the Township. Ms. Fritze stated there seems to be some confusion with the Township on this issue because Manager Richards has told township residents that this project has been approved. She also said that Township Director of Public Works Ray Severy has said he has no plans for the enhancement work, but that the project is moving forward. Ms. Fritze said she has spoken with ICRC staff Dan Troia and Bob Peterson who have told her that the Road Commission has not seen the revised plans since the colored pavement was removed. Ms. Fritze stated that they also told her that final approval of the project is required by the Road Commission Board, upon approval of a final set of plans, neither of which has been done to date.

3. John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, Haslett. Mr. Veenstra stated he is a Meridian Township trustee and also serves on the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. His views here are his personal opinions only and do not reflect any position of the Township Board. Mr. Veenstra said he wanted to address the Okemos Road Enhancement project. First, Mr. Veenstra said he is astonished at what he just heard from Ms. Fritze. What she said is contrary to what he knows from the Township Board perspective. He continued that when the Township Board was adopting its 2009 budget, the Director of Finance told them that the Okemos Road Enhancement project was scheduled for 2009 and that the local match money required, which is being paid for by the Township, would be about \$230,000. Mr. Veenstra said the Township Board has never approved this 2009 expenditure, it was not in the 2008 Township budget, and it is not currently in the 2009 budget. He said that at some point in 2009, the Township Board will have to consider this appropriation, and to date, staff has not been before the Board requesting approval of the appropriation. Mr. Veenstra stated that as a Township Board member, he will vote no on any appropriation for the Okemos Road Enhancement project, stating this would take the Township budget for 2009 further into the red. He indicated the Township will be losing \$132,000.00 from its 2009 budget in revenue sharing funds as a result of recent State budget cuts by the Governor.

Mr. Veenstra stated that the description of the Enhancement project is an issue. Mr. Severy has said that the biggest portion of the cost is \$300,000.00 for decorative street lighting. He said this is a luxury the Township simply cannot afford and reiterated his opposition to the entire project. Mr. Veenstra said he would much rather see the money spent on improvements to primary roads that are in desperate need of repairs.

Mr. Veenstra said he supports the three Marsh Road projects. Additionally, he hopes money can be found soon for much needed improvements on Marsh Road between Grand River and Tihart. He said he realizes there are a lot of roads that need work. Mr. Veenstra said he is happy to see the Okemos Road project in 2010. It is desperately needed. It also needs to have pathways. He said he also supports the Dobie Road bridge replacement project.

4. Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos. Mr. Kincaid said he has traveled all of the roads on the 2009 and 2010 list except for Bellevue Road and Morton-Heeney Roads. There are no proposed projects that he would not support, except for the Okemos Road Enhancement project. Mr. Kincaid stated as he recalled, this started back in 2004. He stated his opinion that the left turn lane constructed on Okemos Road has drastically reduced accidents and the project as a whole was a great job. He was opposed from the start to the medians that were originally planned. Mr. Kincaid asked if the enhancement project really serves the best interest of Ingham County and the Township. He suggested that the Township take the match required for the enhancement project and use it for road improvements where the road surfaces are severely challenged and repairs are needed.

5. Elizabeth LeGoff, 5189 E. Brookfield, East Lansing. Ms. LeGoff stated she is a Meridian Township Trustee. Ms. LeGoff stated, personally, she is not in favor of the Okemos Road Enhancement project. She suggested the money be used to fill potholes and resurface areas in need of repair.

6. Doris Schwartz, 2209 Kent Street, Okemos. Ms. Schwartz stated she did not live in Okemos in 2004 when the Okemos Road project was being discussed and planned. She said maybe the Enhancement project was a good idea then, but it isn't now. She said she did not think the Township could afford \$230,000.00 to make a road "pretty". She wishes that money could be spent on roads that are in real need of repair. Ms. Schwartz said she understands that with federal grants, if you don't use them, you lose them. However, with township funding in dire shape, it might just be best to let this grant go, or find some other, more worthy project to spend it on. Ms. Schwartz stated that Okemos Road is nice as it is now, it doesn't need plantings and lighting.

