

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, October 11, 2017  
4:30 p.m.**

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Present: Mr. Jim Novak, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman; Mr. Les Nichols, Member  
In Attendance: Mrs. Linette Weston, Secretary to the Board; Mr. Destain Gingell, County Highway Engineer; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director

Also in attendance: Mr. James Tolen, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barton

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**

**101117-156**

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

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**101117-157**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for September 27, 2017. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**101117-158**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to approve disbursements dated October 12, 2017 in the amount of \$746,361.16. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PROJECTS**

**101117-159**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the four Road Project Agreements.  
Goodland Township- 504-009-173802 Tree and Brush Removal as Directed by Township  
Estimated Cost: \$10,000/\$5,000 Road Commission/ \$5,000 Township

Goodland Township- 504-009-173803 Ditching as Directed by Township  
Estimated Cost: \$10,000/\$5,000 Road Commission/ \$5,000 Township

Metamora Township- 504-015-174407 Thomas Road- Replace existing failed 18"x30' culvert, between Brocker and Brauer Roads. Estimated Cost: \$2245.00 Township

North Branch Township- 504-016-174505 Tree Cutting- Dead Trees on various local roads and some live trees that are next to road edge. Estimated Cost: \$30,000.00 Township  
Motion carried.

**Managing Director Report**

Mr. Pearson updated the Board on the I-69 cement slab work that will begin westbound at Five Lakes Road.

Mr. Pearson stated that the salt delivery will begin next week in Imlay City.

Mr. Pearson also spoke about the frost tubes that are going to be added throughout the county and the existing tube on M-90 that will be repaired.

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that he is putting together protocol for better management of our bulk inventory. Mr. Pearson is hopeful that the additional steps will assist in keeping the inventory more accurate.

Mr. Pearson reported that he is going to purchase a unit that will help calibrate the salters. Mr. Pearson explained that he will encourage other local municipalities to borrow the unit to assist with their calibration.

### **Engineering Report**

Mr. Gingell explained that Imlay City Road is ready for a wearing course and they will work Saturday and Sunday if needed. Mr. Gingell stated that October 20, 2017 was the original open date, but the restoration may be a hold up.

Mr. Gingell spoke briefly regarding other projects including Wilder Road, which is moving along well.

### **Public Time**

Mr. James Tolen, 45 White Road, Columbiaville, MI 48421

Mr. Tolen explained to the Board that when White Road, a Deerfield Township project, was paved in 2013, his driveway culvert was not replaced because the Road Commission did not do any ditching in that location. Mr. Tolen explained that Deerfield Township very recently agreed to replace the culvert and unfortunately when the Road Commission did the project they hit a gas line, and about 18" of the concrete driveway was removed. Mr. Tolen explained that when the culvert was placed the asphalt pad leading from the roadway to his concrete drive was also removed.

Mr. Tolen stated that he then inquired with the Township when his driveway approach would be replaced.

Mr. Hayes contacted Mr. Gingell, the County Highway Engineer, and asked about the repair and stated that the resident does not want the asphalt replaced, but wants concrete instead.

Mr. Tolen stated that he was not happy with Mr. Gingell's response to Mr. Hayes regarding his recommendation to replace approach with the same material that was removed, in order to not upset other Deerfield Township residents.

Mr. Novak asked Mr. Tolen what was the material type that was removed to replace the culvert. Mr. Tolen stated that it was asphalt. Mr. Tolen stated that he would like to have a concrete approach like his neighbors.

Mr. Tolen produced photos of driveways on a current project on Columbiaville Road.

Mr. Pearson then produced a copy of a letter from Deerfield Township to Mr. Tolen which stated that the Township would be happy to have the concrete placed in the approach, but Mr. Tolen will have to pick up the difference in the cost between asphalt and concrete.

Mr. Pearson stated that the Road Commission will put in whatever material Deerfield Township wants to pay for, so Mr. Tolen needs to speak with Mr. Hayes at Deerfield Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barton, 2537 Spaulding Road, Lum, MI 48412

Mr. Barton was present to speak about his driveway. Mr. Barton explained that he had placed his driveway culvert prior to getting approval, and then immediately removed it in order to comply with the Road Commission request. Mr. Barton stated that he had spoken with Mr. Gingell and it was decided that tree removal was needed along with gravel placement to raise the roadway and driveway approach. Mr. Gingell stated that Mr. Barton needs to get the permit current again in order for him to approve it. Mr. Barton explained that he has been working in Kentucky and apologized for not following through. Mr. Duckert stated that the Board will follow Mr. Gingell's recommendation.

Mr. Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

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James Novak, Jr., Chairman

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Linette Weston, Board Secretary