

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 14, 2021
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. James Novak, Jr. Chairman; Mr. Les Nichols, Vice Chairman; Mr. Terry Jostock, Member; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mrs. Tamela Delvecchio, Acting as Board Secretary; Mr. Zeb Schons, Superintendent; Mr. Destain Gingell, County Highway Engineer.

Mr. Gabe Forro, Lapeer District Foreman; Mr. Adam Sanderson, TPOAM Vice President; Mr. Mark Webb, Union Vice President; Mr. Nicholas Streichert, Sign Foreman;

Ms. Cindy Solon, Ms. Janet Wilson, Mr. Don Wilson, Mr. Daniel Brave;

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

Approval of the Agenda

071421-134

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

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

071421-135

Motion by Commissioner Jostock, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for June 30, 2021. Motion carried.

Approval of Disbursements

071421-136

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated July 15, 2021 in the amount of \$2,030,113.67. Motion carried.

Mr. Jostock requested that he receive a copy of all the invoices that will be paid, at the Monday meeting, prior to approval on Wednesday so that he can review.

Road Project Agreements

071421-137

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the Oregon Township Road Project Agreement. Motion carried.

Oregon Township

489-017-214609 – Asphalt patches on Klam Road
Estimated Cost: \$100,267.45 Twp.

Commissioner Code of Conduct

071421-138

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the Commissioner Code of Conduct. Motion carried.

Managing Director Report

Mr. Pearson gave a brief announcement on the upcoming Blue Water meeting.

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that he feels we may need to up the wage for the Finance Director position in order to get someone with experience. Mr. Pearson reported that the wages for other counties Finance Directors are between 80k-85k. Commissioner Jostock opposed the wage increase stating that anybody that knows computers can learn the position. Mr. Pearson reported that he has a call in with Precision to help us stay on top of things as Mrs. Weston does not want to come in and assist.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Schons reported that the second round of grading for brine has started and the gravel hauls will begin Monday. Mr. Schons gave a shout out to the Townships for their financial participation in the maintenance of the roads in Lapeer County.

Engineering Report

Mr. Gingell gave an update on the road abandonments he had received.

Mr. Gingell provided an update on the current projects, Davison Road, Barber Road, Silverwood and Burnside Road.

Mr. Gingell stated that the Engineering department was working on assess management throughout the county.

Mr. Gingell explained a service request he had received complaining about Hadley Road, Pratt Road and Hegel Road. Mr. Gingell stated that he is working on a 5-year plan for primary roads in Lapeer County.

Mr. Gingell declared that we put a bunch of items out to bid today. Commissioner Jostock questioned if we bid items in a bundle to get a better price. Mr. Gingell explained that he tries to do that but sometimes it ends up increasing the projects costs instead of helping. Mr. Pearson declared that you have to be careful when you bundle as you don't always get the best price.

Public Comment

Cindy Solon – Reported that she was informed 2 years ago that Barnes Road was going to get done. Ms. Solon stated that you replaced a culvert and we can't even get a load of gravel on it, when is Barnes Road going to get done?

Mr. Pearson reported that we spent 2.8 million dollars on Barnes Road in 2019 and 2020.

Mr. Gingell stated that we are still working on an asset management plan for Primary Roads. Mr., Gingell reported he is also meeting with Townships for a 5-year plan for local roads. Mr. Gingell explained that we are putting together a list of areas all around the county for the 2022 budget. Mr. continued explaining that an overlay on a road is much cheaper than the cost of a crush, shape and redo, we are trying to get more roads done.

Mr. Jostock stated that we need to get these plans together so that we can go for a mileage.

Janet Wilson – Stated that there were holes on Silverwood Road that you can put your foot in. Ms. Wilson asked why we don't have a schedule to take care of these roads, they should have never gotten in this condition to begin with, when is this 5-year plan going to be put together?

Mr. Gingell declared that the 5-year plan can be seen as soon as it is done. Mr. Gingell declared that if its not given to you, you can FOIA LCRC and we must provide it to you.

Mr. Pearson stated that the real issue is funding, we don't have the money to do all the roads and that is why they have gotten in the condition they are in.

Resident – is Barnes Road going to be in your 5-year plan?

Mr. Gingell reported that he hopes it is in the 5-year plan.

Resident – Are they ever going to widen M-24 after Pratt Road?

Mr. Schons stated that they have the right of way but that decision is out of our hands.

Mr. Pearson reported that it's been on the shelf for years and we are not sure when this will happen.

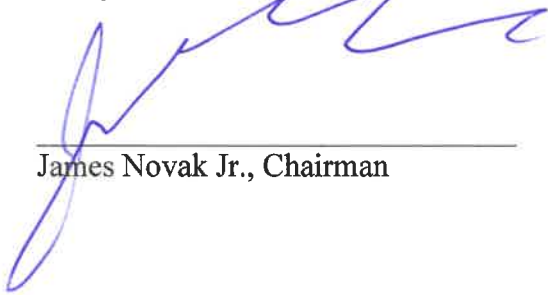
Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Jostock asked if the employees were getting paid to be here?

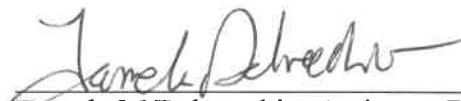
Several employees stated, no, they are not getting paid to be here.

Commissioner Jostock stated he appreciated all the employees at the Road Commission.

Being no further business, Chairman Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



James Novak Jr., Chairman



Pamela M Delvecchio, Acting as Board Secretary