

## **Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners**

820 Davis Lake Road  
Lapeer, MI 48446

### **MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR BOARD MEETING Wednesday, September 30, 2026 4:30 p.m.**

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

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Howell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Commissioners Present:** Mr. John Howell, Chair; Mr. Terry Jostock, Vice Chair; Mr. James Novak, Jr., Commissioner

**Staff Present:** Mr. Destain Gingell, Manager/County Highway Engineer; Mr. Wes Sanchez, Director of Maintenance Mrs. Sonja Stout, Finance Director/Board Secretary.

#### **Public Hearing to Present the FY 2027 Lapeer County Road Commission Budget**

##### **Open Public Hearing**

**093026-124**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Novak, supported by Vice Chair Jostock, to open the Public Hearing to present the FY 2027 Lapeer County Road Commission Budget.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Howell, Jostock, Novak.

**Motion carried.**

*The public hearing opened at 4:30 p.m.*

One member of the public commented that she would like to see more detail included in the budget.

There being no further public comment, the Chair called for a motion to close the public hearing.

##### **Close Public Hearing**

**093026-125**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Novak, Seconded by Vice Chair Jostock to Close the Public Hearing for the FY 2027 Lapeer County Road Commission Budget.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Howell, Jostock, Novak

**Motion carried.**

*The public hearing closed at 4:31 p.m.*

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Howell, declared the Public Hearing adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

### **Call to Order**

Chair Howell called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**Commissioners Present:** Mr. John Howell, Chair; Mr. Terry Jostock, Vice Chair; Mr. James Novak, Jr., Commissioner

**Staff Present:** Mr. Destain Gingell, Manager/County Highway Engineer; Mr. Wes Sanchez, Director of Maintenance Mrs. Sonja Stout, Finance Director/Board Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Approval of Agenda**

#### **093026-126**

**MOTION** made by Vice Chair Jostock, supported by Commissioner Novak to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried.**

### **Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2026**

#### **093026-127**

**MOTION** made by Vice Chair Jostock, supported by Commissioner Novak to approve the regular meeting minutes for September 16, 2026.

**Motion Carried.**

### **Approval of Accounts Payable & Payroll in the amount of \$4,338,978.62 dated October 1, 2026**

#### **093026-128**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Novak, supported by Vice Chair Jostock to approve accounts payable and payroll in the amount of \$4,338,978.62 dated October 1, 2026.

**Motion Carried.**

### **Road Project Agreements (4)**

#### **093026-129**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Novak, supported by Vice Chair Jostock to approve the four (4) road project agreements.

**Motion Carried.**

490-017-274800 Oregon Township – Flint River Road cross tube replacement 48”x 53’. Estimated cost \$16,000.00

489-017-274604 Oregon Township – Peters Road various cross tube replacement, ditching, tree removals and related work. Estimated cost \$33,800.00

504-011-264006 Imlay Township – Westwood Dr cross tube replacement 18”x40”. Estimated Cost \$3,950.00

504-006-263502 Deerfield Township- Brush Axing. Estimated cost \$10,000.

### **Communications**

Manager Gingell provided updates regarding communication from MCRISP and the upcoming Blue Water Highway District meeting, including the RSVP deadline.

### **Managing Director/Engineering Report**

Manager Gingell provided an update on current road projects.

#### **093026-130**

**MOTION** to appoint Sonja Stout to serve as Board Secretary for the Road Commission, effective immediately and until such time as a successor is appointed.

**Motion Carried.**

### **Director of Maintenance Report**

Director Sanchez answered questions regarding the sole bid received for the wheeled excavator.

#### **093026-131**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Novak, supported by Vice Chair Jostock to approve the Wheeled Excavator bid tabulations and authorize acceptance of the bid determined to be in the best interest of the Road Commission.

**Motion Carried.**

### **HR Report**

No report at this time.

The Board asked questions regarding the Mechanic/CDL and Foreman positions. Director Sanchez stated that the positions are currently posted internally through Monday.

### **Finance Report**

Finance Director/Board Secretary Stout explained that the motion presented was a housekeeping matter related to the transition between Finance Directors.

#### **093026-132**

**MOTION** made by Vice Chair Jostock, supported by Commissioner Novak to add Sonja Stout as Authorizing Officer for JPMorgan Chase Bank account and remove Kathleen Cunningham the previous Finance Director.

**Motion Carried.**

#### **093026-133**

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Novak, supported by Vice Chair Jostock to approve the FY 2026 year-end budget adjustments for the Lapeer County Road Commission as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Howell, Jostock, Novak

**Motion carried.**

#### **093026-134**

**MOTION** made by Vice Chair Jostock, supported by Commissioner Novak to approve the FY 2027 Budget for the Lapeer County Road Commission as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Howell, Jostock, Novak

**Motion carried.**

### **Public Time**

None.

### **Commissioner Reports and Comments**

Vice Chair Jostock welcomed Finance Director/Board Secretary Stout to the team.

Commissioner Novak also welcomed Finance Director/Board Secretary Stout and expressed his appreciation for Director of Maintenance Sanchez, noting the positive additions to the Road Commission.

Chair Howell commented on the strength of the Road Commission team.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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John Howell, Chairman

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Sonja Stout Finance Director, Board Secretary

Approved: as presented October 14, 2026.

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT ALL OPEN MEETINGS**

The following rules have been established to maintain order and decorum during the public comment period. Furthermore, these rules are designed to ensure fairness to each speaker by establishing rules in advance that will be applied equally to each speaker.

- Any person desiring to address the Board shall first identify himself/herself and state the nature of his/her business; no more than four (4) minutes are allotted to any one speaker and no more than twenty (20) minutes to any one subject regardless of the number of the members of the public desiring to speak thereon. No more than sixty (60) minutes are allotted to members of the public desiring to speak on all matters not on the agenda unless agreed upon by majority vote of the members of the Board present.
- Public comment is not intended to require the Board of Commissioners to answer any impromptu questions. Speakers shall address all comments to the Commissioners as a whole and not to individual Commissioners or employees. Discussions between speakers and members of the audience shall not be allowed.
- Matters which by law are privileged or otherwise exempt from public disclosure are not proper subject matter for discussion at an open meeting and that discussion thereof shall not be permitted; that any matter brought up by a member of the public which is not on the agenda prepared for the meeting shall not be acted upon at the same meeting except in unusual circumstances.