

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING- ELECTRONIC REMOTE ACCESS
Wednesday, February 24, 2021
4:30 p.m.

Per the MDHHS Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253, and in accordance with Public Act 228 of 2020, remote access was implemented per the requirements of PA 228 of 2020.

Present: Mr. James Novak, Jr. Chairman; Mr. Les Nichols, Vic Chairman; Mr. Terry Jostock, Member; Mrs. Linette Weston, Board Secretary; Mr. Zeb Schons, Superintendent of Operations; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director

Remote: Mr. Jason Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Schluessler, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Snoblen and family.

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

Approval of Agenda

022421-027

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

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

022421-028

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for February 10, 2021. Motion carried.

Approval of Disbursements

022421-029

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated February 25, 2021 in the amount of \$477,229.98. Motion carried.

Road Project Agreements

022421-030

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the nineteen Township Road Project Agreements.

Almont Township

504-001-213000 Dust Control, Up to 3 Applications, Road Maintenance, \$51,062.40 Township

504-001-213001 Roadside Mowing, 1 Double Spring and Summer, LCRC, \$6,700 Twp/\$6,700 LCRC

504-001-213002 Brush Axe and Tree Removal, \$5,000 Township/\$5,000 LCRC

504-001-213003 Ditching Program, \$5,000 Township/\$5,000 LCRC

Hadley Township

504-011-214000 Dust Control, Up to 3 Applications, LCRC, \$38,296.80 Township

504-011-214001 Roadside Mowing, 1 Double Spring and Summer, LCRC, \$5,518 Twp/\$5,518 LCRC

504-011-214002 Brush Axe and Tree Removal, \$5,000 Township/\$5,000 LCRC

504-011-214003 Ditching Program, \$5,000 Township/\$5,000 LCRC

Imlay Township

504-010-213900 Dust Control, Up to 2 Applications, Road Maintenance, \$28,692 Township

504-010-213901 Roadside Mowing, 1 Double Spring and Summer, LCRC, \$5,176 Twp/\$5,176 LCRC

504-010-213902 Brush Axe and Tree Removal, \$5,000 Township/\$5,000 LCRC

North Branch Township

504-016-214500 Dust Control, Up to 3 Applications, Road Maintenance, \$63,817.20 Township

504-016-214501 Roadside Mowing, 1 Double Spring and Summer, LCRC, \$6,689 Twp/\$6,689 LCRC

504-016-214502 Brush Axe and Tree Removal, \$5,000 Township/\$5,000 LCRC

504-016-214503 Ditching Program, \$5,000 Township/\$5,000 LCRC

Oregon Township

504-017-214600 Dust Control, Up to 3 Applications, LCRC, \$31,374 Township

504-017-214601 Roadside Mowing, 1 Double Spring and Summer, LCRC, \$6,747 Twp/\$6,747 LCRC

504-017-214603 Ditching Program, \$5,000 Township/\$5,000 LCRC

Motion carried.

Managing Director Report

Mr. Pearson reported that Mr. Jeffrey Schluessler had retired today and he asked the Board to approve the following resolution.

022421-031

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the following resolution for Mr. Jeffrey Schluessler:

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Schluessler started working at the Road Commission in May of 1987 as a laborer at the Lapeer Garage, heavy equipment operator, in August of 1987 became Maintenance Grader at the Imlay City Garage, in 1995 he became Truck Operator for the Sign Department at the Lapeer Garage, in 1996 Heavy Equipment Operator at the Imlay City Garage, in 2005 he became Construction Foreman, in 2008 he returned to the Imlay City Garage as a truck operator, in 2015 he transferred to Working Foreman and in June of 2015 became District Foreman at the Imlay City Garage and has continued there for the remainder of his career; and,

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Schluessler was a devoted employee of the Lapeer County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Schluessler has used his talents as a Truck Operator, Heavy Equipment Operator, Grader Operator and knowledge as a Working and District Foreman to maintain the roads in Lapeer County for the past thirty-three years; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of Jeffrey Schluessler's commitment, he has contributed significantly to the excellent condition of the roads in the Lapeer County, ensuring the wellbeing of all who use them; and,

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Schluessler is retiring on February 24, 2021 after more than thirty-three years of great service to the community; and,

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Schluessler's knowledge and work ethic will be missed by one and all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, does hereby extend our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the records of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, Lapeer County, State of Michigan on this Twenty Fourth day of February, 2021, there to remain forever.

Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson stated that he and Jeff were hired on the same day at the Road Commission, so Jeff's retirement has special meaning. All present shared stories, thanked him, and wished Mr. Schluessler all the best in the future.

Mr. Pearson explained that Mr. Norman Snoblen was retiring on Friday, February 26, 2021, and he asked the Board to approve the following resolution.

022421-032

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the following resolution for Mr. Norman Snoblen:

WHEREAS, Norman Snoblen started working at the Road Commission in November of 1999 as a truck operator, for the sign department, at the Lapeer Garage, in 2014 he became Sign Working Foreman and has continued there for the remainder of his career; and,

WHEREAS, Norman Snoblen was an extremely dedicated and faithful employee of the Lapeer County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Norman Snoblen has used his talents as a Truck Operator and knowledge as a Sign Working Foreman to maintain the roads and signs in Lapeer County for the past twenty-one years; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of Norman Snoblen's dedication and strong work ethic, he has contributed greatly to the excellent condition of the roads in the Lapeer County, ensuring the wellbeing of all who use them; and,

WHEREAS, Norman Snoblen is retiring on February 26, 2021 after more than twenty-one years of wonderful service to the community; and,

WHEREAS, Norman Snoblen's commitment and honesty will be missed by one and all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, does hereby extend our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the records of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, Lapeer County, State of Michigan on this Twenty Fourth day of February, 2021, there to remain forever.

Motion carried.

All present thanked Norm for his service and wished him well in his future endeavors.

022421-033

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the 2020 Annual Financial Report. Motion carried.

022421-034

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the 2020 Act 51 of 1951 Report. Motion carried.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Schons reported that there was currently a break in the winter weather which is allowing the crews to make equipment repairs and cut trees and patch blacktop.

Engineering Report

022421-035

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to award in the best interest of the Road Commission for Design and Construction Engineering -2022 Bridge Preventative Maintenance Projects as presented:

- Genesee Road Bridge (Structure #5371) over the Hasler Creek Drain
- Davison Road Bridge (Structure #5388) over the Hasler Creek Drain
- Mitchell Road Bridge (Structure #5421) over the Farmers Creek
- Thornville Road Bridge (Structure #5414) over the S Branch of the Flint River
- Thornville Road Bridge (Structure #5416) over the S Branch of the Flint River
- Thornville Road Bridge (Structure #5417) over the S Branch of the Flint River

Motion carried.

Mr. Gingell spoke about the Seasonal Weight Restrictions that he will make a decision about next week.

Public Comment

None received.

Commissioners Reports and Comments

Discussion was held regarding the Committee of the Whole meetings. It was decided to add the meetings back to the schedule at 8:00 a.m.

The Board stated that the crews were doing a good job even though the roads are turning muddy.

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

James Novak Jr., Chairman

Linette Weston, Board Secretary