

# Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners

820 Davis Lake Road  
Lapeer, MI 48446

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 07, 2026**  
**4:30 p.m.**

John Howell, Chairman  
Terry Jostock, Vice Chairman  
James Novak, Jr., Member

Present: Mr. John Howell, Chairman; Mr. Terry Jostock, Vice Chairman; Mr. James Novak, Jr, Member; Mr. Destain Gingell, Managing Director/County Highway Engineer; Mrs. Kathleen Cunningham, Finance Director/Board Secretary.

Residents: Leslie Getz, Ken Heathcock, Willard Prey, Karen

Chairman Mr. Howell; called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**  
**010726-001**

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

**Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes for December 23, 2025**  
**010726-002**

Motion by Commissioner Jostock seconded by Commissioner Novak, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for December 23, 2025. Motion carried.

**Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll in the amount of \$ 913,404.61 dated January 08, 2026**  
**010726-003**

Motion by Commissioner Novak, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve account payable and payroll in the amount of \$ 913,404.61 dated January 08, 2026. Motion carried.

**Road Project Agreement** - None

**Communications** –

Blue Water Highway District Meeting, January 22, 2025, 9:00 a.m., The Arrowhead Golf & Grill, 1201 Gun Club Rd., Caro, MI 48723. Hosted by Tuscola County Road Commission.

**Managing Director/Engineer Report**

Mr. Gingell went over the salt usage, approximately 680 tons of salt were used on state highways in the last two weeks, approximately 5,000 tons used countywide since November. The county has approximately 11,000 tons of salt on hand.

Mr. Gingell praised the road commission staff for their hard work during harsh weather conditions.

Mr. Gingell informed the board that two of the newer trucks will return to the vendor for recall work related to wiring issues.

**Finance Report** - None**Public Time** -

Karen had asked to consider changing how the closed sessions are handled when the weather is cold.

Willard Prey raised concern on speed vehicle is traveling snow plowing on Haines Road.

**Commissioner Reports and Comments** -

Commissioner Jostock and Commissioner Novak thanked the crews for doing a good job on the roads.

Commissioner Novak acknowledged about public concerns that had been made and agreed to investigate the grading and speeding issues.

**2026 Organization**

Mr. Gingell asked the Board for nominations for Chairman for the Board of Lapeer County Road Commission.

**010726-004**

Motion by Mr. Jostock, seconded by Mr. Novak to nominate /elect Mr. Howell for Chairman of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commission. Motion carried.

*Roll Call Vote – Commissioner Howell – yes, Commissioner Jostock – yes, Commissioner Novak – yes.*

**010726-005**

Motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Jostock to nominate /elect Mr. Jostock for Vice Chairman. of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commission. Motion carried.

*Roll Call Vote – Commissioner Howell – yes, Commissioner Jostock – yes, Commissioner Novak – no.*

**010726-006**

Motion by Mr. Jostock, seconded by Mr. Novak to authorize Mr. Destain Gingell to impose and release seasonal weight restrictions, as required for 2026. Motion carried.

**010726-007**

Motion by Mr. Novak seconded by Mr. Jostock to designate Mr. Destain Gingell as County Highway Engineer and Assistant Trunkline Superintendent for 2026. Motion carried.

**010726-008**

Motion by Mr. Jostock, seconded by Mr. Novak to appoint Mr. William Lawson as Trunkline Superintendent for 2026. Motion carried.

**010726-009**

Motion by Mr. Novak, seconded by Mr. Jostock to appoint Ms. Kathleen Cunningham, Secretary to the Board for 2026. Motion carried.

**010726-010**

Motion by Mr. Jostock seconded by Mr. Novak to designate Mr. Destain Gingell, Mr. Andrew Dixon and Mr. William Wood as authorized agent for checking vehicles for size, weights, and loads operating on all roads under the Road Commission jurisdiction or as allowed or designated in Lapeer County for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Being no further business, Chairman Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

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John Howell, Chairman

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Kathleen Cunningham, Board Secretary