

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, May 27, 2015  
4:30 p.m.**

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Present: Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice 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 Fish, Mr. Al Derey, Ms. Jaquita McCrory

Employees: Mr. Greg McQueen, Mr. Frank Schroeder, Mr. Charles Buckel, Mr. Gary Haack, Mr. Jack Jostock,  
Mr. John Franzel, Mr. Rich Clemens, Mr. Todd Hauxwell, Mr. Harold Martin, Mr. Troy Wisenbaugh, Mr. Adam  
Schlaud, Mr. Leonard Sanford, Mr. Tom Ellis, Mr. Zeb Schons, Mr. Joe Haack, Mr. Scott Mawer, Mr. Jon  
McKenney, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Kevin Vanderploeg.

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**

**052715-083**

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

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**052715-084**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for May 13,  
2015. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**052715-085**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve disbursements dated May 28, 2015 in the  
amount of \$498,369.71. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PROJECTS**

**052715-086**

**Almont Township**

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

504 001 143007 Crack Sealing the following Subdivision Roads: Tiffany Drive, Lantern Drive, Surrey Drive,  
Elizabeth Lane, Evergreen Trail, Hillside Court, Lakeview Drive, Pine Lake Blvd, and Spruce Trail. Estimated  
Cost: \$10,422.24

Township

489 001 153005 Howland Road between M-53 and Tubspring Road, Pavement Overlay, 2,475 feet

Estimated Cost: \$51,476.70

Motion carried.

**052715-087**

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

**Arcadia Township**

504 002 153100 Youngs Road between Gark and Ostrom. Ditch and Increase Drive Culvert to 18" x 48' to prevent washouts along road. Seed and Mulch. Estimated Cost: \$3,500.00/Allocation \$1,750.00/Township \$1,750.00

504 002 153101 Youngs Road. Ditch North of Noltie Road. Trees, ditching, seed and mulch. 2 drives Estimated Cost: \$12,000.00/Allocation \$1,000.00/Tree Allocation \$5,000.00/Township \$6,000.00

504 002 153102 Ewalt Road between Slattery and Summers, Replace Culvert 18" x 40', About 1/2 mile from Slattery. Estimated Cost: \$2,300.00/Allocation \$1,150.00/Township \$1,150.00

504 002 153103 Daley Road between Bearanger and Harrington. Fix water problem. Ditch and put in 12'x35' culvert. Seed and Mulch. Estimated Cost: \$2,200.00/Allocation \$1,100.00/Township \$1,100.00

504 002 153104 Haines Road west of Hayden Road down to County Drain. Tile 760' of 6" and 820' of 8" with 3 catch basins. Tile will go down north lane and help sub grade of road. Estimated Cost: \$4,500.00/Allocation \$2,250.00/Township \$2,250.00

Motion carried.

**052715-088**

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

**Goodland Township**

504 009 153803 Sisson Road between Crowe and Bowers, Replace 24"x40' culvert. Estimated Cost: \$2,400.00/Allocation \$1,200.00/Township \$1,200.00

504 009 153815 Roadside Mowing/LCRC Forces, One Double Swath. Estimated Cost: \$5,400.00/Allocation \$2,700.00/Township \$2,700.00

504 009 153820 Dust Control/Road Maintenance/One Application. Estimated Cost: \$11,505.78/Allocation \$5,752.89/Township \$5,752.89

504 009 153800 Tree Removal, Shaw Road. Estimated Cost: \$6,000.00/ Tree Allocation \$3,000.00/Township \$3,000.00

Motion carried.

**052715-089**

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

**Imlay Township**

504 011 154004 Burns Road, Survey Work. Estimated Cost: \$1,100.00 Township

Motion carried.

**052715-090**

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

**Lapeer Township**

504 012 154101 Sutton Road between Metamora and Wilder, Replace 18"x 40' Cross Culvert. Estimated Cost: \$2,350.00 Township

504 012 154102 Turrill Road between M-24 and Clark at Oakridge. Estimated Cost: \$4,000.00/Allocation \$2,000.00/Township \$2,000.00

Motion carried.

**052715-091**

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

**Marathon Township**

489 013 154200 8500 Ton Gravel from Weber/Flint River 1,000 Ton; Briggs 2,000 Ton; Pyles, North Lake 3,000 Ton; Klam 2,500. Estimated Cost: \$87,125.00/Allocation \$16,626.24/Township \$70,498.76

504 013 154201 Tile Howell Road between Brunk and Marathon, 3,300 feet, Cooks Drainage  
Estimated Cost: \$2,850.00 Township

504 013 154202 Tile Pyles between Catlin and Washburn, 3,300 feet, Cooks Drainage. Estimated Cost: \$2,490.00 Township

504 013 154203 Tile North Lake between Columbiaville and Pyles, 5,230 Feet. Estimated Cost: \$3,941.00 Township

504 013 154204 Tile LeValley at Klam. West towards Peters 2,300 feet intersection. Cooks Drainage.  
Estimated Cost: \$1,790.00 Township

504 013 154205 Tile LeValley west of Flint River Road, 3,420 feet. Cooks Drainage. Estimated Cost: \$2,554.00 Township

504 013 154206 Tile Pyles Road west of North Lake, 2,540 feet. Estimated Cost: \$1,838.00 Township  
Motion carried.

