

July 9, 2020
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 Haslock.

Present - Richard Haslock, *LCRC Commissioner*
Gary Truxton, *LCRC Commissioner*
Joan Runnels, *LCRC Commissioner*
Jessica LaPointe, *LCRC Finance & HR Manager*
Leroy Williams, *LCRC Manager*
David Leusby, *LCRC Shop Foreman*
Shawn MacDougall, *LCRC Road Foreman*
Tom Smith, *LCRC Road Foreman*
Al Dailey, *LCRC Finance & HR Assistant*

The following bills were presented and allowed for payment:

7/9	Payroll Voucher No. 4954 -----	\$	73,178.01
7/9	Material Voucher No. 4955-----	\$	98,993.77
7/9	HRA Voucher No. 4956-----	\$	1,185.87

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Truxton to approve the June 25, 2020 meeting minutes as read. Supported by Runnels. Yeas- Truxton, Runnels and Haslock. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Tom Smith from Smith & Klaczkiewicz, PC presented the Road Commission's Financial Statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cliff Demos expressed his concern with the sign policy. Requested the return of his signs.

Amanda Bailor stated her signs were within the regulated 20' and past her fence.

Patti Pacola stated signs were taken down that were past the 20'. Also stated that is illegal for her to pass out the Road Commission's policy to potential candidates.

Betty Dermyer thanked the Road Commission and Williams for addressing her neighbor's water issue.

Lou Fitz expressed concern with not being notified the Road Commission would be coming around removing signs. Williams asked Fitz if he had ever been notified before. Fitz said that he had not.

Dermeyer asked for clarification on the 20' vs. 30'.

Bailor stated Road Commission employees are not measuring.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Finance and Human Resource Conference was cancelled this year.

MTFs were down 32% for May, due to COVID – 19 and the lack of travel.

Received a deficiency letter from the state in reference to our expenditures over revenues. LaPointe explained this is a letter we get every year and even though we are technically not in default, we get this letter because the state does not recognize the purchase proceeds as revenue. A letter explaining this will be sent to the Department of Treasury.

MANAGER:

August 3 wedging will begin on Astor Rd.

Escrow check was returned from Bosschem property.

Bear Creek Swamp Trail is back on and crew will begin soon.

72nd St and Bonney Rd culvert will begin on Monday.

South Branch is open to local traffic. No trucks.

Cadillac Fab came to give a bridge presentation. Their quote for 7 Mile was \$135,000.

96th Street work is done; we will be adding gravel soon.

Quote for paving the damage done to 48th is \$9,900.00. Logger is paying.

Waiting of Michigan Paving Materials to be able to begin chipsealing in August.

The second round of brine will begin either the end of July or beginning of August.

72nd St and Broadway culvert should be here soon.

Lisa from Bioseal provided a quote of \$186,000 to seal a few roads.

The employee we have in our apprentice program will be starting the CDL program July 27.

Estimate for bottomless arch on Broadway is \$211,000. We no grants possible from CRA.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL – Blacktop patch crews are out. We are a little behind because of the tar tank issue.

We are trying to get mowing done but we are down to one mower because of mechanical issues.

We have been working on the forest roads because of the contract we have with them.

Heavy Equipment trainees are still training.

SMITH – We have been working on replacing culverts.

Update on the meeting with Cadillac Fab, if we do a second bridge with them we would not need to hire them. Cadillac Fab said once we were trained we could do our own using their bridge.

EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

July 16th the loaders will be delivered for testing and training.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by Runnels to accept the revised COVID -19 Preparedness and Response Plan. Supported by Truxton. Yeas- Truxton, Runnels and Haslock. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

A decision on the Paul Bunyan meeting will need to happen at the July 23 meeting, whether to cancel due to COVID-19 or not.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Runnels to revise the Policy #1002: Political Signs to show "18x24 and under signs shall be at least 10 foot from the edge of the roadway. Banners shall remain at least 20 foot from edge of roadway. Unless otherwise platted, in platted subdivisions signs shall be outside of right of way." Supported by Truxton. Yeas- Truxton, Runnels and Haslock. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Haslock – The change to the policy is not anything against the job Williams is doing. Happy to hear Leroy wouldn't give the MSP names of employees during their investigation.

Truxton – Believes Williams is doing a good job and not trying to beat him up over this sign policy.

Runnels – Agrees. Doing a good job.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fitz asked when the new policy would take effect.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Truxton. Supported by Runnels. Yeas- Truxton, Runnels and Haslock. Nays - 0. Motion carried. 10:15 am

Next Meeting Date: July 23, 2020 Time: 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted by:

Jessica L. LaPointe – Secretary

Approved by:

Richard J. Haslock- Chairman

Gary A. Truxton - Vice Chairman

Joan Runnels - Member

