

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 19, 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; Mrs. Linette Weston, Secretary to the Board; Mr. Destain
Gingell, County Highway Engineer; Mr. Richard Brandt, Hadley Township Trustee

Mr. James 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

071917-116

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

071917-117

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for June 21, 2017.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

071917-118

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve disbursements dated July 6, 2017 in the amount of
\$484,922.69 and July 20, 2017 om the amount of \$484,779.55. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ROAD PROJECT AGREEMENTS

071917-119

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

Deerfield Township

504-006-173507- Replace Cross Culvert at Oak Grove Road and Burley Drive, Estimated Cost: \$2,800.00

Marathon Township

489-013-174207- Gravel Haul 5,500 Ton, Estimated Cost: \$60,500.00

Motion carried.

071917-120

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the 2016 Annual Financial Report as required of
ACT 51 of Public Acts of 1951.

Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson then reported that an agreement had been reached between the Supervisory, Clerical Engineering
Employees Association (SCEEA) and the Road Commission and the Agreement was presented for signatures.

071917-121

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Labor Agreement between the Road
Commission and the Supervisory, Clerical Engineering Employees Association for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020.
Motion carried.

071917-122

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Letter of Understanding between the Road Commission and the AFSCME #1071 Group to amend the Dental Vision benefit to mirror the change with the SCEEA group. Motion carried.

Engineering Report

Mr. Gingell gave a brief description of the progress on the construction and paving projects.

Mr. Gingell spoke about the KWA projects and explained that the final 5005 project still had not begun.

Mr. Gingell reported to the Board that the Imlay City Road Bridge project was moving slower than expected as sheet piling had to be driven farther to accommodate for the muck conditions. Mr. Gingell stated that a second crew is working on the storm sewer.

Managing Director Report

Mr. Pearson reported to the Board that the Senate Bill 332-CDL Medical Card requirement has passed both the Senate and the House and has been presented to the Governor for his signature.

Mr. Pearson explained that the Responsible Retirement Reform for Local Government Task Force today released a report of recommendations it presented to Gov. Rick Snyder. The proposals are focused on addressing Michigan's mounting local pension and health care costs, ensuring retiree support, and providing more financial stability and effective delivery of local government services.

Mr. Pearson went on to state that the Lapeer County Road Commission has already put into place the new hire changes that are in essence, pre-paid benefits.

Mr. Pearson gave the Board a brief explanation of the maintenance truck he is preparing to purchase and explained the purchasing opportunity utilizing the state bid through MIDEAL.

Mr. Pearson stated that the salt prices were in and our cost for early salt is \$34.98 a ton with back up salt at \$39.99. Mr. Pearson explained that these prices are the lowest in twenty years.

Public Comment

Mr. Rick Brandt, Hadley Township Trustee

Mr. Brandt thanked the Road Commission for working with the Township in preparing a fixed cost for the overlay project. Mr. Brandt stated that the contractor did a good job with the asphalt.

Commissioner Comments:

Discussion ensued regarding the increased traffic on Newark Road due to the construction project on Imlay City Road.

Mr. Nichols stated that the dust control does not seem to be lasting more than a week.

Mr. Pearson explained that 28% calcium chloride would do a better job, but is four times the cost.

Mr. Nichols also mentioned that the patches on Otter Lake Road should be looked at because they are very rough. Mr. Pearson stated that he will have the District Foreman look at them.

Mr. Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

James Novak, Jr., Chairman

Linette Weston, Board Secretary