

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 10, 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. Richard Brandt, Hadley Township Trustee

Employees: 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. Leonard Sanford, Mr. Zeb Schons, Mr. Joe Haack, Mr. Tim Smith, Mr. Kevin Vanderploeg, Mr. Dennis Streichert, Mr. Joshua Solon

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

061015-099

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the agenda with the addition of the Abandonment of Metamora Road. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

061015-100

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for May 27, 2015. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

061015-101

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve disbursements dated June 11, 2015 in the amount of \$337,298.80. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

061015-102

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

Burlington Township

489 004 153300 Spread 3,000 Ton of Gravel on Various Roads as Determined by Township

Estimated Cost: \$24,450.00/Allocation \$11,278.45/Township \$13,171.55

Motion carried.

061015-103

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

Imlay Township

489 011 154005 50 Foot Approach on Summers at Imlay City Road (South)

Estimated Cost: \$3,868.63 Township

489 011 054006 50 Foot Approach on Blacks Corners Road at Imlay City Road (North)
Estimated Cost: \$3,318.63 Township

489 011 154007 50 Foot Approach on Blacks Corners Road at Weyer Road (North and South)
Estimated Cost: \$9,369.35 Township

489 011 154008 Pulverize, Shape, Repave Bosker Lane
Estimated Cost: \$69456.98 Township
Motion carried.

061015-104

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

Lapeer Township

489 012 154103 Crush, Shape and Pave Peppermill Road, Morris Road to Lakewood Circle
Estimated Cost: \$116,439.65/Allocation \$14,651.06/Township \$101,793.59

490 012 154104 Mill Bridge Deck, Pulverize Paved Approaches, New Pavement, 50 Foot Approaches
Hunters Creek Road over Flint River
Estimated Cost: \$19,532.30/Bridge Fund \$7,812.92/Township \$11,719.38

504 012 154115 Roadside Mowing to be Performed with LCRC Forces, 2 Double Swaths
Estimated Cost: \$8,400.00 Township

504 012 154120 Dust Control to be Performed By Road Maintenance, Up to 4 Applications
Estimated Cost: \$19,159.92 Township (\$4,789.98 per application)
Motion carried

061015-105

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

Mayfield Township

504 014 154315 Roadside Mowing to be Performed by Randy Green, One Single Swath and one Double Swath.
Estimated Cost: \$\$6,600.00
Motion carried.

061015-106

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

North Branch

490 016 154500 Replace Bridge on Oak Grove between Jefferson Road and Jones with 17.4' x 11.5' Steel Arch
Pipe Estimated Cost: \$76,710.47/Ditching Allocation \$5,000/Allocation \$16,798.09/Bridge Fund
\$30,684.19/Township \$24,228.19
Motion carried.

061015-107

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

Oregon Township

489 017 154600 Crush, Shape and Pave Oregon Road (1035' east of Hayes to 435 east of Martha Court)

Estimated Cost: \$210,480.20/Ditching/Tree Allocation \$8,000.00/Township \$202,480.21

Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson explained that Mr. John Smiljanich was retiring on June 15 and he would like the Board to recognize his many years of service.

061015-108

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Retirement Resolution for Mr. John Smiljanich.

WHEREAS, John Smiljanich started with the Road Commission in July of 1980 as a summer seasonal laborer, then in August of 1981 as a Heavy Equipment Operator for the Imlay City garage, in 1987 as a Tandem Truck Operator, in 1996 became Working Forman and on May 13, 2011 became District Foreman for the Imlay City garage, and has remained there for the remainder of his career; and,

WHEREAS, John Smiljanich is a plausible and faithful employee of the Lapeer County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS, John Smiljanich has used his talent as a heavy equipment operator, truck operator, and knowledge as a Foreman to maintain the roads in the Imlay City District for the past thirty four plus years; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of John Smiljanich's diligence and strong work ethic, he has contributed greatly to the excellent condition of the roads in the Imlay City District, ensuring the wellbeing of all who use them; and,

WHEREAS, John Smiljanich will be retiring June 15, 2015 after more than thirty four years of dedicated service to the community; and,

WHEREAS, John Smiljanich's devotion and determination 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 Tenth day of June, 2015, there to remain forever.

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

061015-109

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

2015 CRASIF Board of Trustees Candidates, Ken Hulka, Mike Larrabee and Dale Linton.

2015 MCRCSIP Board of Directors At-Large Representative, Tim O'Rourke

2015 MCRCSIP Board of Directors Southern Representatives, W. C Askew and Bill Watkins

Motion carried.

061015-110

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Resolution for Abandonment of Metamora Road from Hunters Creek Road North for 1/10 of a mile.

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

Mr. Pearson stated that the gravel haul for North Branch should be complete this week and the crew will shut down to complete some needed ditching.

ENGINEERING REPORT

061015-111

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the score sheets for the Otter Lake Project Millville Road projects. Motion carried.

061015-112

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the contract with Phoenix Engineering, Inc. (dba Johnson & Anderson) for the Otter Lake Project, in the amount of \$22,686.31. Motion carried.

061015-113

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the contract for the Millville Road Project with Rowe Professional Services Corporation in the amount of \$43,634. Motion carried.

061015-114

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Haul Route Agreement with Ray VanTine for Merritt Lake Drive off Pratt Road. Motion carried.

Mr. Doyle stated that the roundabout project should be open tomorrow morning, and he will move into Oregon Road, which could be paved by the end of next week.

Discussion was then held regarding the KWA east County line project and the condition of the roads due to the truck traffic. Mr. Doyle explained that the clay and muck are now on top. Mr. Howell stated that he is getting complaints about the trucks traffic not being tarped and not stopping at the stop signs. Mr. Doyle explained that this project has contracted truck operators. Mr. Howell explained that if they don't want to conform, he is inclined to pull the permit. Mr. Streichert agreed that the operators will conform when you are in the area, but don't when you are not. Mr. Streichert wanted to know what sort of control the Road Commission had on the contractors, as the Townships have put a lot of money into graveling the roads and they expect them to be put back into the same condition.

Mr. Pearson stated that he would like to take the Drain Commission up on their offer to have the Road Commission make the repairs and bill them for the cost.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rick Brandt asked Mr. Pearson what the Township needs to do to get the grading and brining done quicker. Mr. Brandt stated that they approved the contract as quick as possible and still ended up at the end of the list. Mr. Daily stated that she should have given the Foremen the order in which the contracts were received and she was not aware of this procedure.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Mr. Howell stated that after he was elected to the Road Board he realized that the organization was in a serious financial condition with large unfunded liabilities. Mr. Howell explained that the MERS Pension fund currently has an unfunded balance of \$6,116,170.00 and a \$14,209,018 unfunded obligation for post- retirement health insurance benefits for a total of \$20,000,000. Mr. Howell went on to state that the County of Lapeer currently has a fully funded MERS Pension Plan and has does not have a liability for post –retirement obligations as it does not offer health care after retirement.

Mr. Howell went on to explain that the Road Commission is already obligated to offer these promised benefits and this Board would like to honor this obligation, but must make some dramatic changes in order to do so.

Mr. Howell reported that the Road Commission was able to delay the State regulations by extending the contract in 2011 to the benefit of the employees, and explained that the County and the schools in Lapeer County have been conforming to the PA152 requirements for quite a long time, and now the Road Commission does not have a choice but to make these changes.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary