

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 14, 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. Destain Gingell, Mr. Charles Buckel, Mr. H. Paul Spencer, Mr. Ken Daniels, Mr. David
Poole, 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

051414-088

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

051414-089

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for April 30,
2014. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

051414-090

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve disbursements dated May15, 2014 in the
amount of \$216,342.17. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

051414-091

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the following projects:

Attica Township

504 003 143200 Replace 18"x40' Cross Culvert, Hunters Creek between Lake Pleasant and Lake George, Seed
and Mulch Estimated Cost \$2,100.00/Allocation \$1,050.00/Township \$1,050.00

504 003 143201 Ditch Winslow Road from 1835, 900 feet North on East Side to Reynolds Road, Jet out driveway
culvert, Ditch, Check Dams, Seed and Mulch Estimated Cost: \$8,100.00/Allocation \$4,050.00/\$Township
\$4,050.00

Goodland Township

504 009 413800 Remove 18"x55' Culvert and Replace with 18"x80' Culvert, Move down the road and install
new culvert at an angle for proper drainage. Fill original culvert bed, Muck Road at the Dead End.
Estimated Cost: \$3,550.00 Township

490 009 144800 Replace 60"x50' Cross Culvert on Cade Road at the Intersection of Turner and Cade Roads
Estimated Cost: \$13,417.63/\$5,367.05 Bridge Fund/\$4,025.29 Allocation/\$4,025.29 Township

Mayfield Township

504 014 144398 Roadside Mowing to be performed with LCRC Forces, 1 single swath and 1 double swath on various local roads Estimated Cost: \$7,500.00 Township

504 014 144399 Dust Control-To be performed by Road Maintenance, Up to 4 Applications
Estimated Cost: \$2,150.46 per application Township

Metamora Township

504 015 144400 Replace 18"x40' Cross Culvert on Gardner Road 75' S of Rock Valley between Rock Valley Road and Davison Lake Road Estimated Cost: \$2,200.00 Township

Oregon Township

489 017 144604 Crush, Shape and Pave 3.5 inches, on Indian Road, 500 feet south of previous project on McDowell Road Estimated Cost: \$20,000.00/Township
Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson asked the board to approve the resolution for Mr. David Schlaud for his pending retirement. Mr. Howell read the resolution.

051414-092

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, David Schlaud started with the Road Commission on July 15, 1980 as a summer seasonal worker, was hired full time on August 18, 1980 as a Maintenance Grader Operator for the Lapeer Garage, and on March 9, 1987 became a Heavy Equipment Operator and has remained there for the remainder of his career; and,

WHEREAS, David Schlaud is an exemplary and dedicated employee of the Lapeer County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS, David Schlaud has used his skills as a road grader operator and operator of heavy equipment to maintain the roads in the Lapeer District for the past thirty three plus years; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of David Schlaud's diligence and strong work ethic, he has contributed greatly to the excellent condition of the roads in the Lapeer District, ensuring the wellbeing of all who use them; and,

WHEREAS, David Schlaud will be retiring May 16, 2014 after more than thirty three years of faithful service to the community; and,

WHEREAS, David Schlaud's loyalty, dedication and hard work will be missed by one and all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, does hereby extend our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the records of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, Lapeer County, State of Michigan on this Fourteenth day of May, 2014, there to remain forever.

Roll Call Vote: Duckert, aye; Howell, aye; Hemmingsen, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Howell stated that the resolution says a lot and his presence will be missed

Mr. Pearson stated that Mr. Schlaud has been an exemplary employee who took pride in his work at the Road Commission and loved being a grader operator and loved what he did and was on the road today working on his last day. Mr. Schons added that Mr. Schlaud told him that if he needs advice on a project, to please call him and that is just the level of dedication he has for Lapeer County and would bend over backwards for anyone here. Mr. Doyle stated that Mr. Schlaud was a great community guy and would let the kids climb into his grader. Mr. Duckert added that when his wife drove school bus for Lapeer Schools, she said that Mr. Schlaud would always do what he could to fix a problem they had on their route.

Mr. Pearson explained that the pumping station was up and running and the piping will be finalized when the conditions dry up in that area.

Mr. Pearson reported that he is preparing to bid a truck that is in the 2014 budget and should have that ready within a week.

Mr. Pearson stated that he has gotten a positive response from while attending the meetings regarding the ballot language for the road millage.

Mr. Pearson reported that MDOT has reimbursed the Road Commission for the winter overage and also approved additional work on I-69 to line the culverts that haven't been completed.

Mr. Pearson stated that Mr. Doyle received a letter from Senator Mike Green regarding the closed bridge on Millington Road east of M-24 in Rich Township. Mr. Doyle explained that the bridge has been closed for 50 years and the cost to reopen the roadway would be too great with the wetland mitigation issue and the fact that nearly one quarter of a mile of roadway is gone. Mr. Pearson stated that he explained the situation to Rich Township.

ENGINEERING REPORT

051414-093

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Engineering Reimbursement Request for MDOT. Motion carried.

051414-094

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the contract with MDOT for the vertical curve modification work along Baldwin Road from Davison Lake Road to Caley Road; including fixed object removal and sign upgrading work; and all together with necessary related work and allow Chairman Gary Howell and Vice Chairman Dale Duckert to sign. Motion carried.

Mr. Doyle explained that he had a TCO for the Imlay City Road Bridge over the Belle River Drain and would like that effective June 16, 2014. Mr. Doyle stated the delay in the effective date would allow for public notice of the weight reduction and for the businesses to get through their busy time of the year before having to adjust for the load rating. Mr. Doyle explained that the bridge is ninety years old and he will submit it for critical bridge funding, but the next call is for 2017 projects. Mr. Doyle stated that if a temporary fix to the bridge was designed and installed, it would disallow the bridge from getting funding. Mr. Doyle stated that if the funding is secured, it may be able to be constructed early. Mr. Doyle explained that if the funding is secured in September, at that point a temporary fix could be investigated. Mr. Doyle stated that Scotts Company would like to come to the next Regular Meeting in order to talk about this bridge posting.

Mr. Duckert stated that he did not understand why this bridge had to be so large, as the stream that runs through there has a very slow volume. Mr. Doyle explained that the DEQ will not narrow a bridge once it has been established. Mr. Doyle agreed that this was an unfortunate posting and he would do what he could to move it along as quickly as possible.

051414-095

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve TCO 01(11)2014- In accordance with Engineer's recommendation that the Imlay City Road Bridge over the Belle River Drain between M-53 and Pennell Road in Imlay Township be posted as follows: Single Unit Vehicle- 21 Tons Gross Load, Two Unit Vehicle- 29 Tons Gross Load, Three Unit Vehicle- 52 Tons Gross Load with an effective date of June 16, 2014. Motion carried.

Mr. Duckert stated that he approved the posting only because he has been informed that it was a safety factor, but that he was not in favor of the new posting, as he believed that it was an economic disaster.

Mr. Doyle explained that out of the sixteen Townships that had been presented with the ballot language for the road millage, eleven approved it and five tabled the subject, but four of those will most likely approve it.

Mr. Doyle explained that he had attended a special meeting on Monday with State Transportation Committee regarding the Dryden Road project and stated that Pro Line did not attend the meeting, even though they requested the appeal hearing. Their bid was thrown out and Ace was awarded the contract. Mr. Doyle stated that he is hopeful that Ace will work around the Fourth of July holiday with both projects.

Mr. Doyle went on to state that Hollenbeck Road construction would begin after Memorial Day and Indian Road was crushed today and would be paved at a later date.

PUBLIC TIME

Mr. David Poole, 4463 McDowell Road

Mr. Poole was present to speak about the notice he received regarding the removal of the trees in front of his house on McDowell Road. Mr. Poole stated that the trees near the road are the only trees in his yard and they are a beauty to his house and the removal will depreciate the value of his property. Mr. Gingell stated that the trees are twenty, twenty two and twenty seven feet from the centerline of the road. Mr. Poole went on to state that he questions the centerline of the road, and that the cost to remove the trees could be put into asphalt and signage to lower the speed. Mr. Poole stated that he did not understand why the Road Commission was picking on McDowell Road, but would like to see the traffic slowed down on the road. Mr. Poole asked what the cost was for the tree removal. Mr. Doyle stated that \$200,000 was allotted for this item. Mr. Poole stated that this seemed like a waste of money.

Mr. Doyle explained that at the Federal level there is funding available to all states for safety projects that are High Risk Rural Roads. The requirements of the funding is that you have to correct the crash numbers by correcting slopes and signage and by removing fixed objects such as trees and headwalls. Mr. Doyle explained that he looks at the locations with the highest number of crashes each year and submits those for funding. The funds are then awarded by MDOT and all of the proposed work must be completed. Mr. Doyle stated that there were two fatalities at this location. Mr. Poole stated that the trees actually protect him and that the trees are one hundred years old. Mr. Poole added that the trees were one of the reasons he bought the house thirty years ago. Mr. Doyle stated that if the trees are hittable in the clear zone, they must go. Mr. Duckert stated that trees that are that close to the road cause shade and the ice will not melt in the winter, which can cause an accident. Mr. Poole stated that the trees are very mature and the leaves are higher, so this isn't an issue.

Mr. Howell stated that he is sympathetic about losing the trees, but he cannot support the decision to not remove a tree that is twenty feet from the centerline.

Mr. Poole stated that it appeared there was nothing he could do to change the decision, but explained that he did want to keep the logs as big as possible for his use. Mr. Doyle asked Mr. Poole to put his request in writing and he would provide that information to the contractor.

Mr. Ken Daniels, 4371 McDowell Road

Mr. Daniels explained that his question had already been answered regarding how this road was determined to need improvement. Mr. Daniels did ask about trees that were on the right of way line. Mr. Doyle stated that we leave trees that are that far away. Mr. Daniels then asked the Board to pass the ordinance regarding fracking, if we get contacted on that issue.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary