

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 29, 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. Zeb Schons, Superintendent of Operations; Mr. Terry Jostock; Mr. Michael Boskee, Mr. Jeffrey Lutes

Chairman Novak called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

072920-102

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

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

072920-103

Motion by Commissioner Nichols seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for July 15, 2020. Motion carried.

Approval of Disbursements

072920-104

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated July 30, 2020 in the amount of \$585,135.77. Motion carried.

Approval of Road Project Agreements

072920-105

Motion by Commissioner Nichols seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the following Road Project Agreements:

Arcadia Township

504-002-203124 Replace culvert on Gark Road between Youngs Road and Summers Road, 18" x 36' poly,

Estimated Cost: \$2,893.00 Township

504-002-203125 Replace culvert on Ostrom Road between Mitchell Lake Road and Youngs Road, 15" x 34' poly, Estimated Cost: \$2,481.78 Township

504-002-203126 Replace culvert on Stanton Lake Road between Spaulding and Slattery, 18" x 30' poly, Estimated Cost: \$2,994.00 Township

504-002-203127 Replace culvert on Cedar Creek Road between Stanton Lake Road and Dead End, 18" x 40' poly, Estimated Cost: \$3,042.00 Township

504-002-203128 Replace culvert on Mitchell Lake Road between Ostrom Road and Bowers Road, 18" x 44' poly, Estimated Cost: \$3,369.00 Township

Elba Township

504-008-203726 Ditching Oglethorpe Drive between Davison and Georgia Drive
Estimated Cost: \$8,893.00 Township

Goodland Township

504-009-203824 Replace culvert on Martin Road between M-53 and Blacks Corners Road, 24” x 42’
Estimated Cost; \$3,200.00 Township
Motion carried.

Managing Director Report

072920-106

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to approve 2020 Annual Certification of Employee-related Conditions. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson then gave an explanation of the changes he is making to the 2020 Budget. Mr. Pearson stated the reduction in Michigan Transportation Funds during the COVID-19 shutdown forced him to also reduce the expenditures that were approved last September. Mr. Pearson explained that he anticipates a \$1.2 million dollar revenue shortfall, thus forcing him to reduce expenses by approximately \$1.5 million dollars.

072920-107

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the proposed budget amendments dated July 29, 2020. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson stated that he would like to have the approval of the resolution to present to the Board of Commissioners for the road millage proposal. Mr. Pearson explained that the shutdown has caused an untimely delay in getting a decision from the committee whether to move forward or not, but he would like to have the language ready to go if it has support.

072920-108

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to approve Resolution to Place Road Millage Proposal of 1.85 mills on the November 2020 ballot.

WHEREAS, State, County and Municipal roads are deteriorating at a record pace due to lack of funding for maintenance for over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer County Road Commission desires to place a road millage proposal of 1.85 mills on the November 2020 ballot; and

WHEREAS, all 1.85 mills raised within the jurisdiction of Cities and Villages would be disbursed to the Cities and Villages of Lapeer County; and

WHEREAS, of the 1.85 mills raised outside of the Cities and Villages, .555 mills will be disbursed to the Lapeer County Road Commission, and 1.295 mills will be disbursed directly to the Townships. All funds received from the road millage shall be utilized for road and bridge repairs and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer County Road Commission currently allocates a total of \$700,000 to the Townships as a match for defined road projects, and will continue with this practice throughout the millage term; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer County Road Commission pledges to continue to allocate an equivalent level of funding for heavy maintenance projects countywide throughout the millage term, with the understanding this level of funding may fluctuate due to unforeseen weather events.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Lapeer, this 29th day of July hereby commit to the aforementioned disbursements from the revenues collected from the proposed road millage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be forwarded to the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners.

Roll call vote: Mr. Duckert, aye; Mr. Novak, aye, Mr. Nichols, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Duckert stated that he believes the millage should be decided by the Lapeer County voters.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Schons reported that the gravel hauls should be wrapped up either Thursday or Monday depending upon the weather. Mr. Schons stated that the second application of dust control was underway and the second roadside mowing program would begin the Wednesday after the primary election to allow for sign removal.

Mr. Schons asked the Board to declare equipment #8105, 1986 Woods 10' Pull behind Mower as surplus as it is no longer being used.

072920-108

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to declare Equipment #8105 as surplus. Motion carried.

Engineering Report

Mr. Gingell gave an update on his current construction projects including, Elba Road, Myers Road, Burnside Road Bridge and Barnes Road. Mr. Gingell also reported that he was compiling his 2021 Heavy Maintenance Projects for the new fiscal year.

Public Comment

Mr. Terry Jostock

Mr. Jostock stated that he understands what it is like to mow around the signs in the right of way and agreed it was a good idea to wait until after the primary election to begin the next mowing.

Mr. Jostock then stated he had a couple questions that were asked of him while he has been out campaigning.

Mr. Jostock asked Mr. Duckert why Road Maintenance was brining his driveway when they were doing Bowman Road.

Mr. Duckert stated that first off, the Road Commission brined Bowman Road and then three days later, Eisenhardt came out and brined his driveway, just like they have done the past three years, which he has paid for. Mr. Schons asked Mr. Lutes, the Truck Operator who was in charge of the dust control application if he did brine Bowman Road. Mr. Lutes stated that he did place brine on Bowman Road when Road Maintenance broke down and the roads had been graded and needed brine.

Mr. Duckert then asked if he was not allowed to have brine put on his long driveway just because he is a Road Commissioner. Mr. Jostock stated that he did defend him in the accusation, but wanted to ask it anyway.

Mr. Jostock then stated that he also had a question regarding Mr. Novak’s haul route for his gravel pit on Summers Road. Mr. Jostock questioned if a certain amount of gravel was supposed to be applied to that roadway. Mr. Novak stated that the material needed is scheduled by the supervisor and he has done that in the past.

Mr. Pearson stated that Mr. Novak does have an agreement with the Road Commission that the Engineering Department is in charge of.

Mr. Michael Boskee

Mr. Boskee asked if the Cities and Villages had agreed to forgo the TIFA and DDA portion of the millage. Mr. Pearson stated that although that would be the desired result, the extended delay of the decision making regarding the Road Millage Proposal has prevented the Committee from asking for those requests.

Commissioner Reports and Comments

Mr. Novak asked Mrs. Weston to enquire with our attorney if a Board Member can be recalled for missing too many meetings.

Chairman Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

James Novak Jr., Chairman

Linette Weston, Board Secretary