

October 9, 2024
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 Haslock.

Present - Richard Haslock, *LCRC Commissioner*
Gary Truxton, *LCRC Commissioner*
~~Jean Runnels, 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 Truxton to approve September 26, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Haslock.

Yea - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - 0. Absent - Runnels.
Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Truxton to approve:

Payroll Voucher	# 5284	\$80,172.00
Accounts Payable Voucher # 5282A		\$48,792.97
Accounts Payable Voucher # 5282B		\$717.40
Accounts Payable Voucher # 5285		\$114,668.73
FSA Voucher	# 5286	\$196.43

Supported by Haslock.

Yea - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - 0. Absent - Runnels.
Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

There has been much activity with the end of project season billings and account receivables. The fund balance has begun to rise after the traditional annual dip resulting from project expenditures.

The MERS Conference will be attended October 9, 2024, through October 11, 2024.

The quarterly Northern Michigan Human Resources and Finance meeting will be attended on October 29, 2024

MANAGER:

Presented an offer to purchase the Luther Pit property. These offers are common and unreasonably low. The board disregarded this proposal.

A meeting with MDOT to discuss the contracting of park maintenance will be happening to address any existing concerns before considering the next contract.

Mine safety classes are scheduled for Wednesday and Friday of next week.

The Road Commission and USFS are collaborating on a clean-up of the North Country Trail where it crosses South Branch Road in Sweetwater Township due to damage from spillways that did not function properly.

The CRASIF Stewardship Report is available for review.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

The Shepherd Road re-gravel project in Sweetwater Township is complete and looks very good.

A mill and fill asphalt patch on M-37 near 8 Mile Road is completed and went very well.

Crews have been blading gravel roads as moisture from rain allows, but when conditions are too dry, they have been working on woods roads as these areas get busier during the fall.

Work has been progressing on the USFS Fire Break Program to clear dual jurisdiction Roads.

DAILEY -

Has spoken with Ron Palmer of the DNR. DNR stations are prepared for any potential fire outbreaks.

Brining of roads for this year has been completed and the maps for next year's township requests have been sent out to prepare for the new brining contracts.

The beaver activity that has been clogging a culvert on 10-1/2 Mile Road in Dover Township has stopped.

LEUSBY -

Discussed preventative maintenance issues that will need to be monitored now that the forestry mulching head is running on the USFS Fire Break Program.

Has been continuing to search for options for a replacement engine for truck # 58. Will have some prices of rebuilt engines for comparison soon.

ROBINSON -

Has been working on data for the Asset Management Program.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sondra Lemm of Pleasant Plains Township followed up with the road commission about shoulder concerns on 68th Street. The township would like to plan for improvements using the local roads cost share program and expressed interest in improving the hill on 48th Street in section 4.

Road Foreman Shawn MacDougall proposed a solution to Sondra Lemm and the board on how to resolve an issue of encroachment on a corner of her property. He will plan for the placement of delineators in this area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager Williams informed the board that Elk township has questioned the width of River Road after the placement of new gravel. Gravel was placed eighteen feet wide, four inches deep as stated in the contract. Williams believes that the township's concern stems from the way the roads appearance has changed since the tree line and ditching has been widened, making the road appear narrower.

Manager Williams led a discussion on loaning hand tools and enforcing the policy as it pertains to potential damage.

Commissioner Haslock led a discussion about reports of the stop sign at the intersection of Foreman Road and 24th Street being ignored by some drivers. Increased signage was suggested, but the intersection is properly signed already.

Manager Williams expressed his gratitude to Brett Fredericks for helping in the office when needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Haslock -

Has noticed that roads throughout the county are looking good, including the re-graveling of River Road in Elk Township.

Truxton -

Roads have been looking good.

Runnels -

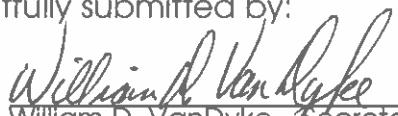
Absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: October 24, 2024, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Truxton.
Supported by Haslock.
Yea - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - 0. Absent - Runnels.
Motion carried 10:22 a.m. Roll Call vote.

Respectfully submitted by:

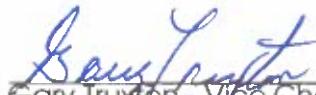


William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:



Richard J. Haslock - Chairman



Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman



Joan Runnels - Member