Ms. Schwartz stated she has no comment on non-Meridian Township projects, but wonders if the \$8.5 million for the Cedar Street project is 100 percent funded by the Township DDA. Director of Engineering Bob Peterson stated yes, at the present time; however, other funding sources are being investigated.

Ms. Schwartz said she lives off of Hamilton Road and applauds the proposed improvements to Marsh Road. She asked if any improvements are planned for Hamilton Road east of the roundabout at Marsh Road? Mr. Peterson said no, not in the next three to four year plan. Managing Director Bill Conklin stated this improvement is on the wish list for a future year. Ms. Schwartz asked if it would be reconstructed or just resurfaced. Mr. Conklin said it will need major rehabilitation.

Ms. Schwartz stated she supports the Mt. Hope Road improvements. This portion of roadway is in dire need of reconstruction. She said that she heard that the Township Board has directed its staff to contact the Road Commission to discuss pathways and bike lanes to be installed on Mt. Hope Road during the construction project. She asked if pathways and bike lanes are a normal part of the design protocol when planning road improvements. Chair Guenther stated that the Road Commission would welcome input from townships on proposed projects and would hope that they would give us enough advance notice that these things can be worked into road designs and that we would all work together. Mr. Conklin stated that this type of improvement along the roadway would be at the expense of the township. Mr. Peterson stated he has not been contacted by anyone from Meridian Township regarding adding pathways and/or bike lanes to the Mt. Hope Road project.

Ms. Schwartz asked if it is too late now to add pathways and/or bike lanes to the Mt. Hope Road project. Mr. Peterson said no, but it is past the programming stage. Mr. Conklin said there would be no federal funds to pay for the pathways and/or bike lanes, it would have to be 100 percent township cost. Ms. Schwartz stated she thought it would be a lot smarter to plan this type of thing ahead of time, rather as an after thought. Chair Guenther stated that sometimes communications get lost along the way, but the Township knows what we are doing.

No additional public comment was offered. Chair Guenther adjourned the public hearing at 7:20 pm to continue with the regular Board agenda.

AGENDA ITEM #11A – MDOT CONTRACT FOR MARSH ROAD-BAKER ST. TO N. COUNTY LINE.

Director of Engineering Bob Peterson reviewed his recommendation to approve a contract with MDOT for the Marsh Road improvements between Baker Street and the North County Line. He said the project is a joint effort with the Clinton County Road Commission for resurfacing Marsh Road from where our 2007 concrete white-topping project ended to BR I-69. Construction bids are scheduled to be opened during the June 5, 2009, MDOT bid letting. This project should be completed by the end of July.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON MARSH ROAD LOCATED IN MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP.

RESOLUTION #046-09

Moved by Commissioner Rodgers and Supported by Commissioner Gear. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, a Contract has been presented to the Board of Ingham County Road Commissioners for approval by and between the Michigan Department of Transportation (herein referred to as the Department) and the Board of Ingham County Road Commissioners (herein referred to as Requesting Party); and

WHEREAS, in said Contract the Department and the Requesting Party agree to the following improvements:

Hot mix asphalt cold milling and resurfacing work along Marsh Road from Baker Street to the north county line, and all together with necessary related work.

WHEREAS, the Requesting Party is fully cognizant of the terms and conditions of the Contract as prepared and presented by the Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Requesting Party authorizes its Chair and its Secretary to execute this Contract on behalf of the Requesting Party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total estimated cost for this project is as follows:

Job Number 106391	Control Section ARU 33400
MDOT Contract No. 09-5223	Project No. ARRA 0933 (024)
Federal Item No. JJ 3270	CFDA No. 20.205

ESTIMATED COST

CONTRACTED WORK

Estimated Cost	\$105,000.00
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COST PARTICIPATION

Grand Total Estimated Cost	\$105,000.00
Less Federal Funds*	<u>\$105,000.00</u>
Balance (Requesting Party's Share)	\$ -0-

NO DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Requesting Party has designated Mr. Richard Phillips as project engineer:

Business Address:	301 Bush Street, Mason, Michigan 48854
Telephone Number:	517-676-9722

AGENDA ITEM #11B – MDOT CONTRACT FOR MARSH ROAD/HAMILTON ROAD PROJECT.

Director of Engineering Bob Peterson reviewed his recommendation for approval of the MDOT contract for the Marsh Road improvements between Hamilton Road and Grand River Avenue and on Hamilton Road from Okemos Road to Marsh Road. Construction bids are scheduled to be opened during the June 5, 2009, MDOT bid letting. This project should be completed by the end of July.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON MARSH ROAD AND HAMILTON ROAD LOCATED IN MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP.

RESOLUTION #047-09

Moved by Commissioner Mitchell and Supported by Commissioner Rodgers. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, a Contract has been presented to the Board of Ingham County Road Commissioners for approval by and between the Michigan Department of Transportation (herein referred to as the Department) and the Board of Ingham County Road Commissioners (herein referred to as Requesting Party); and

WHEREAS, in said Contract the Department and the Requesting Party agree to the following improvements:

Hot mix asphalt cold milling and resurfacing work along Marsh Road from Hamilton Road to Grand River Avenue and along Hamilton Road from Okemos Road to Marsh Road, and all together with necessary related work.

WHEREAS, the Requesting Party is fully cognizant of the terms and conditions of the Contract as prepared and presented by the Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Requesting Party authorizes its Chair and its Secretary to execute this Contract on behalf of the Requesting Party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total estimated cost for this project is as follows:

Job Number 103226	Control Section STU 33403
MDOT Contract No. 09-5197	Project No. STP 0933 (023)
Federal Item No. HH 5892	CFDA No. 20.205

ESTIMATED COST

CONTRACTED WORK

Estimated Cost	\$288,400.00
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COST PARTICIPATION

Grand Total Estimated Cost	\$288,400.00
Less Federal Funds*	<u>\$236,100.00</u>
Balance (Requesting Party's Share)	\$ 52,300.00

NO DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Requesting Party has designated Mr. Richard Phillips as project engineer:

Business Address: 301 Bush Street, Mason, Michigan 48854
Telephone Number: 517/676-9722

AGENDA ITEM #11C and #11D – TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS.

Director of Engineering Bob Peterson reviewed his recommendation for two traffic control orders for locations in Delhi Township. He stated the Road Commission received a request from a resident of the newly constructed subdivision for a stop sign to be installed at the intersections of Cranbrook Lane and Fernwood Lane; and Beal Lane and Fernwood Lane in Delhi Township. Apparently, some of the residents of Cranbrook Lane and Beal Lane are not yielding to Fernwood Lane traffic. Mr. Peterson explained that Sign and Signal Shop Supervisor Gary Strickland investigated the request and visited the site to see if the stop signs were warranted. Mr. Strickland recommended installation of the stop signs. Mr. Peterson indicated the cost of signing within new subdivisions is collected as part of the ICRC fee charged to assume jurisdiction of proposed public roads. We collect inspection and signing fees prior to taking jurisdiction, but wait until the signs are warranted before installing them.

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNING FOR TWO INTERSECTIONS LOCATED IN DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP.

RESOLUTION #048-09

Moved by Commissioner Mitchell and Supported by Commissioner Dravenstaf-Moceri. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Director of Engineering, the Board approves the following traffic control orders:

- A. Traffic Control Order #S-05-01-09 requiring southbound traffic on Cranbrook Lane to Stop for eastbound and westbound traffic on Fernwood Lane, located in Delhi Township.
- B. Traffic Control Order #S-05-02-09 requiring southbound traffic on Beal Lane to Stop for eastbound and westbound traffic on Fernwood Lane, located in Delhi Township.

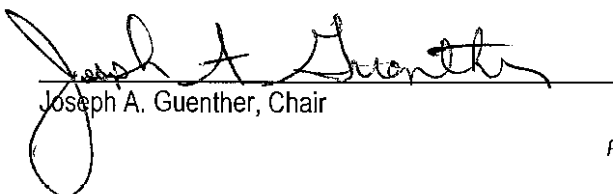
AGENDA ITEM #12 – BOARD UPDATES/COMMENTS.

