

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 3, 2014
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman: Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman

Absent: Mr. Michael Hemmingsen, Member

In Attendance: Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Ms. Linette Daily, Board Secretary

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

090314-159

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

090314-160

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for August 20, 2014, and Special Meeting minutes for August 27, 2014. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

090314-161

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve disbursements dated September 4, 2014 in the amount of \$670,821.87. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

090314-162

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the projects as presented: Motion carried.

Attica Township

504 003 143204 Ditching from 1984 Conley Road to Newark Road- 150 feet, Seed and Mulch

Estimated Cost: \$1,200.00 Township

Hadley Township

504 010 143904 Replace 12" x 30' Drive Culvert at 3333 Hasler Lake Road, Saw Cut, Remove Culvert and Install new Culvert, Ditch 150' Trim Pine Trees Estimated Cost: \$3,175.48 Township

504 010 143902 700' Ditching, 50 Ton 5A, Seed and Mulch, Diehl Road at Meadow Pond Drive

Estimated Cost: \$7,636.23 Township

504 010 143903 Replace 12'x54' Cross Culvert, 15 Ton 5A and 15 Ton Processed Gravel at Angler Drive and Davis Lake Road Intersection Estimated Cost: \$3,125.00 Township

Imlay Township

504 011 144011 Dust Control- 2nd Application, Road Maintenance, Estimated Cost: \$9,528.48 Township

Lapeer Township

489 012 144101 Crush/Shape/Pave- Peppermill from West Entrance of Lakewood Circle to Maple Grove Road Estimated Cost: \$181,740.14, \$162,997.31 Township, \$18,742.83 Allocation

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson reported that we have been notified that we will be receiving \$49,510.36 from the Michigan State Police/Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division to help fund the clean-up of tree-related damage and debris from the ice storm that occurred on December 22 and 23, 2013. It was stated that on March 14, 2014, Governor Rick Snyder signed Public Act 34 of 2014 appropriating \$1 million to help fund counties and municipalities impacted by the ice storm.

Mr. Pearson asked the Board to review the latest version of the proposed 2015 Budget as he continues to move projects in order to cover scheduled expenses.

Mr. Pearson stated that he has received the contract from Stewart, Beauvais and Whipple P.C. for accounting services for 2015. Mr. Pearson explained that the new contract is for \$9,000, a \$200 increase from last year. Mr. Howell requested that a cost comparison be gathered from other road commissions prior to approving the contract.

Mr. Pearson reported that the new labor attorney was available on Monday, September 8, 2014 for introductions and an initial discussion of labor negotiations.

090314-163

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to add a Committee of the Whole meeting on September 8, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. to the meeting schedule. Motion carried

Mr. Pearson reported that he had been asked to speak about the millage proposal at the Optimist Club on September 11, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Gingell gave an update on the progress of projects throughout the County, and spoke briefly about the 2015/2016 projects.

Mr. Pearson reported to the board that Mr. Doyle had received a response from Fraser Trebilcock Lawyers, the firm handling the right of way issue on Hemstead Road/Jonathon/Rock Valley Roads and the settlement proposal had been rejected by the plaintiff. Mr. Howell stated that he is not pleased with the poor representation we have received from this firm. Mr. Hemmingsen stated he would like to know what the outlook is on this case before we proceed any further.

PUBLIC TIME

Mr. Gary Moore, Baldwin Road

Mr. Moore stated that the work on Baldwin Road has gone well and the engineers have been helpful, and continue to be cooperative. Mr. Moore provided a photo of a section of Baldwin Road where trees were removed on a high bank. Mr. Pearson explained that the removal of trees on this section has opened this road up nicely and it now gets full exposure from the sun.

Mr. Charles Buckel, Union Representative

Mr. Buckel reported to the Board that the maintenance union would like to begin labor negotiations.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

None.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary