

January 9, 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 Haslock.

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 December 26, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

Yeas - 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	# 5302	\$122,564.15
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5303	\$124,098.89
FSA Voucher	# 5304	\$1,377.38

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Discussed the implications of HB 6058 which could amend PA 152, the Publicly Funded Healthcare Act, as this House Bill is under review and in need of forwarding to the Governor.

MANAGER:

Discussed progress on an upcoming ruling for the Velt Road remediation case.

Will be working on a matching safety grant of \$5,000.00 through MIOSHA.

Presented information about Rapid Radio, a system that operates similarly to the familiar Nextel system using the Push To Talk feature, but with no subscription.

Has not received any response from Joan Runnels regarding the return of the road commission's chrome book after requests via email and text.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Crews have been plowing snow as it falls and working on trimming of trees on MDOT trunklines and county roads.

DAILEY –

Working on tree clearing along 72nd Street and Bonney Road in Chase Township.

LEUSBY –

In planning for the future delivery of four new cab and chassis units for blade trucks, two under body blades were delivered in 2024 with two more to be delivered in 2025, thereby spreading some of the expense over multiple budgets.

Negotiations to purchase two trucks from St. Joseph County Road Commission were unsuccessful.

Discussed the pros and cons of replacing the engine in truck #58 with a Detroit engine versus a Mercedes engine.

ROBINSON -

Absent.

In Robinson's absence, manager Williams mentioned the possibility of some funding that might be available for a culvert inspection camera.

OLD BUSINESS:

Foreman Dailey discussed quotes for repairs to both the Luther Garage and the Chase Brine Facility.

A motion was made by Haslock for approval of Gerber Construction to repair the east wall of the Luther Garage as quoted for \$16,000.00.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Haslock for approval of Gerber Construction to repair the concrete pad at the Chase Brine Facility as quoted for \$14,840.00.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager Williams requested a closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

Motion made by Haslock to enter closed session at 10:05 a.m. to discuss contract negotiations pursuant to MCL 15.268 1c.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Divis to re-open the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Commissioner Haslock discussed the 2025 CRA New Commissioner Workshop on February 18, 2025. Reservations will be made for all three Board members to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Haslock –

Welcomes new Commissioner Don Divis to the board.

Truxton –

Recognizes Commissioner Don Divis' professionalism and welcomes him to the Board.

Divis –

Appreciates Shawn Coffey's social media presence with current weather and road conditions.

Thanked William VanDyke and Austin MacDougall for their assistance as he was transitioning onto the Board.

Expressed his respect for the work that our mechanics do to keep a fleet this size running safely.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: January 23, 2025. Time: 9:00 a.m.


Motion to adjourn made by Haslock.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried 10:55 a.m. Roll Call vote.

Respectfully submitted by:


William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:


Gary Truxton - Chairman


Richard J. Haslock - Vice Chairman

Don Divis - Member