

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 7, 2015
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman; Mr. Michael Hemmingsen, Member
In Attendance: Mr. Ryan Doyle, County Highway Engineer; Ms. Linette Daily, Board Secretary; Mr. Erick Pearson; Managing Director; Mr. Destain Gingell, Staff Engineer

Also in attendance: Mr. James Gatton, Mr. Zeb Schons, Mr. Charles Buckel

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

010715-002

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

010715-003

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for December 23, 2014. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

010715-004

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve disbursements dated January 8, 2015 in the amount of \$246,584.52. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson reported to the Board that there were three retirements occurring prior to the next Regular Meeting.

Mr. Pearson asked the Board to approve the Resolutions for the three retirements.

010715-005

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the following resolution:

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS THAT

In Special Recognition of

James Gatton, Lapeer County Road Commission

WHEREAS, James Gatton started with the Road Commission in April of 1986 as a seasonal employee; on August 31, 1987 took the position as Engineering Aide- also assisting with Weighmaster work at this time; was promoted to Engineering Tech II in May of 1997; became Permit Foreman in March of 2000; and,

WHEREAS, James Gatton is an exemplary and dedicated employee of the Lapeer County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS, James Gatton has used his engineering & Weighmaster skills for the past twenty eight plus years to help protect the Lapeer County roads and the wellbeing of all who use them; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of James Gatton's hard work and diligence, the travelling public in Lapeer County has gained a significant benefit in road safety; and,

WHEREAS, James Gatton will be retiring January 15, 2015 after more than twenty seven years of faithful service to the community; and,

WHEREAS, James Gatton'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 Seventh day of January, 2015, there to remain forever.

Roll call vote: Howell, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Duckert, absent. Motion carried.

010715-006

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the following resolution:

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS THAT

In Special Recognition of

Tami Erickson, Lapeer County Road Commission

WHEREAS, Tami Erickson started with the Road Commission on January 2, 1997 as an Administrative Assistant, was promoted to Finance Director/Office Manager on August 11, 1997, and in 1999 was named Chief Financial Officer.

WHEREAS, Tami Erickson is an exemplary and dedicated employee of the Lapeer County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Tami Erickson has used her skills as Office Manager and Chief Financial Officer to remain in compliance with local, state and federal requirements; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of Tami Erickson's diligence and strong work ethic, she has contributed to the stable financial condition of the Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Tami Erickson will be retiring January 16, 2015 after more than eighteen years of faithful service to the community; and,

WHEREAS, Tami Erickson's loyalty, commitment and hard work will be missed by one and all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, wishes to honor and express deep appreciation to Tami Erickson for her dedicated service.

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 Seventh day of January, 2015, there to remain forever.

Roll call vote: Howell, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Duckert, absent. Motion carried.

010715-007

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the following resolution:

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS THAT
In Special Recognition of
Leslie King, Lapeer County Road Commission

WHEREAS, Les King started with the Road Commission on June 17, 1980 as a Summer Seasonal Employee, and on September 08, 1980 was hired as a Full Time as a Maintenance Grader Operator. During his career, Les worked as a Loader/Backhoe Operator, Truck Operator, Heavy Equipment Operator, Night Patrol Operator, Construction Crew Operator and lastly promotion to Working Foreman in May of 2005; and,

WHEREAS, Les King is an exemplary and dedicated employee of the Lapeer County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Les King has used his skills as an Operator and Working Foreman to help protect the roads in Lapeer County for the past thirty four plus years; and,

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

WHEREAS, Les King will be retiring January 16, 2015 after more than thirty four years of faithful service to the community; and,

WHEREAS, Les King'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 Seventh day of January, 2015, there to remain forever.

Roll call vote: Howell, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Duckert, absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson recalled stories about Mr. Gatton for the Board and thanked him for his dedicated service. Mr. Doyle thanked Mr. Gatton for teaching him the permit procedure and the Weighmaster duties. Mr. Gingell stated that he appreciated the ride-alongs with Mr. Gatton for the past nine months, as he has learned a lot from Mr. Gatton's years of experience. Mr. Schons added that he knew he could always call Mr. Gatton and he would be there if the maintenance crew needed him. Mr. Schons thanked him for his help. Mr. Charles Buckel wished Mr. Gatton "Good Luck".

Mr. Gatton thanked everyone and stated that he has been through a lot while working at the Road Commission and has been fortunate to learn much.

Mr. Pearson explained that the crews worked seven hours on Saturday and eleven hours on Sunday clearing snow and ice. Mr. Pearson stated that with the cold temperatures sand is being used.

Mr. Pearson explained that the trees at the intersection of Attica Road and Blacks Corners Road are not under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Doyle stated that the Tree Removal policy had been revised and has been presented for approval.

010715-008

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to rescind the Tree Removal Policy dated 05/05/2010. Motion carried.

010715-009

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Tree Removal/Trimming Policy dated 01/07/2015. Motion carried.

Mr. Howell stated that an excellent job was done on the revisions.

Mr. Doyle went on to state that he met with the DEQ regarding the Brocker Road culvert. Mr. Doyle explained that it has been determined that we may be able to leave the culvert where it is at. Mr. Doyle went on to state that shots will be taken to evaluate the option. Mr. Doyle would like to keep the culvert at its current height, if possible.

Mr. Doyle reported that the letters for the residents with trees along the safety projects have been prepared for mailing. Mr. Doyle stated that he will mail them after the projects are let on Friday.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary