

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, October 2, 2013  
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman; Mr. Michael Hemmingsen, Member  
In Attendance: Mr. William Meinz, County Highway Engineer; Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial  
Officer/Acting Secretary to the Board; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director  
Mr. Charles Buckel

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**

**100213-141**

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

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**100213-142**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Public Hearing minutes, the Regular Meeting minutes, and the Executive Session minutes for September 18, 2013. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS**

Ms. Erickson presented the Board with a revised copy of payables list. Discussion ensued.

**100213-143**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve disbursements dated October 2, 2013 in the amount of \$928,246.98. Motion carried.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Pearson reported that the new ORV law that recently passed, and he has done some research regarding how other counties are addressing the new law. Mr. Pearson stated that the surrounding counties are all handling their road restrictions differently. Mr. Pearson reported that Sanilac has restricted all of their paved primaries from ORV traffic. In Tuscola County they have a map posted which outlines the restricted roads within their county, and they have also restricted the times of day in which ORVs can be driven and the time of year. In St. Clair County the Townships are determining the exemptions.

Mr. Pearson stated that he had been contacted by Mr. John Biscoe regarding the new ORV law. Mr. Pearson told Mr. Biscoe that the new ORV law had been discussed at the last Committee of the Whole, but only briefly. Mr. Pearson reported that Mr. Biscoe is planning on requesting the County Board meet with the Road Commission and the Sheriff's Department to get their input prior to designing their new ordinance. Mr. Pearson stated that he would like to restrict ORV travel on all paved primary roads, and some gravel roads. As only 30% of the county's system can be restricted, Mr. Pearson stated that due to curves, and vertical changes on many of the gravel roads, all roads should be reviewed for possible exclusions. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Howell stated that he will attend the County Commission's meeting in the morning, as the ball is really in their court to design the County Ordinance.

Mr. Pearson reported that as this week is our annual inventory week, staff has been working very hard on preparing for the count, which will be taking place on Friday and Saturday. Mr. Pearson also reported that this is the last week that the road crews and the engineering department will be working summer ten hour days and would be returning to eight hour days on Monday. Mr. Pearson also reported that the White Road project has moved along very smoothly and it is scheduled to be paved on Monday, weather permitting.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

Mr. Mainz stated that there will be a meeting tomorrow to roll out the Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative Program at Lapeer City Hall from 1:30 – 3:00. Mr. Mainz stated that it is multiple counties, cities, and villages included in this program. Mr. Mainz stated that he will be attending.

Mr. Mainz reported that he has been working on closing out this year's Federal Aid Projects, and on reviewing this year's Bridge Inspection reports.

Mr. Mainz reported that he is also working with the Engineers designing the new water pipe line. Mr. Mainz stated that there is an issue with a crossing on Norway Lake Road across the Flint River. Mr. Mainz reported that they are attempting to get an easement to cross federal land, however obtaining this easement can take a long time. Therefore, their other idea is to go under our bridge. Mr. Mainz stated that if they do this, they will have to build us a completely new bridge which would cost between \$750,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00. Discussion ensued.

**PUBLIC TIME**

None

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Mr. Howell stated that he has had some questions regarding the property we purchased to build the Wild Fish extension. Mr. Howell stated that he would like some background on the history of the driveways and homes built off of the end of the cul-de-sac. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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Gary Howell, Chairman

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary