

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 20, 2017
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. James Novak, Jr., 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

Mr. James Novak, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

122017-191

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

122017-192

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to approve the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes for December 4, 2017. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

122017-193

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve disbursements dated December 21, 2017 in the amount of \$476,514.89. Motion carried.

Managing Director Report

Mr. Pearson reported to the Board that the Annual Township meeting with the Road Commission is to be held on February 20, 2017 at the Imlay Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Pearson explained that the current projects and costs for services will be presented at that meeting.

Mr. Pearson went on to state that winter maintenance cost is currently \$212,000 with \$90,000 of that on the State Budget. Mr. Pearson explained that 1,700 ton of salt had already been applied. Mr. Pearson explained that the winter maintenance budget is approximately \$1,300,000.

Mr. Pearson then informed the Board of two incidents that he wanted to note on the record. First, on December 14, 2017 Truck Operator, Mr. Nick Streichert, was traveling west on Davis Lake Road in his truck to get another load of salt when two vehicles collided at the Callis Road intersection. Mr. Streichert in a split second decision took evasive action and steered the truck into a significant ditch to avoid a collision which would have resulted in serious injury to the citizens. Mr. Pearson agreed with all whom investigated the scene that this skill and dedication to the Road Commission warrants commendation.

Second, on December 13, 2017, during a snow storm, Mechanics, Mr. Jeff Lutes and Mr. Adam Schlaud, recognized the importance of getting two trucks down because of mechanical breakdowns and stayed late to complete the required repairs and then assisted in snow removal as needed. Mr. Pearson agreed that these employees showed concern and dedication to the citizens of Lapeer County as well as the Road Commission.

Engineering Report

122017-194

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert in accordance with the County Highway Engineer's recommendation, that Myers Road between Imlay City Road and Bowers Road, a local road in Lapeer Township be posted as NO THRU TRUCKS- Movement of Agricultural Commodities Exempt. Motion carried.

It was suggested to contact KAMAX and ask them to put up signs for their truck traffic.

Mr. Gingell stated that he will continue to work with KWA into the New Year in hopes of wrapping up the lengthy project.

Commissioner Comments

2018 Organization

122017-195

Motion by Mr. Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to nominate Mr. Novak for Chairman of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners. Motion carried.

122017-196

Motion by Mr. Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Novak to nominate Mr. Duckert for Vice Chairman. of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners. Motion carried.

122017-197

Motion by Mr. Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to designate Mr. Destain Gingell as County Highway Engineer for 2018. Motion carried.

122017-198

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to authorize Mr. Destain Gingell to impose and release seasonal weight restrictions, as required for 2018.
Motion carried.

122017-199

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to appoint Mr. Erick Pearson as Managing Director for 2018.
Motion carried.

122017-200

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to appoint Mr. Erick Pearson as Trunkline Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for 2018. Motion carried.

122017-201

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to appoint Mrs. Linette Weston as Finance Director for 2018.
Motion carried.

122017-202

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to appoint Mrs. Linette Weston as Secretary to the Board for 2018. Motion carried.

122017-203

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to designate Mr. Destain Gingell and Mr. Zeb Schons as authorized agent for checking vehicles for size, weights, and loads operating on all roads under the Road Commission jurisdiction or as allowed or designated in Lapeer County for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Motion carried.

Mr. Novak stated that he wanted to thank all of the Road Commission employees for their service and the good job they do.

Mr. Nichols also wanted to thank the employees and Mr. Duckert stated that when there no complaints being voiced at the meetings it means the employees are doing a good job.

Mr. Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

James Novak, Jr., Chairman

Linette Weston, Board Secretary