

January 23, 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 Divis to approve January 9, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Divis to approve January 9, 2025, closed session minutes.

Supported by Haslock.

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	# 5305	\$78,221.73
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5306	\$67,349.29
FSA Voucher	# 5307	\$1,150.76

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sgt. Bob Myers from the Lake County Sheriff's Office requested permission to reserve Webber Pit to conduct some drills between April 28, and May 2, 2025, for an ORV law enforcement training class that he has been planning.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:**FINANCE & HR MANAGER:**

January is a busy time. Work progresses with the closing of Fiscal Year 2024 and preparing for the upcoming financial audit, MDOT Audit, and Act 51 submittal of financial statements.

MANAGER:

Presented a County Road Association Board Ballot for the board to consider who they will support.

Tracy Baker of the Loon Lake Association is requesting a letter from the road commission to EGLE stating that the road commission had approved the past installation of a boat launch.

Preparations for a matching safety grant of \$5,000.00 through MIOSHA have been planned and Austin will be working with Sam SanMiguel of CRASIF to get the information submitted.

Discussed negotiations with Prein & Newhof for the annual consulting engineering contract.

Discussed preliminary plans to accommodate resident's passage during the construction of the 24th St. bridge.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Snow plowing has been busy with recent snowfalls. Also, a few employees have been absent to attend weighmaster training.

Discussed the ongoing problems with snow plowing the cul-de-sac on Three Lakes Lane in Lake Township as it is too small for a blade truck and has no place for snow storage without filling in driveways.

Has been talking with a property owner concerned about a paper road adjacent to his lot in the plat of Minising Point of Lake Township and would like to consider an abandonment. Typically, anything that provides access to the water's edge is not abandoned.

DAILEY -

Absent.

LEUSBY -

Absent.

ROBINSON -

Absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Truxton inquired about the engine replacement for truck # 58. Manager Williams explained that we will be moving forward with retrofitting the Detroit engine.

Commissioner Truxton also inquired about the purchase of Rapid Radios. Manager Williams explained that the radios are included under the MIOSHA Safety Grant.

Commissioner Truxton requested a closed session.

Motion made by Divis to enter closed session at 10:18 a.m. to discuss contract negotiations pursuant to MCL 15.268 1c.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Haslock to re-open the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Commissioner Truxton requested a closed session.

Motion made by Divis to enter closed session at 10:36 a.m. to discuss salary reviews pursuant to MCL 15.268 1a.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Haslock to re-open the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 materials bids were opened at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Haslock to accept Reith-Riley Construction Company Inc. 2025 materials bid in part for:

21AA Limestone

22A Road Gravel

23A Road Gravel

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Divis to accept Team Elmer's 2025 materials bid in part for:

23A Limestone Shoulder Material

Trap Rock CS-2

34CSM Slag

25A Slag

CS-T

H1 Blue Stone

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Bids were opened for 2025 paint striping.

A motion was made by Haslock to accept PK Contracting's 2025 paint striping bid.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Discussion of the need to approve the MDOT Performance Resolution for maintenance in the right-of-way (form 2207B).

A motion was made by Divis to approve the 5-year MDOT Performance Resolution for maintenance in the right-of-way (form 2207B).

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Divis to table any decisions concerning salary reviews until after negotiations with the collective bargaining unit are complete.
Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Haslock -

Roads are looking good. Issues regarding training a new driver for the Cherry Valley plow route have been resolved.

Truxton -

Discussed the importance of teaching new drivers how to fundamentally clear intersections without moving the blade, and when to deviate from working to the right for efficiency.

Requested returning to participate in the Paul Bunyan Luncheon after the Paul Bunyan meetings for networking purposes.

Divis -

Recognizes the good work and attention to detail from Manager Williams and the management team.

Cited an interaction he had with out-of-county visitors who were noticing that the roads were cleared of snow promptly.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: February 13, 2025, Time: 9:00 a.m.

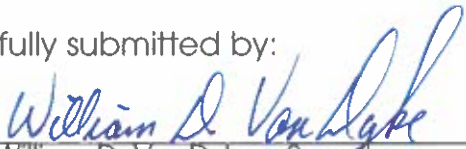
Motion to adjourn made by Haslock.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried 11:40 a.m. Roll Call vote.

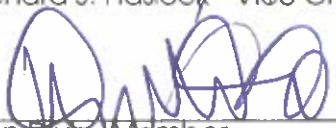
Respectfully submitted by:


William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:


Gary Truxton - Chairman


Richard J. Haslock - Vice Chairman


Don Divis - Member