

May 28th, 2026
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
Don Divis, LCRC Commissioner
Leroy Williams Jr, Manager
Austin MacDougall, Finance & HR Manager
Shawn MacDougall, Road Foreman
Al Dailey, Road Foreman
William Van Dyke, Shop Foreman
~~Dennis Robinson, Engineer Tech~~
~~Jessica Hanna, Finance & HR Assistant~~

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Truxton to approve May 14th, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

Roll Call vote.

Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Divis to approve:

Payroll Voucher	#5410	\$79,381.81
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5411	\$234,521.66
FSA Voucher	#5412	\$678.43

Supported by Truxton.

Roll call vote.

Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jamie Russell made mention of the scrape tire collection and community e-waste collection that are upcoming. Stated that the Property Tax bill has passed the house. Informed the Board she has been providing townships with a breakdown on Road Funding.

Katie Westra, resident of Wolf Lake area, wanted to know where we stand with the Wolf Lake Drain. She stated that they are not concerned about the level of the water, but the flow rate of water going through the drain. Asked why the purposed plan in the beginning is different than what was installed.

Jennifer Zelony, resident of Luther, came to ask the Board if they would be able to park in our lot again for Luther Days.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Thank'd the Board for allowing me to attend the annual CRA's (County Road Association's) Finance and Human Resources Conference. This conference is highly informative.

They are starting the work on getting our website updated on June 1st.

Will be working on getting our 2026 MDOT Engineering Reimbursement sent in and submitted to the State.

Next Board meeting on June 11th, auditors will be in do give their report on our 2025 Financial Audit. Board has requested I reach out and see if this date can be moved to later date.

Gave the Board and all of management a budget update on where we are currently at for the year.

MANAGER:

On June 3rd, at 2:00pm, there is a final walkthrough on Old M-63 to review all the work that has been completed.

Vaughn, with Pipeline Management, called and does not think we are going to be able to do the culvert on 40th Street in Sweetwater Township. It looks to be something midway through the culvert pushing up into it.

Talked with Eric from Prein & Newhoff, he stated that the boring has been completed from the 64th Street Bridge in Lake Township. Should be a week or two before those results are in. Once results are in, they will be sent over the Krenn Timber Bridge, and construction of the bridge will be on its way.

Culvert failed on Lakola, between Centerline and 1 Mile. Getting measurements done to see size of culvert needed. Waiting to hear back on pricing.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

We have a demo road grader from AIS Construction, has had that out fixing a couple of roads.

Has been a busy week, got away from pulling in due to breakdowns in equipment.

Culvert on Sauble Lakes has been replaced. Worked with an employee who lives in the area who posted it on their Facebook page. Also worked with Sauble Township and they posted it on their page as well.

Had another big culvert replacement job on Queens Highway, got that done and replaced.

We are quite short staffed this week due to holiday, has had crews out patching as much as possible.

AL –

Kind of the same thing as Shawn. Culvert is being replaced on Hawkins.

Thank'd all of management for all their help with helping out when he was gone the previous week.

Hoping to get our brining season started next week. Frack tanks are all out and all full.

Stated that it would be up to 5-6 weeks before the culvert for Lakola Road will be ready.

VAN DYKE –

Equipment repairs still going on as needed. Also getting a lot of things around the shop updated that were in need of it. A lot of electrical upgrades.

A big repair is coming up in the near future. The roof on the red shed is going to be needing a full replacement here shortly. It is still the original roof from when the garage was built in 1986.

ROBINSON -

Absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 64th Street bridge in Lake Township. The Geo-Boring has been completed. Just waiting on the results of that before moving further.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Truxton to enter closed session to discuss employee matters per MCL 15.268 1(a).

Supported by Divis.

Roll Call vote.

Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried. Meeting closed at 10:11am.

A motion was made by Divis to go back into open session from closed session.

Supported by Truxton.

Roll Call vote.

Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried. Meeting re-opened at 11:13am.

Catch Basin located in Peacock Township, Wolf Lake area, how are we going to handle the people dumping leaves there? Everyone that is located in the special assessment? Nobody allowed to dump?

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: June 11th, 2026, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Divis to adjourn.

Supported by Truxton.

Roll Call vote.

Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried.

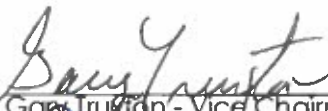
Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

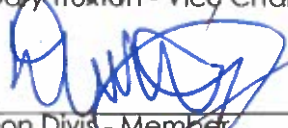
Respectfully submitted by:


Austin MacDougall - Secretary

Approved by:


Richard J. Haslock - Chairman


Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman


Don Divis - Member