

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 13, 2015
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman; Mr. Michael Hemmingsen
In Attendance: Mr. Ryan Doyle, County Highway Engineer; Ms. Tamela Cleeton, Acting Board Secretary; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. Destain Gingell, Staff Engineer

Also in attendance: Mr. Rick Brandt, Mr. Charles Buckel and 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

051315-072

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

051315-073

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for April 29, 2015. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

051315-074

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve disbursements dated May 14, 2015 in the amount of \$330,305.98. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

051315-075

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

Arcadia Township

504 002 153120 Dust Control to be performed by Road Maintenance, 2 Applications with the option of a 3rd Estimated Cost: \$19,159.92 Township

Burnside Township

504 005 153401 Replace Cross Tube on Churchill north of Wilcox 24" x 70' Estimated Cost: \$3,850.00 Township

Dryden Township

489 007 153603 6,000 Ton Limestone, To be placed on various roads, LCRC to provide leveling and brine only Estimated Cost: \$102,600.00 Township

Imlay Township

489 011 154001 10,000 Ton Gravel, To be leveled and brined only by LCRC, Estimated Cost \$92,000.00

504 011 154002 Ditching, 820' on Rider Road between Bristol and Graham, Seed and Mulch, Estimated Cost: \$6,400.00/\$1,000.00 Allocation/\$5,400.00 Township

504 011 154003 Ditching, 950' at Bowman and Newark Roads, Seed and Mulch, Estimated Cost: \$8,000.00 Township/\$4,000.00 Allocation/\$4000.00 Township

504 011 154020 Dust Control, Road Maintenance, One Application, \$9528.48 Township

Metamora

504 015 154415 Roadside Mowing, Jostock Trucking, One Swath Estimated Cost: \$3,200.00 Township

504 015 154420 Dust Control, Road Maintenance, 2 Applications with the Option of 3rd Estimated Cost: \$29,736.72 Township

Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson explained that Dryden Township and Imlay Township have not decided which roads they would like to put the gravel on, hence various roads in the project description.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson reported to the Board that Rob Cichoracki was retiring, and he would like to present the following resolution.

Mr. Howell stated that the board had all seen the resolution.

051315-076

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

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS THAT

In Special Recognition of

Robin Cichoracki, Lapeer County Road Commission

WHEREAS, Robin Cichoracki started with the Road Commission on October 5, 1987 as a Laborer for Lapeer, 1988 as a Maintenance Grader Operator for the Imlay City garage, 1992 as a Heavy Equipment Operator for North Branch, and in 1996 a Truck Operator for the North Branch garage and has stayed there for the remainder of his career; and,

WHEREAS, Robin Cichoracki is an admirable and loyal employee of the Lapeer County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Robin Cichoracki has used his capabilities as a truck operator and operator of heavy equipment to maintain the roads in Lapeer County for the past twenty eight plus years; and,

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

WHEREAS, Robin Cichoracki will be retiring May 14, 2015 after more than twenty eight years of faithful service to the community; and,

WHEREAS, Robin Cichoracki'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 Thirteenth day of May, 2015, there to remain forever.

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

Mr. Pearson reported that he had attended the Imlay City Road meeting and was asked to speak at it. Mr. Pearson stated that he explained what the road commission does, our size and responsibilities, fund level and where it comes from. Mr. Pearson took project sheets to the meeting and went over all of the projects for their area and what projects are up and coming that would affect them. Mr. Pearson explained that Imlay City Road may be worked on if the funding is available, we did receive \$150,000.00 from MDOT for curve replacement on 53 since it has become a safety issue. Mr. Pearson also stated that he had an opportunity to meet the new city manager and talk to him about LCRC involvement in the M-53 Projects.

Mr. Pearson reported that he was notified today that our cab and chassis had arrived and we are moving forward with that.

Mr. Pearson reported that we have crews out poly-patching on I-69 and other areas where holes have developed. Mr. Pearson explained that we are using money from our budget and that there is no special funding for these repairs.

Mr. Pearson mentioned that gravel hauls will begin shortly, and we will get an earlier start than we did last year.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Doyle asked the board to approve the following bid tabulations in the best interest of the Road Commission.

051315-077

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the HMA Base Crushing and HMA Surface Removal Tabulations and award in the best interest of the Road Commission. Motion carried

051315-078

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Bituminous Paving Bid Tabulations and award in the best interest of the Road Commission. Motion carried

051315-079

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Pavement Marking Bid Tabulations and award in the best interest of the Road Commission. Motion carried

051315-080

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Chip Seal Bid Tabulations and award in the best interest of the Road Commission. Motion carried

Mr. Doyle reported that the paving and asphalt prices are up 10% from last year and that the bids are consistent with the bids received from MDOT. Mr. Doyle explained that we have a new pavement marking bidder. Mr. Pearson stated that they bid under what we had expected for the budget and were close to the prices from last year.

Mr. Doyle asked the board to approve the \$10,000.00 MDOT Engineering reimbursement that is given to the Road Commission for having a professional engineer on staff.

051315-081

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

Mr. Doyle asked the board to approve the IDF Haul Route from Bowman Road southerly to Rider Road and easterly to Graham Road.

051315-082

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

WHEREAS, the Road Commission has the authority and responsibility over certain public roads within the County of Lapeer, Michigan.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Agreement is to maintain the proposed haul route in an “as is” or better condition. Thus, the LCRC and the Haulers shall provide an agreement stating the conditions of hauling normal (Class B) loads from 2386 Bowman Road, southerly to Rider Road and easterly to Graham Road. Only the trucks clearly labeled as Latigo Transport, I.D.F. Clean-up, Brown Farms, and Cob Ash shall be authorized to haul loads under this agreement. Loaded trips shall not exceed 20 per day.

