

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 6, 2016
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Gary Howell; Mr. Michael Hemmingsen
Absent: Mr. Dale Duckert

In Attendance: Mr. Ryan Doyle, County Highway Engineer; Ms. Linette Daily, Board Secretary; Mr. Destain Gingell, Staff Engineer; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director

Also in Attendance: Mr. Zeb Schons

Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Lapeer County Road Commission Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

010616-002

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Organization

Mr. Howell explained that with his upcoming State Representative election in March, he would prefer not to be Chairman of the Board, and would like to nominate Mr. Hemmingsen for Chairman.

010616-003

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen, to close the nominations and cast unanimous ballots for Mr. Hemmingsen for Chairman of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners. Roll Call: Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Two ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Howell nominated Commissioner Duckert for Vice Chairman.

010616-004

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen, to close the nominations and cast unanimous ballots for Mr. Duckert for Vice Chairman of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners. Roll Call: Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Two ayes. Motion carried.

010616-005

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to designate Mr. Ryan Doyle as County Highway Engineer for 2016, to authorize Mr. Ryan Doyle to impose and release seasonal weight restrictions, as required for 2016, and to designate Mr. Ryan Doyle as authorized agent for checking vehicles for size, weights, and loads operating on all roads under the Road Commission jurisdiction or as allowed or designated in Lapeer County for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

.Roll Call: Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Two ayes. Motion carried.

010616-006

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to appoint Mr. Erick Pearson as Managing Director for 2016, and to designate Mr. Erick Pearson as Trunkline Superintendent and Assistant Trunkline Superintendent for 2016.

Roll Call: Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Two ayes. Motion carried.

010616-007

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to appoint Ms. Linette Daily, Chief Finance Officer and Secretary to the Board for 2016. Roll Call: Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Two ayes. Motion carried.

010616-008

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to designate Mr. Destain Gingell as authorized agent for checking vehicles for size, weights, and loads operating on all roads under the Road Commission jurisdiction or as allowed or designated in Lapeer County for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Roll Call: Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Two ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

010616-009

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for December 22, 2015. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

010616-010

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve disbursements dated January 7, 2016 in the amount of \$427,534.68. Motion carried.

010616-011

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen in favor of the Proposed Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws of the County Road Association to establish a Legal Assistance Standing Committee. Motion carried.

010616-012

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen in favor of the Proposed Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws of the County Road Association regarding a name change of the Association of Southern Michigan County Road Commissions to Association of Southern Michigan County Road Agencies Motion carried.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Blue Water Highway Council Meeting

Discussion was held regarding the difficulty in securing a speaker about the new road funding.

Mr. Pearson reported that the annual bids will be opened on Friday, January 15, 2016. The bids will be approved on January 20, 2016.

Mr. Pearson spoke briefly about the Annual Township/Road Commission Meeting set for February 16, 2016 at Almont Township.

Mr. Pearson stated that he attended a meeting at MDOT regarding the new weather service, and stated that the locations were determined at this meeting.

Mr. Pearson explained that Charter Communications has had a tower and a building near the North Branch Garage and had removed the tower and are going to sign over the building to the Road Commission via a written contract. Mr. Pearson stated that the building will be a nice storage area.

ENGINEERING REPORT

010616-013

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to Approve the Agreement between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners for Hot mix asphalt paving work along Lake Nepessing Road from Old Lake Nepessing Road northerly to Highway I-69; including base crushing and shaping, aggregate base, aggregate shoulder, guardrail upgrade, permanent signing, and pavement marking work; and all together with necessary related work, and allow the Mr. Hemmingsen, Chairman and Mr. Howell, Member to sign Contract No. 15-5569. Estimated Cost: \$435,700/\$300,000 Federal/\$135,700 LCRC

Motion carried.

010616-014

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve renewal of Haul Route Agreement for Don Sisson for hauling Class B Seasonal Loads on Blacks Corners Road from the facility entrance south on Blacks Corners Road to Bowers Road, thence east on Bowers Road to Van Dyke Road. Motion carried.

Mr. Doyle then spoke about the issue at the Lake Inn. Mr. Doyle explained that the Lake Inn needed to have electrical run across the road for their remodel. Mr. Doyle explained that DTE did the work without an inspector, and were told to dig it out and have the Road Commission inspect the installation. They dug it out and replaced it again without an inspector. Mr. Doyle reported that it is now poured with concrete. Mr. Doyle stated that it is probably okay, but there may be issues in the future. Mr. Doyle stated that if he requires a bond, he is not sure who will post it. It was agreed to allow the cut, and sign a written document stating that the placement of the wire is the responsibility of the Lake Inn and any repairs or failure will solely be the responsibility of the Lake Inn.

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Mr. Doyle stated that the issues are the same with the projects. Mr. Doyle reported that both of the projects will now have negative balances on their inspection accounts with the Road Commission.

Millville Road Safety Project

Mr. Doyle reported that the tree cutting on Millville Road is almost complete.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. James A. Hill

Mr. Hill was present to speak about the Lake Inn. Mr. Hill stated that Ms. Schroeder was scheduled to inspect the compaction set for 9:00 a.m. tomorrow. Mr. Hill stated that the goal is to be open by the end of the month.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Howell stated that fit has been an interesting experience being the Chairman of the Road Commission for the past three years.

Mr. Hemmingsen declared the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Michael Hemmingsen, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary