

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, July 1, 2020  
4:30 p.m.**

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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

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

**Approval of Agenda**

**070120-087**

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

**Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes**

**070120-088**

Motion by Commissioner Nichols seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for June 17, 2020. Motion carried.

**Approval of Disbursements**

**070120-089**

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated July 1, 2020 in the amount of \$614,320.56. Motion carried.

**Approval of Road Project Agreements**

**070120-090**

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the four Road Project Agreements for Marathon Township in the amount of \$143,264.37.

490-013-204224 Peters Road Culvert, 38" x 57" x 54' poly and repave  
Estimated Cost: \$15,851.19/Bridge Fund \$7,925.60/Township \$7,925.59

504-013-204225 Hart Lake Road Culvert, 18' x 30' poly, Estimated Cost: \$2,661.18 Township

489-013-204226 6,000 Ton Gravel @ \$12.93/Ton, Load, Level and Brine  
Estimated Cost: \$77,580.00 Township

504-013-204227 Hollenbeck Road-Marathon Township Park Non-Motorized Trailway Connectors  
Estimated Cost: \$47,172.00/ Non-Motorized \$46,172.00/Township \$1,000.00  
Motion carried.

Managing Director Report

**070120-091**

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to cast a vote for the two incumbents for Board of Directors At-Large Representatives for Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson stated he wanted to give an explanation of the current funding for the Lapeer County Road Commission in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Pearson explained that Michigan Transportation Funds (MTF) that were:

Collected in March and received in May were down 10% from 2019, or \$99,929.85,

Collected in April and received in June were down 12% from 2019, or \$106,406.57,

Collected in May and received in July were down 32% from 2019, or \$319,248.30,

For an overall shortfall of \$1,148,756.75 thus far.

Mr. Pearson went on to report that the Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis (ORTA) calculated in February 2018 that the MTF estimate for 2020 would be **\$11,683,024.56** which included the \$325,000,000 in Redirected Income Tax Transfers, which is the figure he used for the 2020 Revenue Budget. In February 2020 that estimate was revised to **\$12,474,374.76** and included PA 588 of 2018 Supplemental and Marijuana Tax Transfers. Mr. Pearson stated that based on the current MTF receipts, in order to make the revenue budget, we will have to have payments in the amount of \$1,229,436 for the next four months. Mr. Pearson informed the Board that the June MTF amount was \$677,688.12.

Mr. Pearson reported that the State Budget Shortfall Agreement was reached in Lansing on June 29, 2020, but there is no mention of road funding or the assurance of the redirected Income tax transfers.

Mr. Pearson explained that he will be proposing the following Capital budget amendments:

Cancel Purchase of Excavator:	\$157,000
Cancel Purchase of One Ton Truck:	\$ 40,000
Cancel Purchase of Remote for Overhead Crane:	<u>\$ 3,295</u>
	\$200,295

Mr. Pearson went on to state that he is also putting the following projects on hold:

Wilder Road Overlay from Imlay City Road to Bowers	\$ 125,000
General Squier Road Reconstruction from Bishop to Rochester	<u>\$1,300,000</u>
	\$1,750,295

Mr. Pearson explained that he is also considering the three overlay projects in the amount of \$716,868 for General Squier Road from Bishop to the Village of Almont as bubble projects that can be pulled if needed. Mr. Pearson stated that the Road Commission is not in a comfortable position at this time, but will continue with the Federal Aid projects as the funding on them is substantial.

Mr. Pearson reported that we currently have two vacant positions, but are not hiring at this time.

Mr. Novak asked if there had been a decision regarding the millage. Mr. Schons explained that the group hasn't been willing to meet in person, so a Zoom meeting may need to be initiated.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Schons reported that the gravel haul is shutdown until after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, and that has allowed the crews to do some brush mowing and patching. Mr. Schons went on to state that some of the townships will begin their second dust control application.

Mr. Schons explained that the gravel haul in Burnside Township was awesome and the crews hit the quotas. This project should finish below the estimated cost.

Mr. Schons then addressed the Board regarding a question asked at the last Regular Meeting on June 17, 2020, after he had left the meeting. Mr. Schons stated that on June 18, 2020 upon arriving to work, he asked the Shop Foreman and a mechanic to verify that the GPS unit on his truck was still in place and also had not been tampered with. Mr. Schons also offered the Board members a copy of his tracking history for the date of the meeting listing all entries from 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Engineering Report

Mr. Duckert asked Mr. Gingell if the meeting had occurred with EGLE yet regarding the size and placement of culverts.

Mr. Gingell stated that he is putting together a letter with the consultant, listing all of the concerns, and asking for clarification regarding authority to move a drain.

**070120-091**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve TCO 1(08)2020 Rescinding TCO #4(08)2006 establishing a 45-mph zone along Davison Road from Millville Road westerly 2,115 feet. Motion carried.

Mr. Gingell explained that although this TCO is rescinded, the speed limit still exists, but is now under the jurisdiction of the City of Lapeer.

Mr. Gingell gave an update on the following projects: Bronson Lake Road, Barnes Road, Myers Road and Elba Road north and south.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Jostock stated that the stakes on Myers Road look off center. Mr. Gingell explained that some of the stakes are just road offsets. Mr. Gingell also stated that the project has been reduced to just paving, so there will not be any ditching.

Commissioner Reports and Comments

It was asked if the Elba projects were combined. Mr. Schons explained that Elba Township wanted to go forward with the ditching portion of their project in may or June and Pave after July 1, and the federal project bids are due July 10, 2020.

Chairman Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

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James Novak Jr., Chairman

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Linette Weston, Board Secretary