

April 24, 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 April 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Haslock to approve April 10, 2025, closed session meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Divis to approve:

Payroll Voucher	# 5326	\$68,997.60
Accounts Payable Voucher # 5324A		\$17,671.00
Accounts Payable Voucher # 5327		\$173,738.05
FSA Voucher	# 5328	\$1,451.32

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sergeant Bob Meyers of the Lake County Sheriff's Department will be conducting ORV Officer Training in Webber Pit Thursday May 1, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He also inquired about the hourly rate of costs to repair road damage caused by ORVs as adding repair costs to ticket fines is under consideration.

A brief discussion ensued about how to resume installing ORV speed limit signs at predetermined locations for maximum effect.

Sergeant Meyers thanked the road commission for maintaining roads involved with the Heroes Ride, an organized ORV event, and advised that some unorganized ORV events will be happening throughout the county.

## **REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:**

### **FINANCE & HR MANAGER:**

Paul Bunyan Council Meeting will be held May 15, 2025, at Caberfae Peaks at 9:00 a.m.

The MDOT Audit has been completed for FY 2022. An adjustment of \$22,143.00 will be assessed.

The Financial Statements audit is wrapping up and ACT 51 will be ready to submit to MDOT following a final review with the auditor.

### **MANAGER:**

Met with the Lake County Emergency Manager about how to prepare for credible threats and if road commission trucks could be used to blockade roads during active events. The Board feels that there is a difference between planned events and emergency events.

The culvert lining of 76<sup>th</sup> Street over Jenks Creek is scheduled for May 16, 2025, but a new date will need to be planned to not coincide with Blessing of the Bikes.

After researching the possibility of an all-way stop at the intersection of Brooks Road and 10-1/2 Mile Road, it was determined that this does not meet the criteria needed.

A reported hole in the road at 7 Mile Road and Raymond Road has been repaired.

The Conservation Resource Alliance opened bids for the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project in Cherry Valley Township. The lowest bid was \$375,950.00. This is higher than the engineer's estimate of \$296,200.00.

Prein and Newhof is planning to re-estimate the 64<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge in Lake Township.

Presented recommendations from Bill Henn of Henn Lesperance PLC regarding the duties of Drain Commissioner.

Led a discussion about how to handle issues with maintenance of the Wolf Lake Drain. There will be an onsite meeting at the drain structure on Monday April 28, 2025, 9:00 a.m. with the Lake County Administrator, Riparian Association, Road Commission, and Prein and Newhof.

MDOT has proposed funds to extend the Baldwin Brine Facility which would allow for the addition of two more storage tanks.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Crews have been busy with blading roads, stump grinding, pulling berm, cleaning spillways and Bit Curb, and pulling in gravel roads.

Replaced a cross culvert on 40<sup>th</sup> Street in Sweetwater Township.

Will be cleaning ditches along S. Branch Road in Lake Township.

DAILEY -

Brining is tentatively set to begin Monday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Placement of frac tanks continues.

A cross culvert on Deer Lake Road in Pinora Township has been patched until an EGLE permit can be obtained for replacement.

Concrete will be poured tomorrow to repair the Chase Brine Facility.

Concrete repairs at the Luther Garage are still being scheduled.

LEUSBY -

An interview for a mechanic position will be conducted tomorrow @3:00 p.m.

Presented information about the purchase of two used semi tractor trucks.

ROBINSON -

Absent.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Brian Bartrum requested a closed session to consider going on ½ pay.

Motion made by Divis to enter closed session at 9:20 a.m. under MCL 15.268(1)(a) to discuss ½ pay.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Haslock to re-open the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Haslock to approve ½ pay for Brian Bartrum.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Austin MacDougall presented a letter of support to the Friends of Pere Marquette State Rail-Trail - West for their ongoing efforts to have the trail paved.

Shawn MacDougall presented a General Release Form for consideration to be used when members of the public wish to obtain materials which would otherwise need to be hauled away. The Board agrees.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None:

## **COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:**

Truxton -

Glad to see that Brook's Security has begun the installation of the keyless entry system.

Good luck with the mechanic position interview tomorrow.

Haslock -

Glad to see the practice of rototilling while pulling in followed by brining.

Divis -

Thanked Manager Williams and Foreman MacDougall for prompt responses when following up on problems reported during township meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Next Meeting Date: May 8, 2025, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Divis to adjourn.

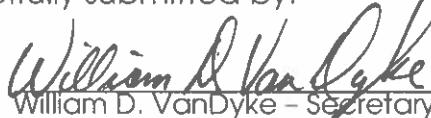
Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:

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Gary Truxton - Chairman

  
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Richard J. Haslock - Vice Chairman

  
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Dob Divis - Member