

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 2, 2016
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Michael Hemmingsen, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman; Mr. Gary Howell, Member

In Attendance: Ms. Linette Daily, Board Secretary; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. Destain Gingell, Staff Engineer; Mr. Zeb Schons, Working Foreman; Mr. Chris Tuske

Mr. Michael Hemmingsen, 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

030216-038

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the agenda with the addition of an Executive Session for the discussion of contract negotiations. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

030216-039

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for February 17, 2016. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

030216-040

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve disbursements dated March 3, 2016 in the amount of \$319,373.96. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ROAD PROJECT AGREEMENTS

030216-041

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve Elba Township project 504 008 163700 Dust Control, Up to 3 Applications, Road Maintenance, As Directed by Township.
Estimated Cost \$16,160.04 Township. Motion carried.

030216-042

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve Elba Township project 504 008 163701 Roadside Mowing, Up to 3 Double Swaths, Jostock Trucking, As Directed by Township.
Estimated Cost: \$12,600.00 Township. Motion carried.

030216-043

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve Elba Township project 504 008 163702 Brush Axe and Tree Removal, As Directed by Township.
Estimated Cost: \$10,000.00, 50/50 LCRC Allocation. Motion carried.

030216-044

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve Elba Township project 504 008 163703 Ditching Various Roads, As Directed by Township.
Estimated Cost: \$10,000.00, 50/50 LCRC Allocation. Motion carried.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Pearson gave a brief update on the KWA project and stated that the contractor was doing well keeping up on the winter maintenance. Mr. Pearson stated that he drove most of the project as well and was able to get through without any issues. Mr. Pearson reported that the section of Norway Lake west of M-24 is pretty rutted and the contractor stated that they are watching it and will put stone in when needed.

It was reported that the dump sight the contractor is using is putting mud on the roadways and Mr. John Howell, Supervisor of Arcadia Township would like the Road Commission to watch it.

Mr. Pearson stated that he is now taking the lead on the KWA project and has the contractor on board to work with the inspector, attend the progress meetings and visit the sight one or two times a week.

Mr. Pearson reported that the winter storm cost \$152,000.00 last week and 887 hours were put towards the operation. Mr. Pearson spoke about Mr. Zeb Schons and the difficult task he has been faced with, but stated that Zeb really cares about this place and the Road Commission appreciates his dedication.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Gingell gave a brief update of the KWA projects and the safety projects which will be taking place this year.

Mr. Gingell spoke about the Indian Creek Drain and the public meeting that is scheduled for March 22, 2016, which will provide information about the assessments. Mr. Pearson stated that the Road Commission needs to review the plans once again to make sure the structures are as needed and not beyond the scope. Mr. Gingell stated that there are seven primary road crossings.

PUBLIC TIME

Mr. Chris Tuske stated he was present to observe the meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Hemmingsen asked Mr. Howell if this would be his last meeting. Mr. Howell stated that possibly is may be if he wins the election, but it will depend when the Board of Canvassers certify the count.

Mr. Howell stated that is has been an interesting experience.

030216-045

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to go into closed session for the purpose of Labor Negotiations. Roll Call Vote: Duckert, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried. 5:07 p.m.

030216-046

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to go out of closed session. Motion carried. 5:25 p.m.

030216-047

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the minutes of the closed session. Motion carried.

At 5:25 p.m. Mr. Gingell returned to the meeting.

030216-048

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Duckert to rescind the appointment of Mr. Ryan Doyle as County Highway Engineer for 2016. Motion carried.

030216-049

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Duckert to appoint Mr. Destain Gingell as County Highway Engineer for the remainder of 2016 and allow Mr. Gingell to release the current weight restrictions. Motion carried.

030216-050

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Employment Contract Amendment for Mr. Destain Gingell with the appointment of County Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

Mr. Gingell thanked the Board, and stated that Lapeer is a great County to work in.

Mr. Hemmingsen declared the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Michael Hemmingsen, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary