

**January 11, 2024**  
**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 Haslock.

Present - Richard Haslock, *LCRC Commissioner*  
Gary Truxton, *LCRC Commissioner*  
~~Jean 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:**

Motion made by Truxton to approve the December 28, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Haslock. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Truxton to approve the December 28, 2023, closed session minutes. Supported by Haslock. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:**

Motion made by Truxton to approve:

Accounts Payable Voucher # 5225,	\$86,098.00
Payroll Voucher # 5224,	\$130,740.57
FSA Voucher # 5226,	\$697.50

Supported by Haslock. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - 0. Absent - Runnels. Motion carried. Roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Andy Treiber from the Village of Luther had questions about Policy # 1065 Use of Traffic Control Devices for Community Events. Also expressed concerns over the condition of Old M-63 from Luther to Lakola Road during a recent snow event.



## REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

### FINANCE & HR MANAGER:


Presented letters for two insurance policies through Hastings Mutual Insurance Company seeking proxy votes for their re-structuring process.

### MANAGER:

Williams has received a renewal contract from Prein & Newhoff and will be reviewing it for consideration.

A section of new guardrail on Old M-63 that needed some adjustments after installation is satisfactory enough for the engineer to sign off.

Highway Conference reservations are due. The list of attendees will be minimal to save money.



The ESD called for assistance with a stuck bus. LCRC offered some sand for traction but advised that we could not tow the bus for liability reasons. The ESD stated that they could sign a waiver to release the LCRC from liability. The sand was sufficient to get the bus moving on its own.

### ROAD FOREMAN:

#### MACDOUGALL -

Winter has finally arrived with the recent snowstorms. Clearing of roads has kept the workforce busy.

#### DAILEY -

Part-time workers are busy in the Olga Lake area clearing brush for future road work.



Heavy snowfall has dropped a lot of trees and branches into the roadways adding to the work of plowing the snow off roads.

LEUSBY –

Shop personnel have been busy with equipment repairs and recovering blade trucks stuck due to snow and ice.

ROBINSON -

Preparing for the annual submittal of certified maps for MDOT.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Truxton has located a nice rock in LCRC's Hudson Pit for the Lake County Parks Commission to use as a monument in the new Lake County ORV Training Park.

Bill Henn of Henn Lesperance PLC requests a closed session.

Motion made by Truxton to enter closed session at 9:36 a.m. to discuss Cadeaux vs. Lake County Road Commission pursuant to MCL 15.268 1e and Velt Blvd. in Chain-O-Lakes # 1 platted subdivision pursuant to MCL 15.268 1h. Supported by Haslock.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Truxton to re-open the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Supported by Haslock.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:**

Haslock - Noted that in addition to clearing the heavy snowfall from the roads, there have been many trees and branches falling into the roads as well, compounding the workload.

Truxton - Recognizes that winter weather is handing out some significant snow and realizes that even though we need to minimize overtime we will still need to work over as conditions dictate.

Runnels - Absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Andy Treiber from the Village of Luther had questions about resurfacing State Road from the village limit north to 5 Mile Road so they can coordinate a plan for resurfacing within the village limits.

Andy Treiber stated that with the regular meetings scheduled for 9:00 a.m. it is difficult for people with day jobs to make it to the meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Truxton. Supported by Haslock. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried 11:22 a.m.

*Next Meeting Date: January 25, 2024, Time: 9:00 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Richard J. Haslock - Chairman

  
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Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman

  
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Joan Runnels - Member