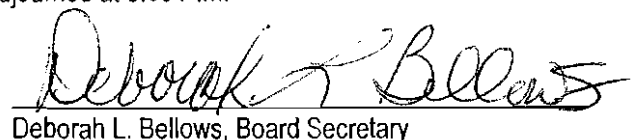
- A. The Board discussed the proposed Okemos Road Enhancement project.
- B. Commissioner Rodgers stated she attended a meeting last week in Lansing Township regarding the Waverly Road and watermain project. This was a public informational meeting, which was staffed by the Road Commission and Township officials. She indicated that the business people who have driveways along Waverly Road who attended the meeting were very complimentary to Road Commission staff as to their willingness to work with them and in helping address their concerns.
- C. Commissioner Rodgers suggested that this Board send a communication to its Legislators in which it should take a stand on how enhancement money is used; suggesting that it also be allowed to be used for bike paths. Chair Guenther asked that a draft be prepared for the Board to look at during the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #13 – LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT.

1. Rick Zahm, General Manager-L&L Food Centers. Mr. Zahm stated he is one of the business owners along Waverly Road who has been working with Road Commission staff regarding his driveway off of Waverly Road. He said the Road Commission staff has been very helpful to him and the impact of this project to his business could have been very negative if not for the assistance of Bob Peterson. Mr. Zahm said that Mr. Peterson has been very consistent and it has been great working with him to address his driveway issues. He said Mr. Peterson has been very straightforward and has helped him tremendously, as well as other business owners along Waverly Road.
2. John Veenstra, 320 Piper Road, Haslett. Mr. Veenstra stated he would support Mr. Kincaid's request that the Road Commission consider, at some point in the future when it reconstructs Nakoma Drive, the realignment of the road. Mr. Veenstra reiterated that the Meridian Township Board has not approved the money required for the local share of the Okemos Road Enhancement project. Mr. Veenstra said he assumes the Township will be responsible for maintaining the street lights and plantings. He indicated that as a Township Trustee, the Township Board has not allocated any money for this project in its 2009 budget.
3. Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos. Mr. Kincaid thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to speak. He stated that he would assume there would be a meter on the electricity for the proposed new lighting on the Okemos Road Enhancement project. Someone will have to pay those electric bills, most probably the Township. Mr. Kincaid said he thought the community would be better served by spending the money to repair roads in need of improvements. He suggested pathways and sidewalks. Mr. Kincaid asked who is going to mow the roadside on Nakoma Drive now that it is not his property? He said he is still paying taxes and a drain assessment on this property, but supposedly it is not his. He said this entire ordeal has caused a great deal of hardship for him and it could have all been avoided if only the Road Commission and the Township had worked together.
4. Cheryl Fritze, 2207 White Owl Way, Okemos. Ms. Fritze stated that aside from the economics being a major factor to reconsider the lighting, benches and plantings along Okemos Road, it should also be pointed out that there are also some right of way issues in the Briarwood Subdivision area, as well as her own personal property. This will also cause problems due to the lighting in people's back yards.
5. Leonard Provencher, 5824 Beuna Parkway, Haslett. Mr. Provencher asked the process for estimating projects and what happens when the bids come in higher than the estimates. ICRC Construction Engineer Rick Phillips responded that some federally funded projects are capped at a certain funding level, and some are not. Those that are not, can normally withstand a higher bid price, but there are rules and guidelines required by MDOT to be followed in these circumstances. Mr. Provencher stated that enhancement projects should include some element of safety improvements. You should ask if the road will be a safer road after the enhancements.
6. Doris Schwartz, 2209 Kent Street, Okemos. Ms. Swartz stated she wanted to report that on Hamilton Road near the Masonic Temple Building, there is a catch basin for a tile/drain and during the last two storms there was water across Hamilton Road nearly several car lengths long. She indicated she called the Drain Commissioner and was told to call the Road Commission because their office couldn't do anything about it since it wasn't their responsibility. Chair Guenther stated Road Commission staff would look into the problem.
7. Vance Kincaid, 4530 Nakoma Drive, Okemos. Mr. Kincaid said that near the Hamilton Road/Nakoma Drive bridge there are trees hitting the abutments of the bridge and damming the river. He said there are significant trees hitting the dam in the Red Cedar upriver. Mr. Kincaid stated that a property owner clear cut about 10 acres of trees nearby and this may be where these trees in the river are coming from. There is also a beaver problem.

There was no additional public comment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.


Joseph A. Guenther, Chair


Deborah L. Bellows, Board Secretary