

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*
Richard Runnels, *LCRC Commissioner*
Jessica LaPointe, *LCRC Finance & HR Manager*
Leroy Williams, *LCRC Manager*
Shawn MacDougall, *LCRC Road Foreman*
Tom Smith, *LCRC Road Foreman*
Al Dailey, *LCRC Finance & HR Assistant*
Joan Runnels, *Lake County Resident*
Dennis Burrick, *Chery Valley Township Supervisor*
Ron Denbraber, *Lake County Resident*
Katherine Monroe, *Prein & Newhof*
Ernie Wotgatze, *Webber Township Supervisor*

The following bills were presented and allowed for payment:

1/23	Payroll Voucher No. 4922 -----	\$ 66,304.53
1/23	Material Voucher No. 4921 -----	\$ 2,000.00
1/23	Material Voucher No. 4923 -----	\$ 144,823.56

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Truxton to approve the January 9, 2020 meeting minutes as read. Supported by Runnels. Yeas- Haslock, Truxton and Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dennis Burrick requested the Road Commission leave the roads currently closed in Cherry Valley to ORV traffic closed and not to recommend opening them to the ORV Board.

Ron Denbraber showed his appreciation for the Road Commission's hard work during the last snow storm.

Ernie Wotgatze requested the Road Commission make the necessary improvements to Linda Lane to take it as a certified road in Lake County. The Board explained that the Road Commission lawfully cannot expend funds on

a private/paper road. The cost to improve and or to have it adopted as a certified roads lies with the citizens on that road or the township.

Katherine Monroe gave updates on the 2020 projects. South Branch Road is still unknown as Monroe has not received updates from the FWHA. The biggest challenge with South Branch Road is opening it to accommodate the kind of traffic a Class A road has to be able to handle. The temporary fix that is in place currently does not meet those standards thus making opening it now impossible.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

LaPointe presented the 2020 Insurance renewal with a 4% increase to value of property. Board agrees.

LaPointe will present the year end budget for 2019 at the nest meeting.

Audit with Tom Smith from Smith & Klaczkiewicz is set for April 6, 2020.

Employee retirement lunch will follow today's meeting.

MANAGER:

February 4-6, 2020 Williams and VanDyke will attend an Engineer's Conference

Currently waiting for additional information regarding a property purchase.

Pole building is complete.

Presented a CRA ballot for the Board to vote on.

Beckman's is extending the brine pricing for 2020.

Williams would like clarification on the work performed for townships. I.e. parking lots and cemeteries. The Board feels the Road Commission should help when able.

Williams, Smith and MacDougall will attend a meeting in Roscommon regarding loggers on the 29th.

Update regarding a retired MSP officers hiring on as weighmaster for Lake County.

The employee currently in our apprentice program would like to attend a driving school. Williams and LaPointe would like the Road Commission to pay this cost initially and allow the employee to do a payroll deduction to reimburse the Road Commission. Board agrees.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

The new hires are doing really well.

Trees at Gleason's Landing are done.

SMITH -

The crew has worked really hard over the past two weekends.

Luther pole building is complete.

EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

Inquired as to how much would the Board like to see the electrician quote us for in the new building. The Board would like to see a 200 amp service for the new building as well as an estimate for power in the Luther pole building.

Mechanic that is off for surgery is back in a boot for 10 days before he can start therapy.

Tanks by the wash bay need to be cleaned.

OLD BUSINESS:

Haslock has not been able to reach Leonard regarding the return of Road Commission property. Leonard also did not meet with Maddox as agreed to return Emergency Management equipment. Haslock will follow up with Leonard. Truxton would like to send a certified letter after the next Board meeting. Board agrees.

NEW BUSINESS:

LaPointe asked the Board if they would approve of an article in the paper regarding South Branch Road closure. Board agrees.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Runnels - Glad that he is feeling better and can attend meetings.

Haslock - Question regarding the blading of 44th Street. Williams will address.

Truxton - Everyone did a great job over the weekend.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joan Runnels is hoping for better weather.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Truxton. Supported by Runnels. Yeas- Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. 10:55 am

Next Meeting Date: February 13, 2020

Time: 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted by:



Jessica L. LaPointe - Secretary

Approved by:



Richard J. Haslock - Chairman



Gary A. Truxton - Vice Chairman



Richard K. Runnels - Member

