

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
4:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman; Mr. Michael Hemmingsen, Member
In Attendance: Ms. Linette Daily, Board Secretary; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. Ryan Doyle,
County Highway Engineer

Also in attendance: Mr. Charles Buckel, Mr. Gary Roy, Ms. Nancy Elliott, Mr. Rick Brandt

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

021914-022

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

021914-023

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for February 5, 2014. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

021914-024

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve disbursements dated February 20, 2014 in the amount of \$463,696.75. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson explained that we did not approve the Roadside Mowing Annual Bid Tabulation at the last Regular Meeting, but would like to do so tonight. Mr. Pearson explained that he spoke with the lone bidder and he conveyed that he would be willing to put on extra equipment in order to handle all of the contracts that he receives. Mr. Pearson reported that other previous bidders failed to submit their bid applications this year.

021914-025

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the 2014 Roadside Mowing Annual Bid Tabulation. Motion carried.

021914-026

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the 2013 Fiscal Year Annual Financial Report as required by Act 51 of Public Acts of 1951. Motion carried.

Mr. Howell asked Ms. Erickson if she would follow up with Mr. Hoskins regarding the 2013 audit and be sure to get the written recommendation regarding the OPEB obligation. Ms. Erickson stated that she would keep in contact with them.

Mr. Pearson spoke briefly about the Annual Township Meeting which was held on Tuesday in Goodland Township. Mr. Pearson reported that fourteen of the eighteen townships were in attendance, which was a good turnout.

Mr. Pearson stated that the Townships were quick to applaud the Road Commission for their hard work with the snow removal, which he passed along to the foremen.

ENGINEERING REPORT

021914-027

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve Contract Number 14-5067 with the Michigan Department of Transportation for: The Performance of preliminary engineering activities for roundabout work at the intersection of Davison Road, Lake Nepessing Road, and Genesee Road; and all together with necessary related work, under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Federal program and allow Chairman Gary Howell, and Vice Chairman Dale Duckert to sign same. Motion carried.

021914-028

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve Contract Number 14-5066 with the Michigan Department of Transportation for: The performance of preliminary engineering activities for passing flare work along Bowers Road at the intersection of Roods Lake Road; and all together with necessary related work, under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Federal program and allow Chairman Gary Howell, and Vice Chairman Dale Duckert to sign same. Motion carried.

Mr. Doyle thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the Engineering Conference and reported that while at the conference he learned that the DEQ is now in compliance with Federal regulations, which means a substantial change with wetland mitigation. Mr. Doyle stated that we need to create a plan for our projects and perhaps a combined agency agreement with other counties, as we will all be running into these situations. Mr. Doyle stated that this will be a good subject for the next Blue Water Highway Council.

Mr. Doyle spoke briefly about the Muck and Crowe Road Abandonment proposal. Mr. Doyle state that he is meeting out there tomorrow, and explained that there are only two land owners and if both agree, then a hearing is not required for the Road Commission to act on the petition. Mr. Doyle stated that he will check for utilities, but the road has been decertified since at least 1945 and a road name cannot be located in our records.

PUBLIC TIME

Mr. Rick Brandt, Hadley Township Trustee

Mr. Brandt stated that he had a few projects he wanted the Road Commission to prepare price quotes for.

- 1) 10,000 ton of spread gravel from Ribble Pit.
- 2) Chip seal for the Village Streets in Hadley.
- 3) Ditching projects and tubes.

Mr. Brandt went on to inquire why the Road Commission isn't keeping up with Hadley Township on pavement maintenance. Mr. Pearson stated that the Road Commission would like to be able to be doing more on the primary roads, but the funds are just not available.

Brief discussion was held regarding a possible millage and Mr. Howell explained that the first thing that will be completed is a list of local and primary roads that would be repaired with the millage funds. Mr. Howell went on to state that a committee will be formed and these details will be worked out to service the whole County.

Mr. Brandt then asked about the prices in the township book for gravel and why the same distance would be a different price for certain townships. Mr. Pearson explained that the cost was derived from the pit to the center of the township and used variables such as traffic stops and amount of turns.

Mr. Gary Roy, Chairman of County Board of Commissioners

Mr. Roy distributed a listing of all of his appointments as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and gave an update of the reduced budget amount due to the reduction in tax revenue. Mr. Roy explained that the County has been reducing county government for the past five years by not filling vacant employee seats. Mr. Roy went on to state that they are able to give employees a two percent raise in 2014-15 for the first time in many years. Discussion continued regarding taxable values, housing and agricultural land prices and unpaid property taxes.

Mr. Roy then stated that the sixth draft of the ORV Ordinance had been completed and a Public Hearing date had been set for April 3, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. A question was asked how the Road Commission closes the roads that it doesn't want open on the primary system. Mr. Roy explained that they aren't interested in including the closed roads in the ordinance in the event there needs to be future changes. Mr. Howell stated that the Road Commission will research the process.

Commissioner Reports and Comments

Mr. Hemmingsen stated that the Local Road Millage training seminar contained good information.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary