

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 4, 2017
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. James Novak, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman; Mr. Les Nichols, Member
In Attendance: Ms. Linette Daily, Board Secretary; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. Destain
Gingell, County Highway Engineer

Also in attendance: Mr. Burt Sayers

Mr. James Novak, Jr., 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

010417-001

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

010417-002

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for December 21,
2016. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

010417-003

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve disbursements dated January 5, 2017 in the
amount of \$607,134.49. Motion carried.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Pearson stated that the next Blue Water Highway Council Meeting was scheduled for January 26, 2017 in
Vassar. Mr. Pearson explained that the Blue Water Highway Council Quarterly Meeting is the regional
meeting where Road Commissions meet formally. Mr. Pearson, Mr. Duckert, Mr. Novak and Mr. Nichols will
attend.

CRA New Commissioner Conference

Ms. Daily explained that CRA has announced the New Commissioner Conference for March 14, 2017. Ms.
Daily highly encouraged Mr. Nichols and Mr. Novak to attend, but we would need to move the Regular
Meeting scheduled for that date to the 15th. Ms. Daily stated that the meeting was moved to Tuesday to
accommodate the Wednesday meeting, but this New Commissioner training has been put together very well
and will be extremely beneficial to the two new commissioners. The Board members will let Ms. Daily know
at the next committee of the whole meeting.

Mr. Pearson reported that 2,800 ton of salt has been used so far this season, and there is approximately 11,000
ton left in the barns.

Mr. Pearson reported that the Annual Bids will be opened on Friday, January 13, 2017 and the Township
Books will be prepared using the new bid prices. The Township meeting will be held on February 21, 2017.
Mr. Duckert stated that he will not be available for the meeting.

Mr. Pearson reported that the crews have been busy chasing trees. Mr. Pearson stated that it seems as though
when it doesn't snow the winds tend to blow.

Mr. Pearson reported that the signal at M-53 and Burnside Road will be active on January 5, 2017, and the planning for three MDOT projects is underway; centerline work on I69, drainage on M-53 at the via duct in Imlay City, and paving on M-53 from M-21 to Weyer Road.

Mr. Pearson informed the Board that the two union labor contracts expire in June and the Association has requested to begin negotiations.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Gingell spoke about the Stormwater, Asset Management, Wastewater (SAW) Grant that was approved previously and he requested to award the job per the scoresheet he prepared from the RFPs. Mr. Gingell stated that he would like to award the project to OHM Advisors. Mr. Gingell explained that OHM has stated that they will work closely with the Road Commission and encouraged the Road Commission to be hands on right from the beginning in order to fully understand the hardware and software, which will allow our forces to do much of the work.

010417-004

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to approve OHM Advisors to assist with the implementation of the SAW Grant. Motion carried.

2017 Fee Schedule

Mr. Gingell explained that he would like to roll the 2016 Fee Schedule for 2017. Mr. Gingell stated that he is still working with the neighboring counties to come up with a similar fee schedule.

010417-005

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve 2017 Fee Schedule. Motion carried.

Muck Road

Mr. Gingell explained that Mr. Greg Weber has requested to have Muck Road changed to an all season designation. Mr. Gingell stated that he is waiting for approval from the Township for this change. Mr. Gingell stated that Mr. Weber did improve the road several years ago to build it to an acceptable standard.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Burt Sayers

Mr. Sayers stated that he has been a resident of Lapeer County for 47 years and this visit to the Road Commission is his first. Mr. Sayers explained that he opened a new pit on Elba Road and he was notified by the Road Commission that the driveway was illegal. Mr. Sayers went on to state that the person that spoke to his son was not pleasant. Mr. Sayers explained that the Engineer that called him told him that he did not have a legal driveway and that it would be removed if a permit was not obtained and the driveway was not improved. Mr. Sayers stated that he did have a permit.

Mr. Gingell explained that Mr. Sayers had a temporary permit from August of 2007, which allowed him to use the driveway for 5-6 years. This permit was expired and could not be used for this new project.

Mr. Gingell gave a chronology of the events leading to today's meeting. Mr. Gingell stated that all he wants is for Mr. Sayers to apply for a commercial permit to construct the proper driveway in order to assure safety for the public.

Mr. Sayers stated that he is working with his Engineer to get all of the required information and will forward it as soon as possible.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT AND COMMENTS

Mr. Duckert asked Mr. Pearson if the crews are using sand with the salt. Mr. Pearson stated that sand is used when the conditions permit it.

Mr. Nichols asked what had been determined regarding the Green Corners Road and Pratt Road intersection request for improvement. Mr. Gingell stated that yellow delineators had been added to the Stop Ahead signs. Mr. Gingell also explained that additional options had been sent to the Township for their approval. Those included tree trimming, double stop ahead signs (for both sides of the road), double stop signs and a possible overhead lighting.

Mr. Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

James Novak, Jr., Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary