

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING-PRESENTATION OF 2016 BUDGET  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, September 30, 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. Ron Cischke, Goodland Township Supervisor; Mr. Rick Brandt, Hadley Township;  
Mr. Joe Suma, Drain Commission; Mr. John Howell, Arcadia Township Supervisor; Mr. Bernard Swift; Mr.  
John Salvatore, KWA; 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**

Mr. Hemmingsen reported that he would like to add a Road Project Agreement for Metamora Township to the  
agenda

**093015-179**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the agenda with the addition of the Road  
Project Agreement for Metamora Township. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**093015-180**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for September  
16, 2015. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**093015-181**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve disbursements dated October 1, 2015 in the  
amount of \$757,057.05. Motion carried.

At 4:31 p.m. Mr. Howell opened the Public Hearing.

**PRESENTATION OF 2016 BUDGET**

Mr. Pearson explained that the revenue for 2016 is expected to be higher as the State Legislature released  
a distribution of General Fund Monies to the Road Commissions. Lapeer is scheduled to get an additional  
\$1,119,904.95 in four quarterly payments. Mr. Pearson went on to state that we have less Federal Aid Projects  
so those funds will reduce both the Revenue and the Expense side slightly. Mr. Pearson stated that in 2015 the  
Local Projects were at a nice level due to several gravel projects in the Townships and those amounts will be  
added as the Townships work on their road budgets. Mr. Pearson stated that the Expense side of the Primary  
Heavy Maintenance Budget is conservative until the winter is complete and the remaining funds are calculated.  
If we have a light winter then projects will be added. Mr. Pearson reported that he has increased the Local and  
Primary Budgets for the Foremen slightly in order to handle the added maintenance needed.

Mr. Pearson explained that he has kept the \$250,000.00 expense line item for the Other Post- Employment  
Benefits (OPEB) in order to continue to fund the health insurance cost promised to current and retired  
employees.

Mr. Cischke asked about the County Appropriated Bridge Fund. Mr. Pearson stated that the Bridge Fund does continue to be forwarded from the County. It was stated that this appropriation helps everyone and is much appreciated to help with the repairs of bridges and large culverts around the whole county.

At 4:35 p.m. the Public Hearing was closed.

**093015-182**

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, Supported by Commissioner Hemmingsen, that the 2016 Lapeer County Road Fund General Appropriations Act be approved unanimously as presented. Roll call: Mr. Duckert, aye; Mr. Howell, aye; Mr. Hemmingsen, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

**MANAGERS REPORT**

Mr. Pearson reported that the salt deliveries will begin the third week of October and the 5,700 ton of salt will cost approximately \$330,000.00. Mr. Pearson went on to explain that the trucks are being prepared for the winter operations and the sand will be screened shortly for the salt/sand supply.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

Haul Route Agreement

**093015-183**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Haul Route Agreement with J.T. Express, Ltd for Churchill Road from the facility driveway southerly approximately ½ mile to Willis Road. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PROJECT**

**093015-184**

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

Metamora Township

504 015 154401 Replace Cross Culvert, 18” x 40’ on Blood Road between Hendrie and Brocker. Estimated Cost \$2,600.00 Township. Motion Carried.

Mr. Doyle gave an update on his current projects which are wrapping up for the season.

Mr. Doyle then spoke about the KWA project progress. Mr. Doyle explained that the pipe crew was getting too far from the restoration. Mr. Doyle suggested that the project be stopped once they reach the station 315+, approximately 1,000 feet west of M-53. Mr. Doyle explained that the crew will be slowed once again when they get into this low area.

Mr. John Salvatore, the Foreman for the project stated that the majority of the work slowdown has been a direct result of work added to the project. Mr. Salvatore stated that he has come up with a new schedule of time lines for completion of restoration along the project. Mr. Salvatore explained that restoration can only be done so fast because of the added work. Mr. Salvatore reported that there are only two residents along the new stretch of roadway and he has been in contact with both of them and they are happy. Mr. Salvatore went on to explain that he has a third crew starting on Monday.

Mr. Cischke stated that there is no excuse that all the changes have taken this long. Mr. Salvatore stated that it takes time and is normal in this course of business. Mr. Salvatore explained that he understands that the residents are upset.

Mr. Pearson stated the water line has affected hundreds of resident, and those residents are important to us.

Mr. Salvatore explained that his crew has made some needed changes because he did realize that there were issues. Mr. Pearson stated that this Road Commission is responsible to those residents that live on and use the effected roadways.

Mr. Cischke stated that KWA said at the Township Hall that they would not be more than 1,000 feet ahead of restoration, and then it was 2,000 and then that turned into miles.

Mr. Bernard Swift

Mr. Swift stated that he has concerns regarding the Norway Lake section. Mr. Swift stated that the contractor should have been aware of the conditions when they bid the project, and should have known that they would have been dealing with the different soils and situations. It was stated that the soil borings that were done do not reflect the soil that is on the project.

Mr. Swift went on to state that the contract must be spelled out to deal with these issues and the critical path should be detailed. Mr. Swift expressed that the Road Commission needs to find it in the contract.

Mr. John Howell

Mr. Howell asked about the gravel on the project. Mr. Salvatore stated that that was a change and he is working with KWA for the resolve. Mr. Howell went on to state that the reclamation on the Zito project is a day and night difference to the D'Agostini project. Mr. Salvatore stated that he is turning everything around as quickly as he can when he receives it from KWA.

It was stated that the laying of the pipe is critical. Mr. Swift then questioned if the contractor was paid when the pipe was laid. It was stated that the pipe is the most expensive item in the project.

Mr. Gary Howell then asked Mr. Doyle what he would like to do. Mr. Doyle explained that the crew has a couple weeks of work to get to Blacks Corners and he would suggest the project be halted at that point and wait for the restoration crew to catch up.

Mr. Swift asked if more crews would be added. Mr. Salvatore stated that they have all available employees on the project and explained that they have had a difficult time getting extra help.

**093015-185**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the following motion for KWA Project S-4005:

- The limits of Permit #373-14 shall be revised to end at station 315+00 on the S-4005 plan set. Genesee County will then apply for permits in one mile segments (The next segment shall include the remaining portion to Blacks Corners, as well as the mile to Summers Road). Permits will not be issued until the contractor is within one week of reaching the new segment. Permits will not be issued if the contractor is not performing timely restoration per the below schedule/definitions, or if other issues arise.
- **100% Completion Dates for segments where pipeline has already been laid (See Definitions Below):**
  - Punchlist Completion – Hull to Brown City – September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
  - Road Restoration – Cade to Brown City – September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
  - Final Restoration – Brown City to Churchill – September 30<sup>th</sup> 2015.
  - Punchlist Completion – Brown City to Churchill – October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
  - Final Restoration – Churchill to M-53 – October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
  - Punchlist Completion – Churchill to M-53 – October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
  - Road Restoration – Brown City to M-53 – November 1, 2015.
  - Final 2” Limestone Cap in Gravel Areas – November 1, 2015.

**Final Restoration** includes all work outside of the road bed – including, but not limited to culverts, cross-culverts, pipe crossings, final grading, driveways, cleanup, topsoil, seed and mulch. In addition, it shall also include installation of all appurtenances and structures outside of one mile from the pipeline trench box; and the removal/completion of all temporary access locations.

**(Gravel) Road Restoration** shall include fixing all areas as identified by the inspection team, removing contaminated materials, and bringing the road up to the proper grade as detailed in the plans.

**(Paved) Road Restoration** shall include fixing all areas as identified by the inspection team and restoring the road for safe 2-way traffic by a method agreed to by the County Engineer. Final road reconstruction in these areas may be completed this year by November 1<sup>st</sup>, or next year by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Detailed time extension requests (with reasons and completion dates) shall be submitted to the LCRC Engineer and will only be honored if approved.

- **100% Completion Dates for Future Segments (See Above Definitions) (April – September):**

Final Restoration – Within 4 Weeks of laying the final main pipe of the segment

\*At no time shall final grading extend beyond ½ mile from the trenchbox

Road Restoration – Within 6 Weeks of laying the final main pipe of the segment

Punchlist Completion – Within 7 Weeks of laying the final main pipe of the segment

Detailed time extension requests (with reasons and completion dates) shall be submitted to the LCRC Engineer and will only be honored if approved.

