

September 26, 2024
Baldwin, Michigan 49304

Regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Lake was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Commissioner Haslock.

Present - Richard Haslock, *LCRC Commissioner*
Gary Truxton, *LCRC Commissioner*
Joan Runnels, *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 Runnels to approve the September 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Truxton.
Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.
Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Truxton to approve:

Payroll Voucher	# 5281	\$74,038.88
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5282	\$346,569.96
FSA Voucher	# 5283	\$752.03

Supported by Haslock.
Yeas - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - Runnels.
Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Czartoszewski of Power Vac introduced himself and presented some information about a culvert repair to be planned for next year.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Discussed a quarterly budget review illustrating that things are on track for this year's budget.

MANAGER:

Discussed a proposal by the Trail Rider's Club to contribute some gravel for road repairs on roads that they groom during the winter months for snowmobiles. Further consideration of details will need to happen.

The re-graveling of Shepherd Road in Sweetwater Township is progressing well. This project is the last one of the 2024 Good Neighbor Authority Agreement with the USFS.

New contact information has been obtained for negotiating the proposed construction of a cell tower on road commission property.

A grant application on behalf of Genesee & Wyoming Railroad for railroad crossing improvements has been submitted to MDOT.

A meeting with USFS is scheduled to take place on the site where the North Country Trail crosses South Branch Road in Sweetwater Township to evaluate an erosion issue.

Has had discussions with Jodi Nichols, Executive Director of the Lake County Economic Development Alliance about our Asset Management Plan as it pertains to road improvements.

Road Commission work crews have been busy blading, patching, and clearing fallen trees on local roads. A large blacktop patch has been placed on the intersection of 92nd Street and Foreman Road after substantial damage occurred from heavy trucks. Paint Striping will be completed in a few days.

Acknowledged the efforts of Brett Fredericks, Dennis Robinson, Bill VanDyke, and Dave Leusby to cover management tasks in the absence of Shawn MacDougall, Al Dailey, and Austin MacDougall.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Absent.

DAILEY -

Absent.

LEUSBY -

In planning for the preparation of trucks for the approaching snow plowing season, a used replacement engine for truck # 58 has been located. Further inspection and dynamometer testing can take place by making a deposit.

ROBINSON -

Has been checking roads and culverts.

OLD BUSINESS:

None:

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Haslock –

Attended a meeting for organizing a project to pave the Rails to Trails from Baldwin to Reed City. This project would help connect Baldwin to the Mackinac Trail and as far east as Midland MI. Currently, many users are discouraged from using this section of the trail due to the loose gravel surface. The meeting was well attended and support for the project continues to grow.

Truxton –

Pleased with the later season mowing along State Trunklines as tall grasses have proven to be an issue this year. Continued mowing has helped to improve visibility.

Runnels –

Questioned some past conservation efforts of the USFS pertaining to butterflies and wonders about any future USFS conservation efforts.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: October 9, 2024, Time: 9:00 a.m.

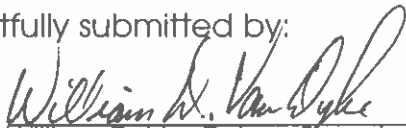
Motion to adjourn made by Truxton.

Supported by Runnels.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried 10:09 a.m. Roll Call vote.

Respectfully submitted by:



William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:



Richard J. Haslock, Chairman



Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman

Joan Runnels - Member