

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
VIRTUAL PHONE-REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 22, 2020
4:30 p.m.

Present. James Novak, Jr. Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman; Mr. Les Nichols, Member; Mrs. Linette Weston, Board Secretary; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. Destain Gingell, County Highway Engineer; Mr. Zeb Schons, Superintendent of Operations; Mr. Jeff Lutes, Union President

Chairman Novak called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. via teleconference.

Approval of Agenda

042220-053

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Nays: None. Motion carried

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

042220-054

Motion by Commissioner Duckert seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for March 25, 2020. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Nays: None. Motion carried

Approval of Disbursements

042220-055

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated April 9, 2020 in the amount of \$516,574.47 and April 23, 2020 in the amount of \$563,215.50. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Nays: None. Motion carried

Approval of Road Project Agreements

042220-056

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the six Road Project Agreements.

Lapeer Township

504 012 204120 Dust Control, Up to 3 Applications, LCRC Forces, Estimated Cost: \$21,222.00 Township

504 012 204121 Roadside Mowing, LCRC Forces, Estimated Cost: \$9,974.00/\$4,987.00 LCRC/\$4,987.00 Township

504 012 204122 Brush Axe and Tree Removal Program, Estimated Cost: \$10,000/\$5,000 LCRC/\$5,000 Township

504 012 204123 Ditching Program, Estimated Cost: \$10,000/\$5,000 LCRC/\$5,000 Township

Oregon Township

504 017 204620 Dust Control, Up to 3 Applications, LCRC Forces, Estimated Cost: \$31,374.00 Township

504 017 204621 Roadside Mowing, LCRC Forces, Estimated Cost: \$13,494/\$6,747 LCRC/\$6,747 Township

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Nays: None. Motion carried

Managing Director Report

Blue Water Highway Conference Quarterly Meeting

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that all meetings have been cancelled until further notice, which includes the meeting Lapeer County was to host in July. The April meeting was also cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Operations Update

Mr. Pearson reported to the Board that the staff was working a 40 on/40 off schedule in order to keep employees as separated as possible. The maintenance crews have been working on shoulders, patching asphalt and grading. They have also been removing trees from the roadway when the winds cause them to fall.

Mr. Pearson explained that Governor Whitmer was due to address the State on Friday and would explain the next step in the shutdown. Mr. Pearson stated that MDOT did layoff it's employees for two weeks for budget purposes.

Mr. Pearson explained that the April MTF will give the Road Commission a better picture on the additional cuts that will need to be made with our budget.

Mr. Novak asked if the new millage was still in the works. Mr. Pearson stated that although the millage is truly needed, this election year is going to find financially trying times for much of Lapeer County. Mr. Schons stated that he agreed with Mr. Pearson, but would have the ballot language ready for July if needed.

Superintendent Report

Gravel Production

Mr. Schons explained that 50,000 ton of gravel had been crushed in Ribble Pit and Townships have requested contracts.

Mr. Schons reported that the office remodel has been completed and is a perfect setup for social distancing of the office staff.

Mr. Schons stated that the Road Commission is assisting Emergency Management with Personal Protection Equipment warehousing and distribution.

Mr. Novak stated that he received a thank you from a resident regarding the shoulder work.

Engineering Report

042220-057

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

In accordance with the Engineer's recommendation, that Structure Number 5400, McKillop Road over Indian Creek between Merrill Road and Jefferson Road in Burlington Township be posted as follows: 10 Tons Gross Load. This TCO supersedes TCO #02(04)2014.

In accordance with the Engineer’s recommendation, that Structure Number 5408, Index Road Bridge over S. Br. Cass River Drain between Howard Road and Gosline Road in Burnside Township be posted as follows: 5 Ton Gross Vehicle Weight. This TCO Supersedes TCO #02(05)2008.

In accordance with the Engineer’s recommendation, that Structure Number 5409, Gosline Road Bridge over S. Br. Cass River Drain between Index Road and Montgomery Road in Burnside Township be posted as follows: 5 Ton Gross Vehicle Weight. This TCO Supersedes TCO #01(05)2008.

In accordance with the Engineer’s recommendation, that Structure Number 5429, Bowman Road over Belle River Drain between Rider Road and Ross Road in Imlay Township be posted as follows: 8 Ton Gross Vehicle Weight. This TCO Supersedes TCO #01(11)1993.

In accordance with the Engineer’s recommendation, that Structure Number 5469, Castle Road over N. Branch of the Flint River between Beck Road and McTaggart Road in Rich Township be posted as follows: 3 Tons Gross Load. This TCO supersedes TCO #1(18)2019.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Nays: None. Motion carried

042220-058

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the following bid tabulations and Award in the best interest of the Road Commission.

- Hollow Corners Road Over Sleeper Drain
- 2020 Pavement Marking Program
- Newark Road Rehabilitation
- Elba Road Rehabilitation - Lippincott Road to I-69
- Tubspring Road - Rehabilitation and Overlay
- Myers Road Rehabilitation
- Oregon Road from Millville Road to Suncrest Road “*Lapeer City Limits*” (MDOT CMAQ PROJECT NO. 130855)

Lapeer CRC Let for MDOT

- Single Course HMA Overlay with Cold Milling on M-24
- HMA Overlay on M-90 and Sidewalk Ramp Modifications_Village of North Branch

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Nays: None. Motion carried

Mr. Gingell explained that the projects are all pending Managing Director and/or Township approval after COVID-19 budget reviews.

Mr. Gingell reviewed current bidding dates for the upcoming projects. Mr. Gingell went on to state that he would like to bring back one summer seasonal worker to continue with County traffic counts.

Public Comment

Mr. Jeff Lutes stated that he would like to thank the Board, Mr. Pearson and Mr. Schons for keeping the road crew working during the shutdown. Mr. Novak expressed his thanks to the entire staff. Mr. Duckert stated that it was good to see the graders out working. Mr. Nichols commented that the crews were doing a good job and to keep it up.

Commissioner Comments

Mr. Novak asked if brine was going to be available during the shutdown. Mr. Pearson explained that the brine tanks are ready and we should begin application in two or two and a half weeks or so.

Chairman Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

James Novak Jr., Chairman

Linette Weston, Board Secretary