

March 13, 2025
Baldwin, Michigan 49304

Regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Lake was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Truxton.

Present - Gary Truxton, LCRC Commissioner
Richard Haslock, LCRC Commissioner
Don Divis, LCRC Commissioner
William VanDyke, Finance & HR Manager
Leroy Williams, Manager
Shawn MacDougall, Road Foreman
Al Dailey, Road Foreman
~~David Leusby, Shop Foreman~~
Austin MacDougall, Assistant
Dennis Robinson, Engineer Tech

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Haslock to approve February 27, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

Yea - Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays - 0. Absent - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Haslock to approve February 27, 2025, closed session meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

Yea - Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays - 0. Absent - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Divis to approve:

Payroll Voucher	# 5314A	\$645.72
Payroll Voucher	# 5317	\$83,917.67
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5316A	\$28,003.07
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5316B	\$2,775.25
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5318	\$76,410.02
FSA Voucher	# 5319	\$764.31

Supported by Haslock.

Yea - Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays - 0. Absent - 0.

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sergeant Bob Meyers of the Lake County Sheriff's Department updated the board on plans to conduct an ORV enforcement training session at the Webber Pit starting Monday April 28 through Friday May 2, 2025.

Jamie Russel introduced herself as the newly elected Lake County Commissioner of District #6.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

A review of purchasing policy # 1050 confirms that purchasing used capital outlay items approved in the budget costing more than \$25,000.00 may be purchased from an auction or a negotiated acquisition.

Presented a proposed policy # 1075 Earned Sick Time Policy for the Board's review.

The possibility of a USFS grant for road improvements appears to be the same funds that we already receive through the forest roads program. Waiting for verification from the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission.

MANAGER:

Funds from a MIOSHA safety grant were used to purchase portable Rapid Radios, wireless headsets for mounting on hard hats, and an AED.

The culvert lining of 76th Street over Jenks Creek will be completed by March 21, 2025.

Sauble Township is planning to continue with the local roads program as soon as the road commission's budget will allow.

MDOT has awarded the bid for roadside park maintenance to Watkin's Enterprises.

Presented quotes for securing the building with keyless entry.

A meeting with the garbage contractor for Webber Township went very well to resolve issues involving garbage cans left on the edge of roads and damage to roads from sudden stopping of garbage trucks.

Contract negotiations with the collective bargaining unit will begin on March 18, 2025, when the union will present a proposal. A response is scheduled for April 11, 2025.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Gravels roads have been drying out nicely. Crews have been patching potholes and blading roads.

Some tree cutting continues as the weather permits.

DAILEY -

Leveling pads are being built to place frac tanks on at the pits.

Concrete repairs at the Chase Brine Facility will be ready in mid-May. Luther Garage Repairs are still being scheduled.

LEUSBY -

Absent.

ROBINSON -

Has been meeting with the engineer about the 24th Street Bridge, the Ten Mile Road bottomless culvert project, and the Spencer Bridge Project. March 27, 2025, will be the pre-construction meeting for the 24th Street Bridge with construction beginning sometime in July.

OLD BUSINESS:

Manager Williams led a discussion to inform Lake County Commissioner Jamie Russel about several considerations that have been happening, including the grant process for repairing railroad crossings in the county. Specifically, the crossing on 76th Street. Also, the planned project on Washington Street to cut the hill near the cemetery and chip sealing plans for the season.

Motion made by Haslock to enter closed session at 10:02 a.m. under MCL 15.268(1)(e) to consult with the Board's attorney regarding trial and settlement strategy in connection with the pending lawsuit of the Lake County Road Commission versus Robert Snedeker and Joan Runnels, and MCL 15.268(1)(a) to consider disciplinary actions.

Supported by Divis.

Yea - Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays - 0. Absent - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Divis to re-open the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Supported by Haslock.

Yea - Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays - 0. Absent - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Divis to execute the strategy discussed during closed session.

Supported by Haslock.

Yea - Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays - 0. Absent - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Austin MacDougall presented a summary of the snowfall totals for the winter. Seventeen inches of snowfall were recorded in Baldwin for the month of February bringing the total for the winter up to sixty-three- and one-half inches.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Divis to accept proposal # 2253 from Brooks Security in the amount of \$17,188.00 to upgrade the building to keyless entry on eight doors. Supported by Haslock.

Yea - Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays - 0. Absent - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Truxton -

Pleased to see the keyless entry upgrade is happening.

Roads are looking good.

Planning on attending Sweetwater Township's next meeting.

Discussed topics from Lake County's Parks & Recreation meeting.

Haslock -

The back roads look good.

Divis -

Attended the Ellsworth Township meeting. They are happy and have completed their brine contract.

Attended the Elk Township meeting. They have a road committee in place and are planning to have funds for future local road improvements. Karen Fickes stated that River Road looks great after being re-graded.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: April 10, 2025, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

William D. Van Dyke
William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:

Gary Truxton
Gary Truxton, Chairman

Richard J. Haslock
Richard J. Haslock - Vice Chairman

Don Divis
Don Divis - Member

