

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 26, 2017
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Jim Novak, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman; Mr. Les Nichols, Member
In Attendance: Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Ms. Tamela Cleeton, Acting Board Secretary

Also in attendance: Mr. Rusty Samphel, Ms. Lynne Werle, Mr. Adam Pryor, Mr. Mike Burke, and Mr. Rick Brandt

Mr. Jim Novak, 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

042617-076

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

042617-077

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for April 12, 2017. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

042617-078

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve disbursements dated April 27, 2017 in the amount of \$267,886.51. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ROAD PROJECT AGREEMENTS

042617-079

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

Hadley Township

504-010-173905 – Herd Road, Replace Culvert, Estimated Cost: \$2,550.00 Township

Imlay Township

504-011-174000 – Dust Control, Road Maintenance – Up to 2 Applications Estimated Cost: \$19,545.60 Township

504-011-174001 – 1 Double Pass in Late Spring (1 day overtime), LCRC Forces Estimated Cost: \$4,600.00 Township

504-011-174002 – Brush Axe and Tree Removal, Estimated Cost: \$10,000, \$5,000 Township/ \$5000 LCRC

504-011-174003 – Ditching, Estimated Cost: \$10,000, \$5,000 Township/\$5,000 LCRC

504-011-174005 – Wheeling Road and Church Road, Install 18”X40’ Culvert and 300’ of Ditching, Remove 215’ of old culverts, Estimated Cost: \$4,650.00 Township

Marathon Township

504-013-174202 – Brush Axe and Tree Removal, Estimated Cost: \$10,000, \$5,000 Township/ \$5,000 LCRC

504-013-174203 – Ditching, Estimated Cost: \$10,000, \$5,000 Township/ \$5,000 LCRC

North Branch Township

504-016-174500 – Dust Control, Road Maintenance Estimated Cost: \$39,909.60 Township

504-016-174501 – Roadside Mowing, Jostock, Estimated Cost: \$13,400.00 Township

Village of Clifford

505-000-179904 – Shoulder Reclamation, Estimated Cost: \$1,500.00 Village

Motion carried.

Managing Director Report

Mr. Pearson stated that union negotiations took place today with the attorneys and the SCEEA group.

Mr. Pearson gave the KWA report for Mr. Gingell.

The permit for 5005 was finally approved, and they will be laying pipe by the end of the week. Mr. Pearson stated that he was out there today and they are cutting trees and clearing brush. Mr. Pearson stated that the Special Master will be meeting with Mr. Doyle and Mr. Raysin.

Mr. Pearson explained that he received information from MDOT in regards to the speed limit increase on I-69, from the Genesee County border to I-94. Speed limit increases will begin in May; however, the estimate for that section of road to be signed is November. Mr. Pearson stated that he expected it to be earlier as they are only replacing the faces of the signs to update the speed increase. We will begin to make changes to our construction signs to follow the change.

Public Time

Mr. Burke, Mr. Samphel, Ms. Werle and Mr. Pryor were present to discuss the water over the old Hayes Road. Mr. Burke stated that he was there to ask the Road Commission for assistance with the water issue on old Hayes/Genesee Road. Barn floors are covered in water and house septic systems on Davison are also under water. Mr. Burke stated that there is 6-7feet of water over where the road used to be and he has 14feet of water at the front of his property. In the past 64 years there has never been water in his basement until recently. Mr. Burke directed his comments to the others that were also present. Mr. Samphel stated that he has pumps running 24 hours a day to keep his house from flooding. The water is up to his basement windows and several of his trees have died from the water continuing to rise.

Mr. Pearson stated that he was around when they did the Hayes Road project and all we did is crush and shape the road, no excavating was done when we decertified that section of the road. Mr. Pearson mentioned that he was out there on Monday and the Elba Township Supervisor wanted to know if we could pump the water out. Mr. Pearson stated that we need to know where the water will go. Mr. Pearson explained that we dug on Genesee Road west of Hayes last year and we were unable to find an issue. Mr. Pearson stated that if the railroad can get the drain opened up we are willing to pump the water out; however there must be proper permits pulled.

Mr. Burke stated that the new representative from the railroad has been very cooperative and they had someone out in less than 10 days to excavate. The railroad is supposed to be back on Monday to continue opening the drain so that the water has some place to go. Mr. Burke stated that the water will run into the wetlands by the Township Park, run under I-69 and end up in Farmers Creek. He went on to state that the issue is more than just a concern, now it is a real issue and we need it taken care of immediately.

Mr. Pearson stated that if the railroad gets the drain opened up we will have Mersino's, or someone else if they are not available, out in 24 hours, possibly sooner to pump the water. They have a great reputation and work with us on issues like this. Mr. Novak stated that once the drain is opened we will move forward with pumping the water out.

Mr. Brandt, Hadley Township was present to discuss the estimated costs that he is given for projects. Mr. Brandt stated that we have a big project at Green Corners for over \$134,000 coming up and he has not been pleased with the estimates in the past as they always seem to go over budget. Mr. Brandt stated that he would like the bids tighter. Mr. Brandt explained that the project is a 2 inch overlay and it should be very easy to estimate with an exact number. Mr. Brandt explained that he would like fixed costs for his projects in the future.

Mr. Pearson stated that in the past when we are under budget we do not charge the higher estimated costs, and there are a lot of variables that come into play when doing a road project. Mr. Novak explained that in the business world when a customer wants a fixed cost extra fluff is thrown in to compensate for the unknown issues that can arise. It is usually not in the customer's best interest to go this route.

Mr. Brandt stated that he understood this but would prefer a fixed cost so that he has an exact number to present to his board. Mr. Brandt also mentioned that he really enjoys working with Mr. Gingell and Mr. Schons.

Commissioners Comments

Mr. Duckert expressed his concern with the bridge closing on old M-21 and how this will affect the traffic on Newark Road.

Mr. Nichols questioned the jurisdiction of Shadyside Lane in Lapeer Township.

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

James Novak, Chairman

Tamela Cleeton, Acting Board Secretary