

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING-2017 BUDGET
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 28, 2016
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Michael Hemmingsen, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman; Mr. James Novak, Member

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

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

092816-191

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

092816-192

Motion by Mr. Novak, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for September 14, 2016. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

092816-193

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Novak to approve disbursements dated September 29, 2016 in the amount of \$652,056.14. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

092816-194

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

Dryden Township

504-007-163608 Culvert on Havens Road 18"x40', Estimated Cost: \$2,500.00 Township

Motion carried.

092816-195

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

Hadley Township

504-010-163908 2- No Dumping Signs (Wynns Mill Road)- 2 Posts and Installation

Estimated Cost: \$485.47 Township Motion carried.

504-010-163909 Green Corners Road – Crack Seal, 7,975 Feet

Estimated Cost: \$9,117.03 Township

092816-196

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

Marathon Township

504-013-164205 Culvert on Klam Road 18"x40', Estimated Cost: \$2,500.00 Township

504-013-164206 Culvert on LeValley Road 18"x40', Estimated Cost \$2,500.00 Township Motion carried.

092816-197

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

Mayfield Township

489-014-164305 50 Ton of Limestone/Placed and Leveled on Farnsworth and Vernor Road Shoulders.

Estimated Cost: \$1,970.91Township Motion carried.

092816-198

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

Rich Township

489-018-164706 12,000 Ton of Gravel @ \$9.50/Ton/Haul, Level and Brine Gravel to Northwest side of Twp.

Estimated Cost: \$114,000.00 Township Motion carried.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF 2017 BUDGET

Mr. Pearson gave a brief explanation of the current funding from the State, the additional funds that came in 2016, the change in the funding which was to come from General Fund and the proposal to modify Act 51.

Mr. Pearson stated that as a result of the increase in 2016, he was going to pass along a \$34,128.00 increase to be run through the formula for the townships. Mr. Pearson explained that he had increased the foremen's budgets five percent for brush and tree removal and some phragmite removal and control.

Mr. Pearson reported that the County Bridge Fund will continue thanks to the generosity of the County Commission. Mr. Pearson explained that the Bridge Fund will be used during the 2017 construction season for the following primary road projects in addition to local projects; Imlay City Road Bridge Replacement over Belle River, the Wilder Road Project over Pine Creek and Newark Road at Hunters Creek. Mr. Pearson explained that bridge maintenance and replacement continues to be a top priority for the Road Commission.

Mr. Pearson stated that the Other Post- Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust continues to be funded at \$250,000 annually and the Primary Heavy Budget is larger this year and includes the Bronson Lake project which is a rubber tire grant project with some Department of Environmental Quality funding and the Wilder Road project which has some Transportation Economic Development funding.

No public comment was received.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Pearson asked the Board to approve the Proposed 2017 Budget.

092816-199

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Novak to approve the 2017 Lapeer County Road Fund General Appropriations Act. Roll call. Mr. Duckert, aye; Mr. Hemmingsen, aye; Mr. Novak, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson asked the Board to approve the Employment Contracts for Managing Director, County Highway Engineer, Finance Director/Board Secretary/HR Director, and Administrative Assistant/I.T. Specialist.

092816-200

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Novak to approve the Management Employment Contracts. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson reported that physical inventory will take place at the end of the week and the five eight hour day schedule will resume on Monday, October 3, 2016.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Gingell stated that the North Lake/OtterLake project is continuing slowly and that all of the roads were now paved along the water line project.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Mr. Hemmingsen spoke about the Region IV Planning meeting he attended and the Regional Traffic Safety Plan that was available for review.

Mr. Hemmingsen also spoke about the Paser results that were available and the fact that the percentage of poor roads in the Lapeer County Road system increased 13 percent from 2015 to 2016 and now makes up 66% of the total.

It was suggested that a letter be drafted for our Legislators to continue to focus on the needed funding for our failing roads and bridges.

Mr. Hemmingsen declared the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Michael Hemmingsen, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary