

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 28, 2019
4:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman James Novak, Jr.; Commissioner Dale Duckert; Commissioner Les Nichols
In Attendance: Mr. Destain Gingell, County Highway Engineer; Mrs. Linette Weston, Board Secretary;
Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. Zeb Schons, Superintendent; Mr. Jeff Lutes, Union
Representative

Chairman Novak 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

082819-134

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

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

082819-135

Motion by Commissioner Duckert seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for August 14, 2019. Motion carried.

Approval of Disbursements

082819-136

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated August 29, 2019 in the amount of \$1,976,110.06. Motion carried.

Approval of Road Project Agreements

082819-137

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the five road projects in the amount of \$624,179.82. Motion carried.

Managing Director Report

082819-138

Motion by Commissioner Duckert seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Bid Tabulation for the Used Tractor and Mower. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that although the bid tabulations have been approved, the equipment was no longer available for purchase.

Mr. Pearson went on to explain that the bids for the Tractor and Mower were opened on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. and we received a single bid from Mr. Terry Jostock. Mr. Pearson stated that at 1:28 p.m. Mr. Schons sent a text to Mr. Jostock to inform him that he had won the bid and asked to set up a time to pick up the equipment. Mr. Pearson went on to report that at 5:24 p.m. Mr. Jostock responded that Monday, August 19, 2019 would work and would set a time on that date. Mr. Pearson stated that Mr. Schons then could not reach Mr. Jostock on Monday or Tuesday so he visited his residence, but no one was home, so he sent another text. That evening at 10:00 p.m. Mr. Pearson received a text from Mr. Jostock stating that the tractor and mower had been sold.

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that he will continue to pursue the purchase of additional tractors and mowers either by renting or buying.

Mr. Pearson stated that he would like to add a Budget Hearing to the meeting schedule. The Hearing will be held at 4:30 p.m. on September 25, 2019 and will be followed by the Regular Meeting.

082819-138

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the addition of the Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the 2020 Budget. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson distributed a packet regarding the Lapeer County ORV Ordinance for all Board Members to have. Mr. Schons stated he was meeting with the Michigan State Police and the Sheriff Department tomorrow.

Mr. Pearson stated that he would like to have a short Budget Workshop with the Board members at the next Committee of the Whole to complete the Heavy Primary Budget for FY2020.

Engineering Report

Mr. Gingell gave an update on the large list of construction projects currently underway.

Mr. Gingell reported that he received a call from a resident stating that Baldwin Road was in good shape in Lapeer County. Mr. Pearson stated that he can credit most of that compliment to Mr. Jeff Lutes and his work with our new brine tankers and processes. Mr. Pearson stated that he also has to give credit the Mr. Zeb Schons for pushing for the new tanker.

Public Comment

Mr. Schons reported to the Board that he wanted to give a big thank you to Mrs. Tamela Delvecchio our Administrative Assistant for her work on the Facebook page, as last week one of our posts had 75,000 hits. Mr. Schons also informed the Board that three area high schools; Almont, Dryden and North Branch have volunteered to “Paint a Plow”. These schools will have students paint a plow that will be used on a truck in their area throughout the winter season.

Commissioner Comment

Mr. Duckert stated that the centerline on I-69 has large openings that could be dangerous for a motorcycle and wanted to know if the State was aware of it.

Mr. Schons stated that he has been in contact with our MDOT Transportation Service Center.

082819-139

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, supported by Commissioner Nichols, to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing employee discipline. Roll Call Vote: Duckert, aye; Novak, aye; Nichols, aye. 3 ayes. Motion carried unanimously. 4:58 p.m.

082819-140

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, supported by Commissioner Nichols to go out of closed session. Motion carried. 5:08 p.m.

082819-141

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, supported by Commissioner Nichols to approve the minutes of the closed session. Motion carried.

Mr. Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

James Novak, Chairman

Linette Weston, Board Secretary