

June 12, 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 May 22, 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 Divis to approve May 22, 2025, closed session 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 Haslock to approve:

Payroll Voucher	#5335	\$78,236.61
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5336	\$198,871.48
FSA Voucher	#5337	\$1,100.83

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jamie Russell District #6 County Commissioner reported on employment programs available through MiWorks, and the re-opening of GEO Prison.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Reviewed the draft of the FY2024 audit and financial statements.

Presented the attest of the FY2024 Act 51 Report.

MANAGER:

Extended an invitation from resident Ms. Kyles to attend the Juneteenth Celebration planned by the Covenant Community United Methodist Church.

Discussed the plans for installing a removable screen in the Wolf Lake Drain and will set a meeting time with County Administrator Tobi Lake to review the costs involved.

Presented an election letter and ballot from MCRCSIP.

Reviewed the Velt Road remediation court settlement of \$1,500.00

Presented a request for support of an additional special assessment for Star Lake. The commission will abstain from the issue.

Discussed the option of a fabricated bridge through Cadillac Fabrication for the 64th Street Bridge in Lake Township. Prein & Newhoff has stated that they cannot put their stamp of approval on it. Without engineering approval this option is not possible.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

Pulling in road shoulders is done and claying of certain roads ahead of the brine crew is happening. Also, crews have been patching potholes.

DAILEY –

Brining continues. Currently brining in Newkirk Township.

A failing culvert on Deer Lake Road in Section 2 of Pinora Township has been replaced.

Will need to check back with Gerber Construction to schedule repairs to the Luther Garage.

LEUSBY –

A newly hired mechanic will be starting on Monday, June 16, 2025.

ROBINSON –

Has been busy with Miss Dig Tickets and culvert inspections.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Foreman MacDougall will be sending an invoice to the Lake County Sheriff's Office for five traffic cones that were never returned from the Blessing of the Bikes Event.

Commissioner Truxton inquired about the progress of obtaining temporary grade easements for the 48th Street Project with Pleasant Plains and Webber Townships.

Commissioner Truxton led a discussion on the success of lining a culvert under 76th Street and how to continue this practice with other culverts in the future.

Motion made by Haslock to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 1c to discuss collective bargaining negotiations at 9:19 a.m.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Haslock to return to the open meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Haslock thanked Foreman MacDougall for his efforts to cover the taking of minutes during the last meeting.

Commissioner Divis discussed the upcoming CRA Commissioner's Workshop on July 23, 2025, and expressed his intentions to attend. Reservations will be made.

A motion was made by Haslock to attest that the financial report for Fiscal Year 2024 accurately reflects the Revenues and Expenditures of all road work and funds by systems, and conforms with the requirements of Act 51, Public Acts of 1951, as amended.

Supported by Divis.

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 1a to discuss personnel at 10:46 a.m.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Haslock to return to the open meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Truxton –

Thanked Dave Leusby for his many years of service to the road commission.

Haslock –

The culvert lining process was very impressive.

Congratulations to Dave Leusby on his retirement.

Divis –

Congratulations to Dave Leusby and wishes him good luck in his retirement.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: June 26, 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 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

William D. VanDyke
William D. VanDyke – Secretary

Approved by:

Gary Truxton
Gary Truxton - Chairman

Richard J. Haslock
Richard J. Haslock - Vice Chairman

Don Divis
Don Divis - Member