

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, December 19, 2018  
4:30 p.m.**

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Present: Chairman James Novak, Jr.; Commissioner Dale Duckert; Commissioner Les Nichols  
In Attendance: Mr. Destain Gingell, County Highway Engineer; Mrs. Linette Weston, Board Secretary; Mr. Zebadiah Schons, Superintendent; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. Jeff Lutes, Union Representative; Mr. Nate Lawson, Working Foreman; Mr. Jason Putnam, Temporary District Foreman; Mr. Gary Swoish, North Branch Township Supervisor

Chairman Novak 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.

Mr. Pearson asked that two additional agenda items be added to the Engineering Report.

Motion to change Sutton Road shown as Primary Road from Lake Pleasant easterly 1.00 miles to 0.86 miles as primary road turns at Rochester Road. Therefore, 0.16 miles of Sutton Road (Rochester to Atwell) is added as Local Road

Motion to change Dorrow Road from Local to Primary 0.42 miles

**Approval of Agenda**

**121918-181**

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried.

**Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes**

**121918-182**

Motion by Commissioner Nichols seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for December 5, 2018. Motion carried.

**Approval of Disbursements**

**121918-183**

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve disbursements dated December 20, 2018 in the amount of \$1,053,836.82. Motion carried.

**Manager's Report**

Mr. Pearson introduced Mr. Nate Lawson as the new Working Foreman. Mr. Schons explained that Mr. Lawson has been a Truck Operator with the Road Commission since 2011. Mr. Schons went on to state that Mr. Lawson's route started in Oregon Township and was then moved to I-69, where he quickly learned when to and not to salt in critical situations. Mr. Schons stated that Mr. Lawson will be a great fit in Supervision.

Mr. Schons also introduced Mr. Jason Putnam as the temporary Working Foreman for Lapeer District. Mr. Schons stated that Jason was working in the Imlay District as a Working Foreman and has been reassigned to assist in Lapeer.

Mr. Pearson stated that the Road Commission would like to do some dust control ourselves, so a brine trailer was put out for bid. Mr. Pearson explained that the bids were higher than anticipated, and there is an 18-week delivery time. Discussion was held regarding the Drum Brakes versus the Air Disc Brakes.

**121918-184**

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Brine Trailer Bid Tabulations and award in the best interest of the Road Commission. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson stated that there was a bid opening on Friday for the security system for the Lapeer District Garage.

Mr. Pearson went on to state that Lt. Engster from the Sheriff Department was asked to come to the Road Commission, inspect the building and grounds and give recommendations to increase security.

Mr. Pearson explained that the first item that we are going to do is lock down the premises at all locations and allow only one entrance. Security cameras will be installed at all three locations and doors will be changed out to push bar for security and to comply with code requirements.

Mr. Pearson stated that we will continue to work on the recommendations on the list.

Mr. Pearson stated that a training session was going to be held at the Lapeer Garage on Thursday.

**Engineering Report**

**121918-185**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to approve the following Resolution in Support of an Addition of .05 miles to Farley Road to be added to the Lapeer County Road Commission Local Road System mileage. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Duckert, aye; Chairman Novak, aye; Commissioner Nichols, aye. Motion carried.

**121918-186**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the following Resolution in Support of and Addition of .09 miles to Lou Alice Road be decertified and subtracted from the Lapeer County Road Commission Local Road System mileage. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Duckert, aye; Chairman Novak, aye; Commissioner Nichols, aye. Motion carried.

**121918-187**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to change Sutton Road shown as Primary Road from Lake Pleasant easterly 1.00 miles to 0.86 miles as primary road turns at Rochester Road. Therefore, 0.16 miles of Sutton Road (Rochester to Atwell) is added as Local Road. Motion carried.

**121918-188**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert, to change Dorrow Road from Local to Primary 0.42 miles. Motion carried.

Mr. Gingell stated that trees are being marked for the 2019 paving projects.

Mr. Gingell reported that he will not be changing the Fees for 2019 and asked the Board to approve them as presented.

**121918-189**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols, to approve the 2019 Fee Schedule as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Gary Swoish, North Branch Township Supervisor

Mr. Swoish was present to speak to the Board about tree cutting in his Township. Mr. Swoish stated that there is a gentleman who can cut the dead and small trees and wanted some options regarding the process. Mr. Pearson explained that the trees are technically owned by the property owner and the Township cannot use allocation for work performed by a private contractor.

Mr. Swoish then asked about paving Burnside Road. Mr. Pearson stated that the section from Old State to Jones Road was scheduled to be crush, shaped and paved in 2019.

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It was also recommended that the Township asphalt approaches. It was stated that proposals will be presented to the Townships for their consideration.

**2019 Organization**

Mrs. Weston asked the Board for nominations for Chairman for the Board of Lapeer County Road Commission.

**121918-190**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to nominate Mr. Novak for Chairman of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commission. Motion carried.

**121918-191**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Novak to nominate Mr. Duckert for Vice Chairman. of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commission. Motion carried.

**121918-192**

Motion by Mr. Duckert seconded by Mr. Nichols to designate Mr. Destain Gingell as County Highway Engineer for 2019. Motion carried.

**121918-193**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to authorize Mr. Destain Gingell to impose and release seasonal weight restrictions, as required for 2019.

Motion carried.

**121918-194**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to appoint Mr. Erick Pearson as Managing Director for 2019. Motion carried.

**121918-195**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to appoint Mr. Erick Pearson as Trunkline Superintendent for 2019. Motion carried.

**121918-196**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to appoint Mr. Zeb Schons Assistant Trunkline Superintendent for 2019. Motion carried.

**121918-197**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to appoint Mrs. Linette Weston as Finance Director for 2019. Motion carried.

**121918-198**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to appoint Mrs. Linette Weston as Secretary to the Board for 2019. Motion carried.

**121918-199**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to designate Mr. Destain Gingell and Mr. Zeb Schons 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, 2019 to December 31, 2019. Motion carried.

Mr. Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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James Novak, Chairman

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Linette Weston, Board Secretary