

April 11, 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 the March 28, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Truxton to approve the March 28, 2024, closed session 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	# 5245	\$86,604.93
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5246	\$286,233.80
FSA Voucher	# 5247	\$771.11

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

AMVETS Post 1988 Commander Marlene Gaitan thanked the board for keeping the roads clear during the winter. Presented a replacement flag for the road commission flagpole. Inquired on the details of using traffic barrels for the Blessing of the Bikes event held in the Baldwin Municipal Airport.

## **REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:**

### **FINANCE & HR MANAGER:**

A review of Policy # 1050 Purchasing Policy was done to answer questions on the purchase of used equipment.

Preparations for the annual audit continue as we approach the audit dates of May 7-9, 2024.

The DNR gravel pit lease will be temporarily delayed until some insurance requirements can be resolved.

### **MANAGER:**

There is an old water cooler that can be disposed of.

An order for the refacing of used signs has been placed through MSI as a cost saving measure.

Negotiations of the proposed cell tower lease continue to be handled through Henn Lesperance PLC.

Patching materials have been delivered and patch crews will be out.

Pulling in of shoulders on gravel roads will start in the coming week.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Stump removal on River Road in Elk Township continues and is near completion.

Limited blading and patching have been happening as time and weather conditions allow.

Presented information on a safety summit attended by MacDougall and Leusby.

DAILEY -

Tree cutting and stump removal on Queens Highway is completed, clearing the way for widening of the road.

Frac tanks have been placed in the gravel pits throughout the county in preparation for brining after the pulling in of shoulders and claying of roads.

Work continues with Hawkins and Saddler Roads near 11 Mile Road in Dover Township.

LEUSBY -

Lake County Road Commission has a brush clearing machine currently being used on a trial demonstration basis with several other counties coming to observe. Another demonstration for an above ground truck hoist will be taking place in the coming week.

Discussed the information found on a used bucket truck from Great Lakes Energy.

Discussed the prices of a new blade truck chassis for both tandem axle and single axle trucks.

The engine in truck #058 is blown and the cost of replacing it is more than the truck is worth.

ROBINSON -

Has been submitting Miss Dig Tickets and Estimating work for USFS Projects.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Williams explained the differences between crushing gravel and crushing concrete to promote understanding of why the recently purchased crusher is not a good choice for crushing concrete, especially when there are economical choices available for having concrete crushed by a contractor.

Williams mentioned that the topic of winter plowing of county roads on weekends has been coming up in township meetings and wants everyone to understand that weekend plowing has always been performed as conditions warrant, in accordance with road commission procedures that ensure fiscal responsibility. Additionally, there is a supervisor on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Haslock to approve purchasing a used bucket truck from Great Lakes Energy for \$48,000.00. Supported by Truxton.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Truxton to approve a bid proposal for two tandem axle trucks and two single axle trucks. Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

## COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Haslock - Impressed with the refurbishment of some older equipment which has continued through this winter's night shift workers.

Truxton - Glad to see what Leusby has done to prepare equipment for this upcoming season which will include the USFS fire breaks work.

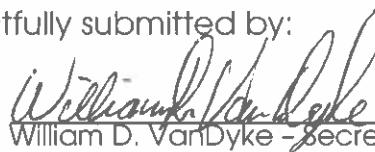
Runnels - Absent.

## ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: April 25, 2024. Time: 9:00 a.m.

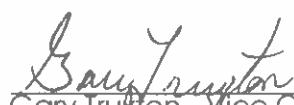
Motion to adjourn made by Haslock. Supported by Truxton.  
Yea - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - 0. Absent - Runnels.  
Motion carried 10:12 a.m. Roll Call vote.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Richard J. Haslock - Chairman

  
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Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman

  
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Joan Runnels - Member