

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, June 17, 2020  
4:30 p.m.**

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Present. Mr. James Novak, Jr. 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

Excused: Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman

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

**Approval of Agenda**

**061720-080**

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the agenda.

Motion carried

**Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes**

**061720-081**

Motion by Commissioner Nichols seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes for March 9, 2020 and Regular Meeting minutes for June 3, 2020. Motion carried.

**Approval of Disbursements**

**061720-082**

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated June 18, 2020 in the amount of \$437,278.68. Motion carried.

**Approval of Road Project Agreements**

**061720-083**

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the fourteen Road Project Agreements in the amount of \$321,662.34.

**Almont Township**

504-01-203030 Talbot Drive, Off Shoemaker Road/ ½ Mile North of Dryden Road, Jet Cross Culvert  
Estimated Cost: \$1,000.00 Township

**Attica Township**

489-003-2032262 8,000 Ton of Gravel, Spread, Level and Brine At \$12.80/Ton  
Estimated Cost: \$102,400.00 Township

**Burlington Township**

504-004-203322 Brush Axe and Tree Removal Program, Estimated Cost: \$10,000/LCRC  
\$5,000/Township \$5,000

504-004-203323 Ditching Program, Estimated Cost: \$10,000/LCRC \$5,000/Township \$5,000

489-004-203324 5,570 Tons Processed Road Gravel, Estimated Cost: \$58,835.00 Township

**Burnside Township**

504-005-203426 Howard Road Culvert, between Montgomery and Index Estimated Cost: \$2,689.32

**Deerfield Township**

504-006-203524 Haul 10 Tons of Pit Gravel to Huckleberry Circle and level in turn-around at End.  
Estimated Cost: \$138.39 Township

490-006-203525 Dockham Road at Crystal Creek Drain Culvert, 71” x 47” x 33’  
Estimated Cost: \$11,535.06/Bridge Fund \$5,767.53/Township \$5,767.53

504-006-203526 Gleaners Hall Road Culvert, between Johnson and M-90 approximately 400’ South of  
M-90 with a 18” x 36’ Estimated Cost: 2,949.18 Township

504-006-203527 Johnson Road Culvert, 200’ west of Fish Lake Road, 18” x 44’  
Estimated Cost: \$3,175.00 Township

504-006-203528 Johnson Mill Road Culvert, between Address 2400 and 2421, West of Fish Lake Road,  
24” x 65’ Repave and restoration, Estimated Cost: \$12,119.74 Township

**North Branch Township**

504-016-204521 Roadside Mowing, 1 Summer Double Pass, LCRC Estimated Cost: 3,344.50 Township

504-016-204525 Swoish Road Culvert, 700’ West of Cedar Creek Road, 24” x 40’  
Estimated Cost: \$3,631.15 Township

**Rich Township**

489-018-204729 9,500 Ton Processed Gravel, Estimated Cost: \$99,845.00 Township  
Motion carried.

**Managing Director Report**

Mr. Pearson asked the Board to review the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool Board of Directors At-Large Representative Ballot and stated it would be voted upon at the next Regular Meeting.

Mr. Pearson then stated that the County Road Association has kicked off the 2021 Legislative Priorities Process and asked the Board to review this document as well for discussion at the next Regular Meeting.

Mr. Pearson explained that he wanted to acknowledge the employees working on the 2020 gravel hauls, Roadside Mowing Program and LCRC Dust Control. Mr. Pearson stated that the gravel haul tons hauled per day have been above and beyond the estimated amounts and higher than previous hauls with the same equipment. Mr. Pearson reported that the shop needs credit as well, as they have the equipment ready to go and keep it running. Mr. Pearson explained that higher tons hauled per day means a savings to the contracted Townships.

Mr. Pearson informed the Board that the Roadside Mowing is one day ahead of schedule and that is all due to the guys in the mowers and once again the shop. Mr. Pearson explained that the program is currently \$11,000 under the total estimated for the townships that are complete, and should be finished next Thursday. Mr. Pearson stated that this is a savings for the Townships involved.

Mr. Pearson then moved to the dust control and reported that all of the LCRC contracted applications are complete and this program is \$9,400 under budget to the Townships as well. Mr. Pearson stated this program is working, but it is not feasible for the Road Commission to do all of the townships, which works well with the two contractors that continue to cover the north and the east townships.

Mr. Pearson stated that there is a court date on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. for the KWA matter and he met with Bedrock today regarding the oversize rocks and boulders in the pits.

