

May 8, 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 April 24, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Divis to approve April 24, 2025, closed session meeting minutes.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Haslock to approve May 5, 2025, special meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

## **APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:**

A motion was made by Haslock to approve:

Payroll Voucher	#5329	\$80,448.54
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5327A	\$212,782.00
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5330	\$64,034.70
FSA Voucher	#5331	\$1,095.51

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Rose Wetherell of the Village of Luther requested permission to use the Luther Garage yard for Luther Days.

Sondra Lemm of Pleasant Plains township inquired about the maintenance work needed along 68<sup>th</sup> Street in Section 14 and about the effectiveness of using patch material during rain. Foreman Shawn MacDougall explained his plans for the maintenance and that the patch material in use is suited for use during rain.

## **REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:**

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

Paul Bunyan Council Meeting will be held May 15, 2025, at Caberfae Peaks at 9:00 a.m.

The CRA Annual Finance & HR Conference will be attended by William VanDyke and Austin MacDougall May 20-22, 2025.

Presented a review of the budget for the first quarter.

MANAGER:

The pending lawsuit against Mr. Robert Snedeker and Ms. Joan Runnels Snedeker to recuperate remediation costs from damage to West Velt Ave. in the platted subdivision of Chain-O-Lakes #1 will go before a judge sometime during the month of June 2025.

Has received complaints that current property owners are posting no trespassing signs at the road end of Velt Ave. in the platted subdivision of Chain-O-Lakes #1.

Lake County Emergency Management Director Eric King has proposed a program for the road commission to acquire 800 MHz radios.

A meeting with Prein & Newhoff, Cadillac Fabrication, Lake Township, and the Road Commission will take place onsite Monday May 12, 2025, to review replacement options of the 64<sup>th</sup> Street bridge in Section 7 of Lake Township.

Discussed issues with the Wolf Lake Drain clogging due to lake weeds and grass collecting over a screen intended to prevent fish from leaving the lake. Removal of this screen will solve the clogging problem, but the Riparian Association is opposed to this solution.

Looking into adding a camera and intercom system at the road commission's main entrance to work with the keyless entry system.

Recommends replacing the lawn mower as it is old and worn out.

Will be following up on a complaint of shoulder damage on Old M63 in Section 24 of Ellsworth Township.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

Three crews have been busy pulling in shoulders in preparation for brining. Planning to begin some claying of roads as well.

Ditch cleaning and culvert replacements have been ongoing.

Discussed a demo of MowerMax. The versatility of this machine is impressive as it will accept most of our skid steer attachments to perform many tasks.

DAILEY -

Brining is tentatively set to begin Monday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, starting in Lake Township and working north

A cross culvert on Deer Lake Road in Pinora Township has been patched until an EGLE permit can be obtained for replacement.

A cross culvert on 88<sup>th</sup> Street in Section 26 of Chase Township will be replaced. No permit is required since the culvert is merely for equalizing any water on both sides of the road.

Cedar Road in Section 23 of South Newkirk Township will be resurfaced with asphalt millings purchased by a property owner.

Concrete has been poured to repair the Chase Brine Facility.

LEUSBY -

Hosted the MowerMax Demo inviting surrounding road commissions to join. Recommends budgeting for the future purchase of this machine.

The recently purchased J-Pro diagnostic system is performing well and saving much time for the mechanics.

The new blade truck chassis' will not be in until 2026 and the lead time for Truck and Trailer Specialties to build them is unknown at this time.

ROBINSON -

Absent.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Manager Willams discussed a \$25,000 grant for use in re-evaluating all the culverts in the county.

Motion made by Divis to approve the Village of Luther's request for permission to use the Luther Garage yard for Luther Days.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Divis to approve purchasing a lawn mower for up to \$4,500.00.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None:

## **COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:**

Truxton -

Absent.

Haslock -

None.

Divis -

Thanked Foreman Al Dailey for responding to the Old M63 shoulder complaint.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Next Meeting Date: May 22, 2025, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Divis to adjourn.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

William D. Van Dyke  
William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:

Gary Truxton  
Gary Truxton Chairman

Richard J. Haslock  
Richard J. Haslock - Vice Chairman

Don Divis  
Don Divis - Member