WHEREAS, the Haulers hereby acknowledge that the existing condition of the Haul Route roads cannot withstand continual and repetitious loads. The Haulers acknowledge their responsibility to perform additional maintenance and/or repairs to the Haul Route roads as a result of damage to the roads from their hauling operations.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have reached an agreement regarding the additional maintenance of the Haul Roads and their use by the Haulers as contained in this Agreement.

WHEREAS, it is hereby agreed that the Haulers will maintain the Haul Route roads with their own equipment and at their own expense. The maintenance shall include grading and brining as necessary to reasonably prevent excessive dust and rutting conditions from forming.

WHEREAS, the Haulers shall secure the required insurance coverage to perform maintenance and repairs within the Haul Route road right-of-ways in accordance with the LCRC policy.

WHEREAS, the Haulers shall perform any repairs or additional maintenance upon request of the LCRC. The Haulers may request that the LCRC perform the repair(s) at a cost to be billed to the Haulers. This Agreement shall be revoked immediately upon failure of the Haulers to perform the agreed-to routine maintenance and/or requested maintenance or repair any damage done to the Haul Route roads. This Agreement shall also be revoked for failure by the Haulers to maintain the required insurance coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. The LCRC hereby grants the Haulers the right to haul normal (Class B) loads, either directly or by third parties on its behalf, to its Facilities utilizing the Haul Roads.
2. The LCRC also grants the Haulers the right to use over-length “super-trains” up to 75’ in length. The Haulers shall conform to all other applicable state laws regarding legal axle weights and size.
3. All trucks utilizing the facilities named herein shall comply with a maximum 35 mph speed limit. Speeds observed in excess of 35 mph shall be viewed as unsafe for conditions. The Haulers will receive a written warning of trucks observed to be speeding. The Haulers agree to correct this problem and continued observance of speeding trucks are cause for revocation of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall expire on December 1st, 2015.

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

Mr. Doyle reported that Brocker Road bridge project is wrapping up, and he should be able to close the project out shortly.

Mr. Doyle reported that the Fish Lake Road project is in the midst of cleanup and they started restoration last week. Mr. Doyle explained that they still have not given a concrete date on when the road will be finished. Mr. Howell stated that at least they have cleaned up their mess and there are no obstructions.

Mr. Doyle reported that the roundabout is a week ahead of schedule and under budget. Mr. Doyle explained that the utility and marking companies are the only things causing delays on the project. Mr. Doyle added that they are still planning on pouring concrete on Monday May 18th, begin paving the first few days of June and hopefully will have the road open again around June 11th or 12th. Ryan explained that after the roundabout is finished we will start work on Oregon Road.

Mr. Doyle reported that KWA is planning on starting Contract 4006 next Tuesday, which starts at Jefferson/Kings Mill and works west. Mr. Howell stated that the current KWA project is a mess when driving around where they are working. Mr. Doyle stated that it has been a daily struggle dealing with them and the roads they have destroyed. Mr. Howell asked why they are only filling in some spots and not along the entire road. Mr. Doyle explained that they are typically welding three pipes at a time and are not filling in around the valves. Mr. Doyle added that they are laying 200 – 300 feet of pipe a day, and each contract will take a year and a half to finish. Mr. Duckert stated that that seemed to be a slow pace. Mr. Hemmingsen asked if contractually they have a winter shut down agreement or can they continue to work. Mr. Doyle stated that they can work through the winter and year round as long as the Frost Laws are not in effect.

Mr. Doyle reported that Bronson Lake Road is wrapping up as well. The guardrail was installed today and cleanup is ongoing.

Mr. Doyle discussed the issue of the guardrail, and that Mr. Fish is insisting that the Lapeer County Road Commission put three breaks in the guardrail for access to the lake. Mr. Doyle stated that for safety reasons we could only put one break and that Mr. Fish would have to pay for the added cost to the project. Mr. Gingell stated that he is the only person that has a problem with the guardrail. Mr. Gingell added that we knew the association

was not happy about the 300-400 ft. of fence we took out; however, the contractor gave the fence back to the association for them to put back up if they wanted to.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rick Brandt, Hadley Township

Mr. Brandt was present to talk about the No Parking signs that used to be at the intersection of Pratt and Hadley Roads. There used to be “No Parking From Here To Corner” signs at the intersection in Hadley. The signs are no longer present and people park in front of the Dollar Store and obstruct the view making the intersection dangerous for motorists. Mr. Brandt stated that he was not sure why the signs had been taken down, and would like to see them put back up if possible. Mr. Brandt that that he has had many complaints of cars parking and causing blockage of view. Mr. Doyle stated that he would check to see if there were any active TCO’s and if there were, he would have them put back up.

Mr. Brandt was also present to discuss the bicycle race coming up Father’s Day weekend that runs through Hadley and locks the road up for over three hours. Mr. Brandt has gotten many complaints over the years of people trying to get to church, home and work. They cannot turn on the road to get where they need to be that day. I would like them to at least have to get a permit to do the race. They get the sheriff’s department, off duty officers, to block the road making it look like motorist cannot pull out on Pratt Road or any of the side roads in town. They also block off part of Fox Lake and the public is not allowed to use the State Park. Mr. Doyle explained that we have informed them that they must have a permit and that part of the restrictions require them to follow the rules of the road. Mr. Doyle added however, if we do not have the cooperation of the sheriff’s department the permit is useless.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Mr. Duckert stated that the roads are graded, shaped up nicely and he is very pleased with the roads in his area. He also stated that the new brush extractor at the Imlay City garage did a nice job taking down a willow tree and cleaning up the brush.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Tamela Cleeton, Acting Board Secretary