**Finance Director Report**

Mrs. Weston explained to the Board that on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 while reviewing the website, she discovered that the meeting schedule had not been changed back to open meetings after the Governor’s Executive Order allowed remote meetings, and the Committee of the Whole meetings not cancelled. Mrs. Weston informed the Board that the oversight was immediately requested to be updated. Mrs. Weston went on to state that she also spoke with legal counsel to confirm that the posting on the door was adequate notice. Mrs. Weston explained that because the meeting was on the same date and time as originally scheduled, and on the same date as the doors to the Road Commission were opened again, the website update was missed, and she apologized for the confusion.

At 4:45 p.m. Mr. Schons left the meeting.

**Engineering Report**

**061720-084**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Novak to approve the contract between MDOT and the LCRC: Part A- Hot mix asphalt base crushing, shaping and resurfacing work along Elba Road from Highway I-69 northerly to Davison Road; including ditching, culvert replacement, permanent signing and pavement marking work; and altogether with necessary related work

Part B- hot mis asphalt base crush crushing, shaping and resurfacing work along Elba Road at the Highway I-69 Interchange; including shoulder work; and altogether with necessary related work

**Cost Participation**

Grand Total Estimated Cost	\$1,595,600	\$96,000	\$1,691,800
Less Federal Surface Transportation Funds	\$ 939,960	-0-	\$ 939,960
Less State TED Funds	\$ 236,237	-0-	\$ 236,237
BALANCE- LCRC	\$ 419,403	\$96,200	\$ 515,603

And authorize Mr. Destain Gingell, County Highway Engineer, to sign.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Gingell went on to speak about the Marathon Township non-motorized trail-way bid tabulation and stated there were two bids available. Mr. Gingell stated that he will follow up with the Township.

**061720-085**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Novak to approve the Bid Tabulations for the Marathon Township Trail-way and award in the best interest of the Road Commission. Motion carried.

Mr. Gingell gave an overview on the Bronson Lake project, Oregon Road project and Hollow Corners/Glover Road culvert project.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Lloyd Smith, 46 Fish Lake Road

Mr. Smith stated that he wanted to control the water from running into his field, with an intercepting ditch. Mr. Smith stated that the rains wash down the slope and he has done some work to help the situation. Mr. Novak stated the Mr. Gingell, the County Highway Engineer, will review the sight.

Mr. Smith then went on to ask if someone could also look at the culvert as he believes it may be too short.

Mr. Terry Jostock, Road Commissioner Candidate

Mr. Jostock asked if GPS units were placed in all of the vehicles. Mr. Pearson stated that there are GPS units in most of the equipment. Mr. Jostock then asked if there were GPS units in Mr. Pearson and Mr. Schons vehicles. Mr. Pearson explained that there was a unit placed in his Dodge Durango when the units were purchased, but when the vehicle was totaled the unit was taken out and placed into another piece of equipment at that time. Mr. Pearson stated that Mr. Schons' pick-up also has a GPS unit installed in it. Mr. Lutes acknowledged that he actually installed the unit. Mr. Jostock explained that someone asked about it.

Mr. Jostock then asked about the roadside mowing allocation and if the Townships can use the allocation with a contractor. Mr. Pearson stated they cannot use the allocation with a contractor. Mrs. Weston stated the Township can apply their regular allocation to the mowing done by a contractor. Mr. Jostock asked where the match money comes from. Mr. Pearson stated that the Road Commission receives Michigan Transportation Funds from the State.

Mr. Jostock stated he would like to see the meetings to be posted live on the internet.

Mr. Novak then stated that he believes Mr. Jostock should apologize to the Board for his comments on Facebook, as it made it sound like the Board had done something illegal. Mr. Jostock stated that it was his Fifth Amendment right.

Mr. Jeff Lutes

Mr. Lutes asked if the millage was moving forward. Mr. Pearson stated that the committee still has not gotten together to make that decision after the pandemic shut down.

Mr. Lutes stated that Astec Asphalt was building a road back to their plant off of Peck Road. Mr. Lutes stated that Peck Road is in good shape and doesn't want to see it get damaged. Mr. Gingell stated that Astec did get a permit and wanted to use Peck Road because it was difficult to get out on M-53 with the traffic. Mr. Gingell explained that they travel back and forth to their shop to work on their trucks. Mr. Gingell will follow up.

Commissioner Reports and Comments

None received.

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

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James Novak Jr., Chairman

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Linette Weston, Board Secretary