

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
VIRTUAL PHONE-REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 3, 2020
4:30 p.m.

Present. Mr. 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. Terry Jostock; Mr. Jeffrey Lutes

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

Approval of Agenda

060320-073

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Duckert. Motion carried

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

060320-074

Motion by Commissioner Duckert seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for May 20, 2020. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Duckert. Motion carried

Approval of Disbursements

060320-075

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated June 4, 2020 in the amount of \$416,608.49. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Duckert. Motion carried

Approval of Road Project Agreements

060320-076

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the thirteen Road Project Agreements in the amount of \$752,879.92.

Burnside Township

489-005-193404 Gravel Project, Load, Haul, Level & Brine @ \$11.30/Ton Estimated Cost: \$180,000.00

504-005-203424 Marsh Road Culvert, Between Brooks and Burnside, 18" x 48' Restoration
Estimated Cost: \$3,617.72 Township

504-005-203425 Wilcox Road (#7104) Culvert, Between M-53 and Churchill, 18" x 36' & Clean Out
Ditch on Both Ends Estimated Cost: \$2,798.43 Township

Goodland Township

504-009-203821 Roadside Mowing- LCRC Forces Estimated Cost: \$6,161/LCRC \$3,081/Township
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Imlay Township

504-011-204026 Petz Road, Between Brown City Road and Wheeling, 18" x 40' Culvert Estimated
Cost: \$4,182.00 Township

504-011-204028 Doran Road South of Address #268, 18" x 40' Culvert Estimated Cost: \$3,000.00
Township

489-011-204029 Newark Road- Reek Road to Bowman Road, Crush, Shape and Pave Estimated Cost: \$521,185.00 Township

Rich Township

504-018-204722 Brush Axe and Tree Removal Program,
Estimated Cost: \$10,000/\$5,000 LCRC/\$5,000 Township

504-018-24723 Ditching Program
Estimated Cost: \$10,000/\$5,000 LCRC/\$5,000 Township

504-018-204725 Swaffer Road Culvert, Between M-24 and Kelch Road, 18” x 30’
Estimated Cost: \$1,797.33 Township

504-018-204726 Murphy Lake Road Culvert, Between Rich Road and McIntyre Road, 18” x 50’
Estimated Cost: \$3,254.39 Township

504-018-204727 Dwyer Road Culvert, Between Mowatt Road and McTaggart Road, 24” x 37’
Estimated Cost: \$3,281.78 Township

504-018-204728 #1645 Sarles Road, Between Thayer and Chamberlain 24” x 44’ and Skew outlet 5 feet East Estimated Cost: \$3,602.27 Township

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Duckert. Motion carried

Managing Director Report

Mr. Pearson spoke briefly about the Oversize Rocks and Boulders Bid. Mr. Pearson explained that the three pits have accumulated a large quantity of large stones after the crushing process, and it was decided to clean up the pits and put them out to bid. Mr. Pearson stated that there is approximately 100 ton available for sale.

060320-077

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the bid tabulations for Oversize Rocks and Boulders and award in the best interest of the Road Commission. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Duckert. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson stated that he spent two hours on a webinar with MDOT and Treasury which addressed the current financial condition and the potential 11% reduction in the Michigan Transportation Fund for road agencies. Mr. Pearson stated that the reductions are anticipated to continue until 2022. Mr. Pearson explained that the representatives stated that there has been a loss of 200,000 Michigan jobs and the delayed search for new jobs and lack of driving by students and travelers will continue to affect the funding. Mr. Pearson reported that the \$325 million-dollar General Fund allotment may be removed along with the lower than expected marijuana tax transfers. Mr. Pearson stated that he is also concerned about the \$600 million general fund allocation that was slated for next year. Mr. Pearson went on to state that the Road Commission receipts are currently \$829,000 below the 2019 receipts.

At 4:42 p.m. Mr. Les Nichols joined the meeting.

Mr. Pearson reported that the mowing program has started and it is taking approximately a day or a day and a half to get through each township, and we are on track to have everything mowed before July 4th. Mr. Pearson stated that he would like to give a shout out to the crew that is making the new program a success.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Schons stated that the gravel haul is going extremely well because the crew is exceeding the minimum ton/day goal, and actually hauled 3,200 ton for the past two days. The crew will move to Dryden Township next.

Mr. Schons stated the brine crew has gotten through four townships already and are coming in under the estimated costs. Mr. Schons reported that the mechanics are doing a stellar job to keep all of the equipment up and running, which keeps the projects on target.

Mr. Schons gave an update on the Elba Road project.

Mr. Pearson then added that Labor Negotiations will begin on Thursday with the Association group, which is made up of Supervisors, Engineering and Clerical staff.

Engineering Report

Mr. Gingell reviewed the proposed changes to the Sign Policy. Discussion ensued.

060320-078

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the updated Sign Policy as written. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Duckert, Nichols. Motion carried.

Mr. Gingell gave an update on the Bronson Lake Road Project and the Oregon Road project. Mr. Gingell reported that the school has requested that Oregon Road be reopened for two drive through graduation parade events.

Mr. Gingell gave updates on the other projects he is also working on.

Mr. Gingell reported that the Road Commission has been using Bid Express for all of the construction projects and stated that it is going well and has been a great tool for getting the bids advertised, especially during the shutdown.

Mr. Gingell went on to speak about the General Squier Road bid that was opened. Mr. Gingell stated that there were three bidders, but one was incomplete.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Commissioner Comments

Mr. Duckert spoke about the Bowman Road Bridge and the hardship it would cause if it ever closed. Mr. Gingell explained that the Township has submitted the bridge for Critical Bridge funding. Mr. Gingell stated that he applauds the Townships for their willingness to apply for critical bridge funds for the repair of their township bridges. Mr. Gingell went on to briefly explain how the bridges are scored by a committee.

Chairman Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

James Novak Jr., Chairman

Linette Weston, Board Secretary