

May 22, 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 Divis to approve May 8, 2025, regular meeting minutes.
Supported by Haslock.
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	#5332	\$69,882.80
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5333	\$211,925.30
FSA Voucher	#5334	\$1,925.10

Supported by Haslock.
Yea – Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.
Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Matthew Gould presented a letter of request to move Cossette Road over to the quarter section line since it is located on his property.

Sargeant Bob Meyers of the Lake County Sheriff's Department thanked the Road Commission for use of the Webber Pit to conduct ORV enforcement training.

Jamie Russell District #6 County Commissioner reported that 15,000 motorcyclists attended Blessing of the Bikes events over that weekend. The Potato Supper fundraiser for Baldwin Alumni raised \$3,488.00.

Road Commission employee Bruce Reed reported that his situation has not improved and requested another month of personal leave. He will need to continue his health insurance through COBRA and check back in at the June 26th regular meeting.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Absent.

MANAGER:

Presented a quote from Cadillac Fabrication to manufacture and install a removable screen to aid in cleaning the Wolf Lake Drain.

Presented an election letter for CRASIF positions.

The road commission will be sending two employees to an intermediate/expert grader training exercise hosted by John Deere on July 8, 2025, and a third employee to a beginner training exercise on July 9, 2025. Additional grader training will be offered jointly with Mason and Oceana counties in the fall through Michigan Tech

Presented a contract with USFS Good Neighbor Authority for re-graveling 1.1 miles of Ravine Road (Path Road) in Sections 5 & 6 of Dover Township for \$55,000.00.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Recent activities have included pulling in shoulders, blading roads as weather permits, graders fixing sand breaks and washouts, ditch cleaning, a culvert replacement on South Branch Road in Section 8 of Lake Township, and general maintenance of signs and brushwork.

DAILEY -

Brining has started and three townships are completed.

Resident Nick Walsh provided asphalt millings to be placed on Cedar Road in Section 23 of South Newkirk Township in preparation for chip sealing this summer.

Blading roads to clean them up after all the rain.

LEUSBY -

The recently purchased used semi-tractor trucks are working out very well with one of them pulling a brine trailer.

Planning to extend a job offer to the person interviewed for a mechanic's position.

Chris Babbin and Jed VanDyke have been working on safety shielding for the sand screen and working on the crusher.

ROBINSON -

Absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Truxton discussed issues of the Wolf Lake Drain with County Commissioner Russell.

Manager Williams will inquire with Henn Lesperance PLC about the issue of the road commission acting as the drain commission.

There was discussion on missing traffic cones borrowed by the Lake County Sheriff Department for the Blessing of the Bikes event, which have not yet been returned. The road commission will hold off invoicing for these items until the next regular meeting to allow them more time to locate the missing items.

A damaged guardrail on 8 Mile Road has been repaired and invoiced for the cost of repairs.

Motion made by Divis to extend Bruce Reed's personal leave for another month and to report back on June 26, 2025, regular meeting.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Haslock to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 1e to discuss litigation strategy pertaining to Velt Road remediation at 10:13 a.m.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Divis to return to the open session at 10:20 a.m.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Haslock to authorize legal counsel to proceed with the strategy discussed in closed session.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager Williams will inquire with Henn Lesperance PLC about the issues brought forth by Matthew Gould pertaining to the location of Cossette Road in Section 18 of Lake Township.

Foreman MacDougall discussed gravel patching that took place after a garbage truck became stuck in the intersection of 36th Street and Harvard in Webber Township.

Commissioner Haslock discussed complaints he received at Cherry Valley Township's meeting about pulling in shoulders.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Truxton –

Inquired about union negotiations.

Haslock –

The shoulder pulling looks good, and thanks for the vest.

Divis –

Elk Township is pleased with the work done on Hamilton Road.

Newkirk Township expressed concerns about Queens Highway north of 5 Mile Road crumbling.

Also, thanks for the vest.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: June 12, 2025, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Divis to adjourn.

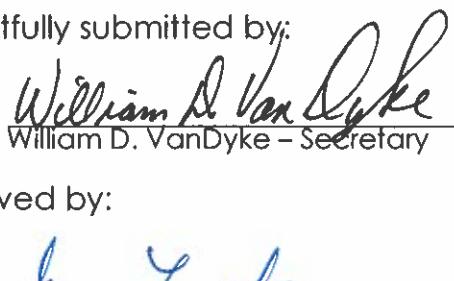
Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:



Gary Truxton - Chairman



Richard J. Haslock - Vice Chairman



Don Divis - Member