

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**  
**4:30 p.m.**

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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. Frank Thorman; Mr. Burt Sayers; Mr. Bob Gilling, Robert Thomas Properties; Mr. Nate Eashoo, Elba Township Treasurer; Mr. Michael Boskee, Elba Township Supervisor; Mr. Daniel LeClair, GreenTech Engineering, Inc 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**

**091119-143**

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

**Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes**

**091119-144**

Motion by Commissioner Duckert seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for August 28, 2019. Motion carried.

**Approval of Disbursements**

**091119-145**

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated September 12, 2019 in the amount of \$975,474.75. Motion carried.

**Managing Director Report**

**091119-146**

Motion by Commissioner Duckert seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Bid Tabulation for the Used Tandem Axle Dump Truck in the amount of \$226,970.00. Motion carried.

**091119-147**

Motion by Commissioner Nichols seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Bid Tabulation for the Gravel Processing at Three LCRC Locations. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson explained that we are going to crush 50,000 ton of material at each of the three locations. Mr. Pearson explained that only one bid was received.

Mr. Pearson reported that the crews are wrapping up their projects and the North Branch crews had some downed trees and washouts from the recent storm.

**Engineering Report**

Mr. Daniel LeClair and Mr. Bob Gilling were present to request a variance for the centerline horizontal curve radius of not less than 285 feet for the Woodbridge Park, Mayfield Township. Mr. LeClair explained that this development was planned in 2004-2005 as a family development and at this time they already have buyers interested, so they would like to move forward.

Mr. LeClair explained that Woodbridge Park Avenue was originally designed and constructed in 2004 with a centerline radius of 230 feet. Mr. LeClair went on to state that the City of Lapeer and the Road Commission of Oakland County also use the 230-foot centerline standard. Mr. LeClair explained that

the site plan has already been submitted and approved by the Township and would have to be resubmitted.

Mr. Gingell reported that he sat with this group last week and would like to propose a compromise between the 230- and 280-foot designs. Mr. Gingell stated that he asked the developer for a print of what the 285 feet design would look like on the current plan. Mr. Gilling approached the Board and demonstrated what the change would mean.

Mr. Gingell stated that he would allow the 230-foot radii, but would like to have new construction (near station 26+) to use the 285-foot radii. It was stated that this compromise would then only require one lot to be replatted.

**091119-147**

Motion by Commissioner Duckert seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the variance for Woodbridge Park, allowing the 230-foot centerline horizontal radius with the new construction (near station 26+) designed with the 285-foot radii. Motion carried.

Mr. Gingell then gave an update on the numerous construction projects still underway.

Mr. Gingell reported that he will be presenting the Rubber Tire Grant information to the Townships which may want to consider it for future paving projects. Mr. Duckert asked what percentage of the project is covered with the grant. Mr. Gingell responded that 50% is covered.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Frank Thorman, 2022 Haines Road, Lapeer

Mr. Thorman inquired about future improvements on Rooks Lake and Bowers Road. Mr. Gingell state that there will be some urban funding available for Bowers Road if we wait until 2022.

Discussion was then held regarding the speed limit on Bowers Road. Mr. Gingell explained that a speed study is needed in order to consider a speed limit change.

Mr. Gingell went on to state that many roads need work, but in the instance of Bowers Road the water line makes that overlay quite complex.

**Mr. Michael Boskee, Elba Township Supervisor**

Mr. Boskee explained that he is a member of the MTA Executive Board and that the Townships are grumbling about the Road Commission, in particular with the brining and mowing.

Mr. Boskee went on to state that personally with Elba Township and the amount of money they spend with the Road Commission, he would expect to have built up some credit. Mr. Boskee stated that lately half of the phone calls made to the Road Commission go unanswered. Mr. Boskee assured the Board that those phone calls were not for Mr. Pearson and Mr. Schons asked to go on the record and ask if he was speaking about him. Mr. Boskee stated that he was speaking of the Engineering Department. Mr. Gingell did admit that he and Mr. Boskee had been playing phone tag.

Mr. Boskee gave a brief history of a problem Elba Township had in 1956 when they wanted to pave the parking lot, but the Road Commission denied the permit, and now the Road Commission is denying a land split on Mitchell Road, which has drug on for over a month. Mr. Boskee stated that they understand the sight distance isn't there, but just asked that the restricted box be checked.

Mr. Boskee went on to mention that there was also an issue when a property owner on Klondike Road requested to put up a road name sign on the decertified road in order to assist emergency personnel in locating the roadway. Mr. Boskee stated that a long email was received from the Engineering Department that included instructions how to construct a public road. Mr. Boskee explained that the Township had agreed to pay for this sign, but was shocked when they received the \$585.00 estimate with a \$198.00 charge for MISDIG. Mr. Schons explained that this installation of a road sign is going to be more costly because there is not an existing pole for the sign.

The sight will have to be surveyed for the best location for safety and snow clearing equipment and MISDIG will be called to locate any existing utilities that may exist in the area. The sign department employees and equipment time made the estimate higher than a normal installation.

Mr. Novak stated that Mr. Boskee should bring any issues he has with Road Commission employees to Mr. Schons or Mr. Pearson immediately so they can be resolved right away.

**Commissioner Comment**

Mr. Nichols spoke about some new paving comparisons that he is concerned about on Millville Road. Mr. Gingell explained that he has these items on the deficiency list.

Mr. Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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James Novak, Chairman

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Linette Weston, Board Secretary