

**July 27, 2023**  
**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*  
Joan Runnels, *LCRC Commissioner*  
William VanDyke, *Finance & HR Manager*  
Leroy Williams, *Manager*  
Al Dailey, *Finance Assistant*  
David Leusby, *Shop Foreman*  
Dennis Robinson, *Engineer Tech*

Absent Shawn MacDougall, *Road Foreman*  
Tom Smith, *Road Foreman*

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Runnels to approve the July 13, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Runnels, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:**

Motion made by Runnels to approve the Accounts Payable Voucher # 5189 for \$210,351.61, Payroll Voucher # 5188 for \$78,361.65, and FSA Voucher # 5190 for \$464.91. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Runnels, Haslock, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Roll call vote.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Daniel from AIS updated the board on the build schedule for the new loader.

#### **REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:**

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

Working on Workman's Compensation Audit to be submitted in the next week.

**MANAGER:**

Paul Bunyan meeting is August 17 9:00 am at Caberfae.

Elk Township gravel improvements are complete.

Sauble Township gravel improvements are complete.

Progress report on triple chip seal projects in Webber and Eden townships. Primer with base seal of limestone is down and slag seals will follow next week.

Progress report on 2023 chip sealing and the need to revisit how chip sealing is budgeted.

Final "walkthrough" for 56<sup>th</sup> St HMA project will happen next week once a time can be coordinated with LCRC, Prein Newhoff, and Reith Riley.

Presented information on an incident involving a drunk driver in the work zone while chip sealing 11-1/2 Mile Rd.

**ROAD FOREMAN:**

MACDOUGALL - Absent

SMITH - Absent

LEUSBY -

The new blade truck is here and can be viewed after the meeting.

Discussed future orders of new blade trucks being more than a year wait. Also, future emissions designs will likely increase truck costs by 40-50K in 2027.

ROBINSON -

Marking out road projects.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion on whether the lending out of traffic control devices for community events should continue due to items being lost and/or damaged. A policy will need to be drafted for the board to officially approve.

Discussed the curtailment of ORV speed limit signs as they are becoming too prevalent and causing clear vision issues.

Motion made by Runnels to pursue entering into an agreement for USFS Fire Breaks Program. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Runnels, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Discussion on complaints from residents in the Luther area from the July 13, 2023, meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Williams will be extending available summer help into the fall as part time employees working three days a week.

Williams will be filing grant documents with MDOT on behalf of the Genesee & Wyoming Railroad for possible funding to reconstruct crossings over Lake County roads.

Truxton opened a discussion concerning the winter non-motorized area between Wingleton Road and US-10 in Sweetwater township. By leaving Dexter Road open through the winter for motorized travelers, and restricting Stearns Road to non-motorized use only, both interests can be accommodated.

### **COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:**

Haslock - 32<sup>nd</sup> St soil stabilization test strip appears to be performing well.

Truxton - Triple chip seal projects are very impressive although some areas have narrow shoulders that may need to be refilled.

Runnels - Will be looking at Eden township's triple chip seal projects.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Truxton. Supported by Runnels. Yeas - Haslock, Runnels, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried 10:29 am

Next Meeting Date: August 10, 2023, Time: 9:00 am

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