

October 26, 2023  
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*  
Joan 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:

Motion made by Runnels to approve the September 14, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

Motion made by Truxton to approve:

Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5210, \$296,051.45
Payroll Voucher	# 5209, \$76,303.73
FSA Voucher	# 5211, \$302.14

Supported by Runnels. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Roll call vote.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

## REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

### FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Presented Board with a letter of resignation from the auditing firm of Smith & Klaczkiewicz. Will begin search for a replacement.

The proposed budget for 2024 is being developed.

MANAGER: Absent

### ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Presented information on the award of a safety grant to widen and repave Central Park Blvd. from Star Lake Drive to Wildwood in 2025. Also discussed plans for the road commission to repave from Wildwood to Birchwood to complete that stretch of Central Park Blvd.

Updated board on communications with EGLE pertaining to an erosion issue on Velt Rd. Legal counsel is advising on how to respond.

Discussed progress with mine safety training.

Road maintenance work continues including cleaning up wash sand at bottom of hills, ORV crossings, woods roads, and brush hogging.

Jeremy Andersen is training on 800 hertz radios.

Road Commission will be sponsoring a trunk at Baldwin Community Schools' Halloween Trunk or Treat.

DAILEY - Absent.

LEUSBY -

Gravel crusher parts keep slowly arriving and are assembled onto crusher as they show up.

Has arranged a mulching head attachment trial for the skid steer.

ROBINSON -

Scheduling various training sessions to take through the winter months.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lake County Commissioners would like to have the Road Commission at their November 7, 2023, 11:00 am meeting to discuss the Wolf Lake Drain, and the Road Commission's policies on loaning out traffic control devices and ceasing installation of ORV speed limit signs.

**COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:**

Haslock - Has been traveling some back roads and they look good.

Truxton - Had an opportunity to discuss the funding of maintaining ORV crossings with our Representatives and Senators.

Runnels - None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Runnels. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried 10:09 am

Next Meeting Date: November 8, 2023, Time: 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted by:

William D. Van Dyke  
William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:

Richard J. Haslock  
Richard J. Haslock - Chairman

Gary Truxton  
Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman

Joan Runnels  
Joan Runnels - Member



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October 19, 2023

Board of County Road Commissioners  
Lake County Road Commission  
Baldwin, MI

Effective October 19, 2023, we will cease our services as your auditors. We have reached this decision reluctantly and after substantial deliberation. You should take steps to retain a new accounting firm to conduct the Road Commission's financial statement audits in the future.

We will cooperate with your new auditors in addressing matters related to the transition. To facilitate that process, we anticipate that your new auditors will provide you with a letter and instruct you to forward that letter to us. That letter will provide us with documentation of the Road Commission's authorization to make disclosures to your new auditors. Without such a letter, we are ethically prohibited from communicating with others regarding your affairs.

We look forward to helping you make a smooth transition with your new auditors.

Sincerely,

Thomas Smith, CPA  
Smith & Klaczkiewicz, PC