- **100% Completion Dates for Future Segments (See Above Definitions) (October-March):**

Temporary Restoration (All Final Restoration items except permanent seed and mulch. Temporary seed shall be used)- Within 4 Weeks of laying the final main pipe of the segment

\*At no time shall final grading extend beyond ½ mile from the trenchbox

Road Restoration – Within 6 Weeks of laying the final main pipe of the segment or at a date accepted by or directed by the County Engineer

Final Restoration – Seed and Mulch shall be applied between May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Punchlist Completion – Within 1 week of Final Restoration Completion

Detailed time extension requests (with reasons and completion dates) shall be submitted to the LCRC Engineer and will only be honored if approved.

- **Upon Violation:**

On Permit 373-14, if the contractor is not meeting the above deadlines at 100% completion – all pipe-laying shall cease at station 315+00 until the contractor is within the above schedule again and a notice to proceed has been issued by the Road Commission.

On all future permits, Genesee County and the Contractor shall be notified via Email that they are in non-compliance. All pipe-laying shall cease at the end of the following work day until the contractor is on schedule again and a notice to proceed has been issued by the Road Commission.

Roll call: Mr. Duckert, aye; Mr. Howell, aye; Mr. Hemmingsen, aye.

Mr. Doyle then spoke about the Zito project and stated that this crew has been keeping to the proposed schedule and actually is ahead of schedule. Mr. Doyle went on to state that this crew will address all issues that are presented.

Mr. Doyle asked that any action for S-4006 be tabled until the next meeting in order to give them time to respond to the requests just made to them and sent yesterday.

Mr. Swift asked who is observing the projects. Mr. Doyle explained that the Road Commission has contractors inspecting the projects as does KWA and the Road Commission is given reports on a weekly basis. Mr. Swift then asked if road access would be limited for trucks when they enter the area near M-24. Mr. Doyle stated that the Zito crew has followed the haul routes that have been issued.

It was also stated that soil erosion control does not seem to be happening as well.

Mr. Swift went on to state that he does not believe it is fair that he should have to deal with this inconvenience for a year, especially if he wants to sell his house.

Signage was then brought up as an issue. Mr. Salvatore stated that the sign company was out there today correcting the signage. It was requested that the detour instructions be made clearer.

**Public Time**

Mr. Rick Brandt

Mr. Brandt stated that his township feels they are being slighted by the Road Commission. Mr. Brandt explained that they were scheduled to get chip seal in 2014 and that got cancelled and now once again in 2015 the chip seal has been cancelled.

Mr. Pearson explained that the Road Commission cancelled the chip seal program in 2014 due to the cost of winter and the local chip seal program would not have been affordable for the Township. This year the contractor contacted the Road Commission in September and stated that they were not going to be able to get to the project until late. Mr. Pearson stated that chip seal cannot be placed when it is cool as the product will not cure properly.

Mr. Brandt went on to state again that the contract for the spring brine was not complete until late even though the contract was in very early, and the 10,000 ton of gravel that the Township requested now has also been cancelled. Mr. Pearson explained that the contractor used up all of his available gravel, so there wasn't any to spread from that location. Mr. Brandt stated that they wanted to get an estimate for culvert replacement for the fire hall driveway and were told by the Foreman to get a cost from a contractor. Mr. Brandt also commented on the no parking road painting that is causing turmoil in the township. Mr. Doyle stated that the lines should be painted over by the end of the week to be in compliance with their permits.

Mr. Brandt requested that a commissioner attend the October 14, 2015 meeting to address issues. Mr. Howell stated that road issues should be brought to the Road Commission meetings where the whole staff is present to answer any questions that may be presented.

It was stated that the Road Commission has been short of staff for several months due to retirements and contract negotiations and project work has suffered. Schons stated that he is in contact with Hadley Township whenever a delay may occur.

Mr. Cischke commented that he realizes that Mr. Doyle is spending a lot of his time on the KWA project and he is doing a good job to keep it moving properly.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary