

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, March 4, 2014  
8:30 a.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; Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial Officer

Also in attendance: Ms. Nancy Elliott

Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Lapeer County Road Commission Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**030414-030**

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

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**030414-031**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for February 19, 2014. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**030414-032**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve disbursements dated March 6, 2014 in the amount of \$424,281.16. Motion carried.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Pearson explained that Chip Seal/Fog Seal and Paving and Aggregate Shoulder Bids were opened on March 3, 2014 and he would like to ask for approval of the bid tabulations. Mr. Pearson explained that the Chip Seal and Paving Programs may be decreased due to the increase in the winter budget expenses.

**030414-033**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Chip Seal/Fog Seal Bid Tabulations and award in the best interest of the Road Commission. Motion carried.

**030414-034**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Bituminous Paving and Aggregate Shoulder Bid Tabulations and award in the best interest of the Road Commission. Motion carried.

**Managing Director Report:**

Mr. Pearson stated that 2.1 million dollars has been spent on winter maintenance through the end of February, which is \$800,000 over budget. Mr. Pearson reported that on the positive side, the Senate has proposed to funnel \$100 million into state, county, city, township and village road funds. Mr. Pearson stated that these funds will help with the overrun.

Ms. Erickson presented the Board with a worksheet showing the cost comparison of increasing the MERS payment for a total of five percent and an additional five percent over what is already being paid for divisions one and eleven. It was stated that this additional payment amount is a positive step in funding the accounts. Brief discussion ensued.

**030414-035**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan five percent payment increase for divisions 1 and 11 retroactive to January 1, 2014. Motion carried.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

**030412-035**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Haul Route Agreement with Jay's Septic to haul "normal" (Class B) loads during spring frost law restrictions over Greenwood Road from their driveway to Wilder Road and then south to I-69 during the Spring Seasonal Weight Restrictions. Motion carried.

Mr. Doyle gave an update on his project list for 2014-17 and gave an explanation of his Federal Aid Projects. Mr. Doyle explained that the Dryden Road projects were not on the April letting even though all of the paperwork has been submitted. Mr. Doyle stated that he will contact MDOT today to find out why it has been delayed.

Mr. Doyle went on to state that he is looking at putting weight restrictions on around the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Brief discussion was held regarding the new Staff Engineering position. Mr. Howell stated that he would like the Board to approve the employment contract prior to submitting it to the candidate.

Mr. Doyle informed the Board that he has spoken to the County Road Association of Michigan regarding the Hemstead Road abandonment case, as they have an interest in preserving right of way. Mr. Doyle will ask them if they are interested in assisting with the case.

**PUBLIC TIME**

Ms. Nancy Elliott

Ms. Elliott asked the Board why they were addressing the pension liability now. Mr. Howell stated that this is a new Board and they have been looking closely at all of the unfunded liabilities the Road Commission carries.

**Commissioner Reports and Comments**

Mr. Hemmingsen spoke briefly about an abandonment request for north Metamora Road at Hunters Creek. The length is 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile to the church that is currently located in this location. Mr. Doyle stated that there is a piece of property that may be land locked, but there is an agreement to give a permanent easement until the time when this parcel of land is given to the church. Mr. Doyle will follow up on this issue.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

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Gary Howell, Chairman

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary