

March 15, 2019
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 Chairman Truxton.

Present – Gary Truxton, LCRC Commissioner
Richard Haslock, LCRC Commissioner
Richard Runnels, LCRC Commissioner
Jessica LaPointe, LCRC Finance & HR Manager
Steve Leonard, LCRC Manager
Dave Leusby, LCRC Shop Foreman
Leroy Williams, LCRC Road Foreman
Tom Smith, LCRC Road Foreman
Joan Runnels, Resident of Lake County
Seth Wenger, Wenger Insurance

The following bills were presented and allowed for payment:

3/7 Payroll Voucher No. 4853 -----	\$ 71,464.25
3/7 Material Voucher No. 4854 -----	\$ 184,945.07
Material Voucher No. 4854b-----	\$ 1,500.00
3/7 HRA Voucher No. 4855 -----	\$ 2,239.63

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Runnels to approve the February 28, 2019 meeting minutes as read. Supported by Haslock. Yeas- Haslock, Runnels and Truxton. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Seth Wenger presented 2019 insurance renewals to the board.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR ASSISTANT MANAGER:

LaPointe presented February's budget update.

Discussed a recent email received from MDOT regarding MTF overpayment.

Presented MERS quarterly and yearly reports.

MANAGER:

The Road Commission received a FOIA request regarding Gleason's Landing. It was denied because the Road Commission did not have the information being requested.

Tree cutting began on Gleason's Landing this week. Stump removal will take place at a later date.

Negotiations have concluded with the union. Leonard asked the union to sign the contract. Board agreed and signed.

Utter Road culvert has been delivered.

The Road Commission, DNR, and USFS are partnering up on the Bear Creek Swamp Snowmobile trail. We are hopeful that Elk Township will want to participate in the upgrades to 18 Mile Bridge at that time and we can use the sand from Bear Creek Swamp for the completion of the bridge.

The Forest Service has asked that the Road Commission do some more work on the forest roads for them this year.

The Road Commission's scales are repaired and back in service, just in time for weight restrictions.

Leonard approached the board about hiring Christopher Babbin for the full time Blade Truck Driver position. He also asked to hire Marquita Davis as a temporary hire until our next employee retires this following January.

ROAD FOREMAN:

WILLIAMS –

Mailboxes are still a big issue through this storm.

Williams thanked the commissioners for all they do.

SMITH –

Crews have been working really hard dealing with all the ice and water.

EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

Michigan Kenworth has agreed to lease the road commission a third tractor. Leusby asked if in lieu of buying a fifth wheel truck, we could lease another tractor. The board agreed.

Leusby asked the board to purchase a used Leeboy Force Feed Loader he had found. LaPointe disagreed with the purchase because it was not in the budget. The board took it under advisement and authorized Leusby to make the purchase.

Motion made by Runnels to proceed with the purchase of the Leeboy Force Feed Loader. Supported by Haslock, Yeas-Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Runnels said LaPointe did a great job filling in for Steve at the Elk Township meeting.

Haslock said LaPointe did a good job with the budget updates and keeping the board informed. He also stated that Al Dailey did a good job with the call logs when reporting complaints.

Highway conference was good.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Haslock. Supported by Runnels. Yeas- Haslock, Truxton and Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried. 10:45 am

Next Meeting Date: March 28, 2019 Time: 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted by:


Jessica L. LaPointe - Secretary

Approved by:

Gary Truxton
Gary A. Truxton Chairman

Richard J. Haslock
Richard J. Haslock - Vice Chairman

Richard K. Runnels - Member

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
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