

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, December 29, 2021  
4:30 p.m.**

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Present: Mr. James Novak, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Leslie Nichols, Vice Chairman, Member; Mr. Terry Jostock, Member; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. Joseph Minaudo, Board Secretary; Mr. Destain Gingell, County Highway Engineer.

Residents: Mr. Jack Jostock, Mr. Scott A. Jarvis, Mr. Louis Martus, Mr. Harold Martin, Mr. David Taylor, Ms. Lisa Haack, Ms. Tina Papineau, Mr. Richard Haack, and Mr. John Franzel.

Chairman Novak called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**122921-252**

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

**Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes**

**122921-253**

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for December 15, 2021. Motion carried.

**Approval of Disbursements**

**122921-254**

Motion by Commissioner Jostock, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated December 30, 2021 in the amount of \$294,970.36. Motion carried.

**Road Project Agreements**

None.

**Managing Director Report**

Mr. Pearson updated on the progress with communications with Amy Cell, Managing Director placement process.

Mr. Pearson informed night shift (3pm to 11 pm) started Monday night with three personnel.

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. Schons was absent.

**Engineering Report**

**Public Meeting – 2022 Fee Schedule**

No public comment.

**Approval of 2022 Fee Schedule**

**122921-255**

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the 2022 Fee Schedule. Roll call vote; Novak, aye; Nichols, aye; Jostock, aye. Motion carried.

**Motion**

**122921-256**

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve Contract 21-5451 between MDOT and the Lapeer CRC:

PART A – JOB #209795CON; STATE PARTICIPATION The removal and replacement of the deck hot mix asphalt wearing surface and waterproof membrane, concrete deck patching, epoxy deck overlay, concrete fascia repairs, flexural strengthening system of deck fascia, concrete tee beams, deck drain extensions, brush block repairs, riprap, and hot mix asphalt approach reconstruction of the structure #5371 which carries Genesee Road over Hasler Creek, Section 17, T07N, R09E, Elba Township, Lapeer County, Michigan and the structure #5388 which carries Davison Road over Hasler Creek, Section 5, T07N, R09E, Elba Township, Lapeer County; and all together with necessary related work.

PART B – JOB #209796CON; 22A0101; FEDERAL PARTICIPATION The removal and replacement of the deck hot mix asphalt wearing surface and waterproof membrane, and hot mix asphalt approach reconstruction of the structure #5421 which carries Mitchell Road over Farmers Creek, Section 35, T07N, R09E, Elba Township, Lapeer County; and all together with necessary related work..

And authorize Mr. Destain D. Gingell, County Highway Engineer, to sign. Motion carried.

**Motion**

**122921-257**

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve Contract 21-5452 between MDOT and the Lapeer CRC: Capital preventative maintenance work on structure #5414, which carries Thornville Road over the South Branch of the Flint River, Sections 13 and 18, on structure #5416, which carries Thornville Road over the South Branch of the Flint River, Sections 7 and 12, and on structure #5417, which carries Thornville Road over the South Branch of the Flint River, Sections 7 and 12, T06N, R10E/R11E, Dryden Township, Lapeer County, Michigan, including replacement of hot mix asphalt deck wearing surface and waterproofing membrane, pier repair, thrie beam railing retrofit and approach guardrail replacement and approach work; and all together with necessary related work.

And authorize Mr. Destain D. Gingell, County Highway Engineer, to sign. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**

**122921-258**

Member Jostock moved, upon recommendation of Vice Chairman Nichols, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Shaw Road between M-53 (Van Dyke) and Brown City Road is a local county road in Goodland Township under the jurisdiction of Lapeer County Road Commission Board; And WHEREAS: Goodland Township is responsible for the capital maintenance of Shaw Road, and has identified the need for rehabilitation/capacity enhancements of said road between Van Dyke (M-53) and Brown City Road located in Goodland Township, Lapeer County, Michigan; And

WHEREAS: Goodland Township is committed to improving the safety, and condition of Shaw Road by adding a turn lane, widening lane widths for safe travel and rehabilitating the road surface; And

WHERE AS, Goodland Township wishes to have a fast, safe and efficient transportation network for its citizens; and,

WHERE AS, Goodland Township has experienced growth and continues to grow placing further burden on the transportation network; and,

WHERE AS, the Lapeer County Road Commission and Goodland Township have reviewed cost estimates for rehabilitation and widening of Shaw Road and the budget of the Road Commission and Township will not allow replacement of this road without additional funds from other sources; and,

WHERE AS, the Lapeer County Road Commission will apply on behalf of Goodland Township for Federal Aid funding through the Economic Development Administration for Shaw Road Capacity Enhancement project, and;

WHEREAS: Goodland Township is seeking grant funding through the U.S. Economic Development Administration's Public Works Program. The 20% match requirement for said grant will be matched with local funds through Goodland Township (estimated at \$335,837). These funds are not encumbered in any way; And

WHEREAS: Goodland Township and The Board of County Road Commissioners has the sole authority to commit the organization to potential grant awards, and has designated County Highway Engineer Gingell and Goodland Township Supervisor Cischke to have authority to sign and execute any and all grant documents; And

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that both Goodland Township and Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners is committed to the project, and approves the County Highway Engineer to submit the project for Grant Funding.

Ayes: Jostock, Novak, Nichols Nays: None

**2022 Organization**

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

**122921-259**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Novak to nominate Mr. Novak for Chairman of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commission. Motion carried.

**122921-260**

Motion by Mr. Novak, seconded by Mr. Nichols to nominate Mr. Nichols for Vice Chairman. of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commission. Motion carried.

**122921-261**

Motion by Mr. Jostock seconded by Mr. Nichols to designate Mr. Destain Gingell as County Highway Engineer for 2022. Motion carried.

**122921-262**

Motion by Mr. Jostock, seconded by Mr. Nichols to authorize Mr. Destain Gingell to impose and release seasonal weight restrictions, as required for 2022. Motion carried.

**122921-263**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Jostock to appoint Mr. Erick Pearson as Managing Director for 2022. Motion carried.

**122921-264**

Motion by Mr. Jostock, seconded by Mr. Nichols to appoint Mr. Erick Pearson as Trunkline Superintendent for 2022. Motion carried.

**122921-265**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Jostock to appoint Mr. Zeb Schons Assistant Trunkline Superintendent for 2022. Motion carried.

**122921-266**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Jostock to appoint Mr. Joseph P. Minaudo, Jr., CPA as Finance Director and Secretary to the Board for 2022. Motion carried.

**122621-267**

Motion by Mr. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Jostock to designate Mr. Destain Gingell, Mr. Andrew Dixon and Mr. Zeb Schons 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, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Motion carried.

Roll call vote on 2022 Organizational; Novak, aye; Jostock, aye; Nichols, aye.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Tina Papineau thanked LCRC for it's great work on Dryden Township roads and their help in acquiring grant funds.

Mr. Louis Martus of Burnside Township requested the LCRC Board Minutes be emailed to all Township officials. He also requested a recap of the 2022 Fee Schedule changes be given at the annual Townships Meeting.

Mr. Scott A. Jarvis of Lapeer Township gave praise to the LCRC workers.

**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Nichols remarked on the good job done with the snow removal from the last snowfall.

Commissioner Novak agreed with Commissioner Nichols. He stated he was driving through Oakland County and the roads were comparable to Lapeer County. As soon as he reached Lapeer County he saw a salt truck.

Commissioner Jostock commented on his letter dated December 17, 2021 attached to the December 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes.

Commissioner Novak read a letter from the Elba Township Supervisor, Mike Boskee (attached).  
Being no further business, Chairman Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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James Novak Jr., Chairman

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Joseph P. Minaudo, Jr., Board Secretary

MIKE BOSKEE, *Supervisor*  
RENA FOUNTAIN, *Clerk*  
NATE EASHOO, *Treasurer*



KELLY A. BALES, *Trustee*  
BONNIE WILCOX, *Trustee*  
TIMOTHY LINTZ, *Trustee*  
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December 29, 2021

Lapeer County Road Commissioners  
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Dear Commissioners,

Let me start by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and sincere wishes for a happy, safe and healthy New Year. I apologize for my lack of attendance at LCRC meetings in the last year due to family scheduling conflicts. I am grateful for the relationships built between the LCRC and the Townships and consider many of you personal friends.

When I was elected to office there were many things to learn, one of those was the legal, financial and liability issues related to roads within our Township. I quickly learned that as a Township we bore no responsibility for any of those items and could simply not participate in the process at all. I also realized that doing so may make my life easier but was not in the best interest of the residents.

My previous dealings with the LCRC, as a resident, emergency responder and Planning Commission Chairman, had been less than stellar so I was eager to improve that relationship and improve it did. I have never been afraid of speaking my mind and at one of my first Supervisors meetings Rick Pearson had the misfortune of attending and we 'disagreed' on some items. We agreed to meet later privately and the result was a better understanding of each others perspective. Rick is approachable and good natured with a common sense that comes from his farming background I believe. He is a true asset to the LCRC.

Over the years I have attended their meetings and have gotten to know several of the employees and consider many to be my friends. People have retired or gone on to other jobs but I truly believe that the organization has continued to improve each and every year. Communication with Townships and residents have greatly improved the addition of a social media presence and email updates from Zeb. I frequently get phone calls from Destin or Beth to give me a heads up about an issue or update on projects or grant availability. Services have improved with the dust control and mowing being 'in house'. Lastly, the hard working employees out there in the trucks, graders and mowers all taking pride in what they do and it shows. Little things like partnering with the schools to paint the snow plows adds to foster goodwill in a time that it is sorely needed. All of this has led to a substantial reduction in

complaints from my residents about road issues and I appreciate that as do many of my fellow Township Supervisors.

Apparently this last year the LCRC has been filled with turmoil as many workplaces have been. I have spoken with many employees including management, elected, office and the rank and file workers and a common theme has emerged. I remember my Township being on the front page of The County Press every week due to fighting between Board members.

Battlelines were drawn and personal vendettas became more important than actually providing the BEST service possible for the residents. Covid has made everyone's job more difficult and stressful so now is the time for you to be part of the solution instead of part of the problem.

You all ran for office to serve the citizens and improve the organization not hinder all of the improvements made over the last decade. If you ran to make someone miserable or quit, to pad your pockets or see your pet project completed then you will be exposed and the truth will come out. Every Board member took office with a good name, hence the reason you were elected. Your goal should be to leave office with the same good name. Lets start 2022 with that goal in mind. The passage of a road millage becomes less viable and the good reputation built by the staff is lost when the leaders behave like bullies. Tomorrow is a new day and a fresh start and your opportunity to take advantage of it.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MB', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Michael Boskee