

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, October 1, 2014  
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman; Mr. Michael Hemmingsen, Member  
In Attendance: Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Ryan Doyle, County Highway Engineer; Ms.  
Linette Daily, Board Secretary; Mr. Destain Gingell, Staff Engineer

Also in attendance: Mr. Zeb Schons, Mr. Nate Lawson, Mr. David Rulla, Mr. Jim Tolen, Mr. Garry Running, Mr.  
Ron Cischke, Mr. David Shiflett

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**

**100114-179**

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

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**100114-180**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for September  
17, 2014 and Public Hearing minutes for September 17, 2014. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**100114-181**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve disbursements dated October 2, 2014 in the  
amount of \$463,540.34. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PROJECTS**

**100114-182**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the project as presented: Motion carried.

Goodland Township

489 0090143804 Haul, Level, and Brine 2,000 of Limestone, Summers Road from Lyons Road North ½

Mile Estimated Cost: \$34,800 Township

**100114-183**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the project as presented: Motion carried.

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489 011 144012 2,500 Ton Gravel to be Spread on Various Local Roads. Estimated Cost:

\$23,000/\$11,500 Allocation/\$11,500 Township

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

Mr. Doyle stated that most of the projects are wrapping up, with the exception of Baldwin Road.

Mr. Doyle also reported that he has received the Tier Two Bridge Inspections and as a result of the inspections,  
seven bridges will have new postings.

Mr. Doyle explained that there were four Grade Inspection/Plan Inspection meetings today, as well as the Karegnondi meeting in Flint. Mr. Doyle explained that the water line project is slated to begin at the east end at the end of October and should move into Lapeer County in November.

Mr. Howell asked Mr. Doyle if he had been forwarded the information from the Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday in which Mr. Horace Boddy, Mr. Ryan Bauer and Mr. Larry Scott were present. Mr. Doyle stated that he has responded to all of the correspondences from Boddy Construction Co., Inc. and has an email from Craig Innis the MDOT representative assigned to the project, confirming the same. Mr. Doyle stated that Boddy Construction Co. did not submit their extension of time requests until this past Saturday and he forwarded his responses on to MDOT on Tuesday.

Mr. Doyle reported that the company is now on liquidated damages, but more importantly, it is inconvenient for the residents and schools. Mr. Doyle added that they now have a good size crew working and the subs will be in doing the guard rail and signs soon.

Mr. Doyle went on to state that Boddy Construction Co. is making a lot of claims, but are not supplying much, if any back up for those claims.

**PUBLIC TIME**

**Mr. Ron Cischke, Goodland Township Supervisor**

Mr. Cischke spoke briefly about their continued road projects and added that Goodland Township is 100% behind the millage proposal. Mr. Cischke went on to speak about the Shaw Road project (Tree removal, Ditching and 2,000 Ton of Gravel) which has an estimated cost of \$95,000. Mr. Cischke stated that he will speak to Mr. Pearson regarding the option to spread the cost over two years.

**Mr. Jim Tolen, 45 White Road, Columbiaville**

Mr. Tolen was present to speak about the White Road paving project which was completed last fall. Mr. Tolen stated that he is located on the west end of the project, on the north side of the road. Mr. Tolen explained that there was no ditching in his area and he is experiencing washouts in which it has cost him several thousand dollars to repair. Mr. Tolen reported that the Township has agreed to pay for the replacement of the bad culvert, and it was promised to be replaced before deer season last year, but it still hasn't been done. Mr. Tolen added that the County keeps saying they will do it, but they don't do it.

Mr. Tolen stated that the Road Commission did place stone in the area last July and then had to come out and put it in two more times.

Mr. Doyle stated that the paving project did not include driveway culverts. Mr. Doyle added that he did speak with Mr. Streichert about the culvert today, and he indicated that he was still planning to replace it this year.

Mr. Tolen explained that the cross culvert is also plugged and needs to be jetted clean.

Mr. Howell stated that he asked Mr. Tolen to come to the Board Meeting and inform the Board of the issue. Mr. Howell stated that it will be dealt with.

**Mr. David Rulla, 4561 Danbi Drive, Metamora**

Mr. Rulla stated that his proposed driveway is 28 feet off of the center of the road, and the road is only 15 feet wide. Mr. Rulla explained that he asked the electric company to install electricity to the location, but they will not do that without an official address and construction code requires an approved driveway in order to issue this number. Mr. Rulla stated that Mr. Gatton is requiring several trees to be removed in order to issue the permit, and does not want to remove the trees. Mr. Rulla reported that one of the trees is a large oak tree that is over 100 years old. There are currently two driveways at this location, the original field drive, and a new unapproved drive to the north. It was stated that the traffic count is very low on this road. Mr. Rulla stated that he would like a variance to keep his trees.

Mr. Gingell stated that the sight distance to the south is impaired at the desired driveway location and the driveway is sloped down, causing safety issues for the winter months.

Mr. Rulla stated that the vegetation and trees is what is holding the bank along the property in place. Mr. Rulla explained that he is using the property for hunting only and does not intend to place a home on the property. Mr. Garry Running, the contractor who built the new driveway, stated that they would like a stipulation for this driveway because the road is so narrow.

Mr. Howell explained that there have to be standards to work from and the Road Commission uses the standards to promote safety. Mr. Duckert added that although the road is narrow, the speed limit on the road is 55 mph and that is why driveways have sight distance specifications.

Mr. Rulla stated that he is okay with removing the junk trees, but wants a variance for the requested sight distance, as this property will only be used for a hunting camp. Mr. Rulla went on to state that he would also like to build a pole barn for his tractor at this location.

Mr. Gingell stated that he was only able to get 150 feet of sight distance to the south.

Mr. Running explained that the trees could get removed and there may still be a sight distance with the bank. They don't want to remove the trees and still not get the distance.

Mr. Howell stated that he would like to table this issue for two weeks and have Mr. Doyle and Mr. Gingell work it out.

**Mr. David Shiflett, 40 Lake Pleasant Road**

Mr. Shiflett asked the Board, "whose responsibility it was to take care of the issue on White Road?" Mr. Howell explained that this was the first time the Board had been informed of the issue and would see to it that it was resolved.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

Mr. Duckert stated that Attica Road, between Blacks Corners Road and Summers Road is in need of patching. It was stated that the issue will be passed on to the District Foreman.

Mr. Running then asked the Board why they push limestone so strongly. Mr. Duckert explained that the limestone roads require much less maintenance, and usually require only a 1/3 as much grading, have a harder surface and hold up better. Mr. Duckert stated that they are worth the extra cost. Mr. Running stated that he believed the 21AA gravel was stronger and less costly. Mr. Running stated that Huron and Tuscola County Road Commissions come to Lapeer to Bechtel to get the 21AA material.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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Gary Howell, Chairman

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary