

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 25, 2014
4:30 p.m.**

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

Also in attendance: Mr. Destain Gingell, Mr. Charles Buckel, Mr. Gary Moore

Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice 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

062514-116

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

062514-117

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for June 11, 2014. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

062514-118

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve disbursements dated June 26, 2014 in the amount of \$360,278.27. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

062514-119

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

Attica Township

504 003 143202 Ditching on Force Road, On the West Side, from 1698 Force- South 425', Between Greenwood and I-69, Replace 1 Drive Tube at Home Owner's Expense, Seed and Mulch
Estimated Cost: \$3,500.00/\$1,750.00 Allocation/\$1,750.00 Township

489 003 143203 Level and Brine Only, 10,000 Ton Gravel, To be Spread on various Local Roads
Estimated Cost: \$9,500.00/\$4,750.00 Allocation/\$4,750.00 Township

Burlington Township

504 004 143300 Replace Cross-Tube on Haight Road between Jefferson Road and Lake Pleasant Road, 18" x 40', 4/10 mile from Jefferson Estimated Cost: \$1,850.00 Township

504 004 143301 Replace Cross Tube on Soper Road between Page Road and Slattery Road, 24" x 40', 7/10 mile from Slattery Estimated Cost: \$\$2,100.00 Township

489 004 143302 Spread Gravel- 2,000 Ton on Castle Road between Jefferson Road and Lake Pleasant Road and 2,500 Ton on Lake Pleasant between Barnes and Peck Estimated Cost: \$36,675.00/
\$11,278.45 Allocation/\$25,396.55 Township

Village of Clifford

505 000 149217 Annual Traffic Counts Estimated Cost: \$140.00 Village of Clifford

Deerfield Township

489 006 143501 Gravel- 6,000 Ton on Willits between Burnside and Castle, 4,500 on Booth Road between Burnside and M-90, 2,500 Ton on Tozer Road between Fish Lake and Township Line.
Estimated Cost: \$105,430.00/\$20,004.59 Allocation/\$85,425.41 Township

Dryden Township

504 007 143614 Tree cutting on Hollow Corners Road between Rochester, To be performed by Kappen Tree Service. Estimated Cost: \$4,500.00 Township

Elba Township

504 008 143705 Hunt Road, 12 Driveway Tubes Replacements, 4 Cross Culverts, Pipe at 3866, Tree and Stump Removal, 1,150' of Ditching, Erosion Control, 50 Ton of 7A, Traffic Control, Seed and Mulch
Estimated Cost: \$36,287.59

Goodland Township

504 009 143898 Roadside Mowing, To be performed with LCRC Forces, One single swath
Estimated Cost: \$5,400.00/\$2,700 Allocation/\$2,700 Township

Imlay Township

504 011 144000 Ditching- Rule Road at Dead End on East Side 300' south from Cross Culvert, Seed and Mulch. Estimated Cost: \$2,600.00 Township

504 011 144001 Ditching-Dorrow Road at Intersection of Brown City Road, East Side from house driveway 100' South, Seed and Mulch. Estimated Cost: \$800.00 Township

504 011 144002 Ditching- Blacks Corners Road between Hunters Creek and Hanna Roads, 300', West Side, Seed and Mulch. Estimated Cost: \$2,600.00 Township

504 011 144004 Cornell Road between Burns Road and the Train Tracks, Install 24" x 48' Cross Culvert, Ditch to Burns Road, Seed and Mulch, If paving of black top is necessary, it will be an additional cost.
Estimated Cost: \$3,000.00 Township

504 011 144098 Roadside Mowing, To be Performed by LCRC Forces, 1 Double Swath
Estimated Cost: \$5,050.00 Township

Mayfield Township

489 014 144301 Weir Road, Wedge and Overlay Patch South of Norway Lake Road
Estimated Cost: \$9,922.13 Township

504 014 144303 Bates Drive between Mayfield Road and Gardner Road, Replace Cross Culvert
Estimated Cost: \$3,500.00 Township

Motion carried.

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Mr. Pearson stated that he is overly impressed with the Townships continued improvements they are making to their roads. Mr. Pearson went on to state that the foremen are having a difficult time keeping up with all of the work while fighting with the weather, less employees and the gravel haul pulling drivers from all districts.

ENGINEERING REPORT

062514-120

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve Michigan Department of Transportation Contract 13-5639 for Hot mix asphalt and aggregate shoulder work along Lake Pleasant Road from Lum Road northerly to Clear Lake Road; including pavement work; and all together with necessary related work and authorize Mr. Duckert and Mr. Hemmingsen to sign. Estimated Cost: \$515,900/\$392,100 Federal/\$123,800 State/\$0 LCRC. Motion carried.

062514-121

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve Michigan Department of Transportation Contract 14-5265 for Hot mix asphalt resurfacing with aggregate should work along Lake Pleasant Road from Clear Lake Road northerly to Oak Grove Road; including pavement marking work; and all together necessary related work, and authorize Mr. Duckert and Mr. Hemmingsen to sign. Estimated Cost: \$387,400/\$310,000 Federal/\$38,700 State/\$38,700 LCRC. Motion carried.

Mr. Doyle asked to delay the approval of contract 14-5399 until he is certain of the funding breakdown.

Mr. Doyle reported that the Dryden Road project was complete, with the exception of striping and a small shoulder issue west of the party store. Mr. Doyle commented that the project looked good. The next section will begin after the Fourth of July holiday, along with Baldwin Road and Marathon/McDowell Road projects.

Mr. Doyle stated that the tree removal issue on McDowell Road continues to be disputed by Mr. Poole, who has now contacted the media and an attorney.

PUBLIC TIME

Mr. Gary Moore, 5864 Baldwin Road

Mr. Moore returned again to the Regular Meeting to speak about the large oak tree that was marked to be removed for the safety project on Baldwin Road. Mr. Moore explained that he has lived in Lapeer County for 36 years, and stated that the Road Commission has done a good job with the extreme weather we encountered and the lack of funding. Mr. Moore stated that he believe Mr. Pearson has done a good job.

His concern today is that the oak tree on Baldwin Road was marked today for cutting. Mr. Moore explained that the tree is between 150 and 200 years old and he thinks it should be saved. Mr. Moore commented that the Engineer may be a little wet behind the ears, and doesn't know as much as a 76 year old business owner does, that it isn't necessary to remove the tree. Mr. Moore agreed that if you hit the tree, you will be killed, but there is also a telephone pole in this section that is closer than the tree.

Mr. Doyle stated that DTE hasn't responded on whether they would move the pole, but the pole should be moved one way or another since it is so close to the road.

Mr. Doyle explained that he asked the contractor to mark trees in the right of way up to twenty-seven feet from the center of the roadway to determine how much of the tree removal budget was used, but that estimate yielded 2/3 of the budget still available for additional cutting.

Mr. Doyle stated that a berm could be built through to the tree as an option, but that the tree will most likely die from lack of oxygen. A guardrail was suggested, but Mr. Doyle explained that a guardrail would be simply be replacing one fixed object for another object closer to the road.

Mr. Duckert added that the shade from the tree causes a hazard on the road when the ice and snow cannot melt.

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Mr. Hemmingsen added that the traffic on a gravel road traveling 55mph causes a dangerous situation as the gravel conditions are constantly changing.

Mr. Moore added that the pole should be moved. Mr. Hemmingsen stated that we will move the pole even if we have to pay for it.

Mr. Duckert declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary