

October 10, 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
Tom Smith, LCRC Road Foreman
David Leusby, LCRC Shop Foreman
Joan Runnels, Lake County Resident
Ronald DenBraber, Lake County Resident
Bruce Reed, LCRC Mechanic
Shirley Blackler, Lake County Resident
John Blackler, Lake County Resident
Kevin Walker, Lake County Resident
Renae Walker, Lake County Resident
Alicia Walker, Lake County Resident
Nena Bondarenko, Nena O. Bondarenko Real Estate Group, LLC

The following bills were presented and allowed for payment:

10/10 Payroll Voucher No. 4898 -----	\$ 75,170.67
10/10 Material Voucher No. 4899 -----	\$ 918,555.02
10/10 HRA Voucher No. 4900 -----	\$ 5,033.59

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Haslock to approve the September 26, 2019 meeting minutes as read. Supported by Runnels. Yeas- Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shirley Blackler approached the board in regards to lowering the speed limit around Wolf Lake. Blackler provided the board with a petition and a letter from Sheriff Martin in support of the proposal. The board approved Blackler's request and instructed Leonard to begin the process.

Nena Bonareenko presented an Addendum to Purchase Agreement dated 7/26/2018 between Lake County Road Commission and Midwest V, LLC for properties located at 103 Garfield St, Luther, MI 49656.

John Blackler questioned the board on the legality of closed session.

Bruce Reed returned to request "Half Pay" to have surgery on a torn tendon. Board would like Reed to check in monthly with the potential for some light duty work.

Motion made by Runnels to approve "Half Pay" for Bruce Reed per the language of the union contract. Supported by Haslock, Yeas- Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Presented MDOT Audit report from 2017. Board agrees with the findings.

Signed a contract with Casair for fiber optics and it should be installed in 5 weeks.

Received insurance renewal for our fuel tanks. Road Commission is seeing a decrease on premium.

CRA's Legal Symposium will be on December 3, 2019. Steve and Jessica are attending. Runnels would like to attend. Haslock and Truxton are unsure at this time.

MANAGER:

Update on DenBraber's abandonment process: The Road Commission could abandon the road, however, Mr. DenBraber would have to petition the Circuit Court to have the plat amended and have the road abandoned completely.

Brine Meeting October 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Met with the family of Douglas Harrison at the Webber Pit this weekend.

MDOT and Sue Crawford renewed their contract for park maintenance for 2020 with a 3% raise.

Gleason's Landing bid letting will be first Friday in December.

Leonard would like to offer employment to an individual that interview with us in the past. Board agrees.

Board would like Leonard to approach some truck driving schools to seek new employees.

Leonard would also like to pursue the intern program. Leonard has an individual in mind. Board agrees.

ROAD FOREMAN:

WILLIAMS –

Culvert failures still. Crews are blading and patching.

SMITH –

11 culverts have failed so far. Crews are working on some today.

EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

Bidding on a backhoe and a chipper.

Picked up the new truck while at the Superintendents Seminar.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to move in to closed session for discussion regarding an upcoming real estate transaction (8H) made by Runnels. Supported by Haslock. Roll call vote. Yeas- Runnels, Haslock and Truxton. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board enter closed session at 9:35 am.

Motion to move in to open session made by Runnels. Supported by Haslock. Roll call vote. Yeas- Runnels, Haslock and Truxton. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board leaves closed session at 9:43 am.

Motion made by Runnels to counteroffer Midwest V, LLC for properties located at 103 Garfield St, Luther, MI 49656, in the amount of \$75,000 with the conditions that Lake County Road Commission will retain the pole building and the transaction will be closed by December 31, 2019. Supported by Haslock. Yeas- Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Motion to move in to closed session to review legal memorandum from Kluck & Associates made by Runnels. Supported by Haslock. Roll call vote. Yeas- Runnels, Haslock and Truxton. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board enter closed session at 11:52 am.

Motion to move in to open session made by Runnels. Supported by Haslock. Roll call vote. Yeas- Runnels, Haslock and Truxton. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board leaves closed session at 12:30 pm.

Ethics Policy and Use of Road Commission Vehicles tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to move in to closed session for discussion regarding a personnel matter with Steve Leonard made by Runnels. Supported by Haslock. Roll call vote. Yeas- Runnels, Haslock and Truxton. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board enter closed session at 12:31 pm.

Motion to move in to open session made by Runnels. Supported by Haslock. Roll call vote. Yeas- Runnels, Haslock and Truxton. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Board leaves closed session at 12:58 pm.

Motion made by Runnels to look in to an employment contract for Steve Leonard. Supported by Haslock. Yeas- Haslock and Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Haslock to amend the union contract to include step-parents and step children in funeral leave. Supported by Runnels. Yeas- Haslock and Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

LaPointe presented a Family Medical Leave Act Policy. Board tabled.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Runnels- Crews are doing a great job. Runnels was happy about the meeting today.

Haslock – Would like to thank Leonard and Truxton for helping him during his recent emergency.

Truxton – Would like to see Star Lake Road after the meeting.

Started receiving complaints regarding the roads and wash outs.

Requested an update on South Branch Road. Leonard indicated the Road Commission was waiting on funding. Engineers are not willing to sign off on it.

Wanted to see the language regarding the "sick time" amendments to the contract.

Truxton asked if the employees paid back their time from a golf outing, originally discussed in August 22, 2019 meeting. Leusby and Leonard stated they understood it didn't have to be paid back and the issue was resolved. Haslock and Runnels agreed that it didn't need to be paid back and the issue was over.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joan Runnels stated that Richard Runnels has received a lot of compliments regarding the roads.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Runnels. Supported by Haslock. Yeas- Haslock and Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried. 1:10 pm

Next Meeting Date: October 24, 2019 Time: 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted by:



Jessica L. LaPointe - Secretary

Approved by:



Gary A. Truxton - Chairman



Richard J. Haslock - Vice Chairman



Richard K. Runnels - Member

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING DATED October 10, 2019