**052715-092**

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

**Mayfield Township**

504 012 154300 Westbrook Sub, Ditch, Replace Culverts. Estimated Cost: \$19,784.89/Ditching Allocation \$5,000.00/Township \$14,784.89

504 014 154301 Five Lakes Road between Vernor and Daley, Replace Cross Culvert. Estimated Cost: \$2,310.00 Township

489 014 154302 Callis Road, 1,700 Ton Gravel. Estimated Cost: \$17,340.00

489 014 154303 Mayfield Road from Angle Road to Plum Creek Road. Crush Shape and Pave. Estimated Cost: \$152,608.42 Township

504 014 154320 Dust Control/Road Maintenance/Up to 4 Applications. Estimated Cost: \$8,601.84 Township  
Motion carried.

**052715-093**

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

**Village of Almont**

505 000 159007 Paving 775 of Howland Road in the Village Limits, Estimated Cost: \$16,255.80 Village  
Motion carried.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Pearson stated that a Medical Leave Act Policy had been drafted as the current Act was contained in the labor contracts and was difficult to revise when needed.

**052715-094**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Medical Leave Act Policy. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson stated that Mr. Gary Roy had requested that the Road Commission consider removing the ORV restriction on Lum/Daley Roads from Lake Pleasant Road to Fish Lake Road. Discussion ensued.

**052715-095**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen that the Lapeer County Road Commission recommends removing the ORV restriction on Lum Road/Daley Road from Lake Pleasant Road to Fish Lake Road. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson explained that gravel haul has begun in North Branch again and most roads are being graded and brined.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

Mr. Doyle gave an update on the roundabout project, and stated that it was ahead of schedule and under budget. Mr. Doyle stated that there is a chance it may open by end of next week.

Mr. Doyle went on to state that Bronson Lake is almost wrapped up and Lake Pleasant Road will be crushed next Wednesday. The detour on this project needed to be altered due to the water line project.

Mr. Doyle updated the Board on the Hunters Creek Church abandonment request and stated that most of the paperwork had been filed.

Mr. Doyle reported that he had attended the Metamora Planning Commission meeting regarding the Merritt Lake Drive issue and stated that it was suggested that the weight restrictions be lifted and a bond put on the road. Mr. Doyle explained that this is difficult to do with a cracked up road. The planning Commission left it up to the Township and the Township wants the Road Commission to take care of the bond issuance.

Mr. Doyle explained that the ruling on the bat issue still stands with the no tree cutting from October to March when State and Federal Funds are involved. Mr. Doyle went on to state that this has caused the price of tree cutting to increase twenty percent.

Mr. Doyle stated that there is a Rural Task Force Meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> for the remaining one third of funds. Mr. Doyle explained that the funds must be obligated before the end of the year.

Mr. Howell inquired about the KWA haul route and the complaints he has received. Mr. Doyle stated that he believes that the route issue has been resolved, but there is a dust issue. Mr. Doyle explained that they told them they weren't working on Friday and then did, so there wasn't an inspector on the project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Jim Fish, 3804 Bronson Lake Road

Mr. Fish wanted to know why the guardrail that has been placed on Bronson Lake Road does not have openings in the same locations that the fence did that was removed. Mr. Fish stated that he has lake rights and can't get to his property.

Mr. Gingell explained that he checked with MDOT regarding the breaks and was informed that the breaks would have to be created with full ends.

Mr. Fish went on to state that the walking path that exists has been there since the 1930s and they just want access to their property.

Mr. Doyle stated that the openings could be added at the expense of Mr. Fish.

Mr. Duckert stated that he has a problem with the guardrail blocking the trail because it has existed for a long time.

Mr. Doyle stated that the cost would be approximately \$5,000 per opening.

Mr. Al Derey, President of Bronson Lake Association

Mr. Derey explained that when the Road Commission came to the Association to speak about the safety project, they were led to believe that there would be two openings. Mr. Derey stated that with the removal of the fence and the trees, the lake area has lost some privacy from the passersby. Mr. Derey stated that in the interest of safety, the Association went along with the information they were given. Mr. Derey stated that there are ninety-one residents in the Association.

Mr. Derey explained that they know that they have to replace the fence and that will come with a cost to the Association and that some good will from the Road Commission in the community will mean something.

Mr. Jostock stated that he is certain that Oregon Township is not going to help fund the openings, as they have tied up their roads funds on Oregon Road.

Mr. Fish reported that last weekend he attempted to climb over the guardrail and stated that it was close to traffic and not an easy task. Mr. Derey added that most of the residents are aged as well.

Mr. Howell asked the Board what the Commissioners wished to do; no openings, one opening or two openings.

**052715-097**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to place two openings in the guardrail in the cheapest and safest way possible.

Discussion continued.

Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson explained that Mr. David Halbert stated that he was going to attend the meeting to discuss Gosline Road. Mr. Pearson explained that this is a primary Road and is in need of approximately 5,600 ton of gravel which will cost about \$35,000. Mr. Pearson stated that we may put up some extra material at Burnside to put on this roadway.

Ms. Jaquita McCrory, AFSCME Staff Representative

Ms. McCrory stated that the members of the union were present as a unit, and she explained that labor negotiations were not going well. Ms. McCrory went on to state that she hopes that the Board will get involved in the discussions. Mr. Howell stated that the Board is involved with the negotiations; not at the table, but are kept informed and are hopeful that an agreement can be accomplished.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Mr. Howell explained that he appreciated the quick response he received when he called the office to request to have Mr. Streichert contact a resident.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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Gary Howell, Chairman

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary