

February 13, 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 Lousby, *Shop Foreman*~~
Austin MacDougall, *Assistant*
~~Dennis Robinson, *Engineer Tech*~~

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Haslock to approve January 23, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Divis to approve January 23, 2025, closed session minutes for contract negotiations.

Supported by Truxton.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Haslock to approve January 23, 2025, closed session minutes for personnel review.

Supported by Divis.

Yea - 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	# 5308	\$79,598.21
Payroll Voucher	# 5311	\$87,052.22
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5309	\$169,632.07
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5312	\$111,305.20
FSA Voucher	# 5310	\$3,650.43
FSA Voucher	# 5313	\$1,125.16

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Paul Bunyan Council Meeting will be 9:00 a.m. February 20, 2025, at the Evergreen Resort in Cadillac.

Policies for both earned sick time and health insurance hard caps will need to be developed. Legislation pertaining to these two issues has not been finalized yet.

The MDOT audit for 2022 is progressing but more information will need to be submitted.

MANAGER:

Reviewed proposed Policy # 1074 Emergency Assistance for Lake County Dispatch.

Manager Williams will be finalizing the contract for the culvert lining for 76th Street over Jenks Creek.

Manager Williams will be attending the next Webber Township meeting to discuss the issue of garbage cans on the edge of the roads which interfere with snow plowing.

County salt has been ordered and delivered. State salt will be delivered soon.

MDOT has requested that we maintain E US-10 beyond their turn-around to the traffic light at 220th Avenue to provide some overlapped coverage near the expressway ramps.

Updated the board about issues with truck repairs to the Manager's pickup truck and the withholding of payment until the repairs are complete.

Manager Williams has accepted Brendon Mosqueda's resignation.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

Snow plowing with front plows and widening of snowbanks has been going on, which has been a good opportunity to send newer drivers out with experienced drivers for training on these more involved techniques.

Discussed the benefits of the wing blades.

Some tree trimming jobs are happening between snowstorms.

DAILEY –

Discussed the attendance of a weighmaster class that he took part in.

LEUSBY –

Absent.

ROBINSON -

Absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Truxton discussed Lake Township's desire to reconsider having the 64th Street bridge replaced, and he wonders if the road commission should be preparing to provide equipment and labor if the township can purchase the structure.

Austin MacDougall has submitted a grant for Rapid Radios but hasn't heard anything back yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Haslock reviewed topics of discussion from the ORV meeting held by the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Haslock inquired about the cancellation of the quarterly county-wide township's meeting.

Chase Township will not be brining this year due to budgetary constraints.

Sauble Township has requested to be brined two lanes wide for both brine applications this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lake County Sherrif Rich Martin discussed a traffic fatality that occurred on M-37 in the Village of Baldwin, some pending cases from the prosecutor's office, the recent train derailment, the retirement of Chief Deputy Chad Hurley, the retirement of Detective Lieutenant Brad Nixon, and barricades for public safety during the annual Luther Days Celebration.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Haslock -

Discussed the potential for heavy truck traffic through the county with the future opening of a potash plant in Osceola County.

Snow plowing crews have the roads looking good.

Truxton -

Roads are looking good.

Discussed plans for transportation to the Road Commissioner's Workshop on Tuesday February 18, 2025.

Divis -

Was approached by Dave Bass at the Elk Township meeting to say that he is very pleased with the winter maintenance near his home. This location presents special challenges for the driver who has been doing very well.

Elk Township stated its desire to continue with local road improvements.

Lake Township's supervisor is committed to keeping an open line of communication with the road commission to move forward with future road improvements.

Thanked Manager Williams for the prompt notification of the traffic fatality that occurred on M-37 in the Village of Baldwin.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: February 27, 2025, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Divis.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried 10:45 a.m. Roll Call vote.

Respectfully submitted by:

William D. VanDyke
William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:

Gary Truxton
Gary Truxton - Chairman

Richard J. Haslock
Richard J. Haslock - Vice Chairman

Don Divis
Don Divis - Member