

November 14, 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*
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 Haslock to approve October 9, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Runnels.
Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.
Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Haslock to approve:

Payroll Voucher	# 5290	\$82,288.68
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5288A	\$32432.57
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5288B	\$80.00
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5291	\$73,500.10
FSA Voucher	# 5292	\$498.30

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Keith Vaughn, a resident of Lake Township, addressed the board to get ideas on how to proceed with road improvements for Star Lake Drive.

Bob Mateja introduced himself and announced his recent election to Lake Township Supervisor. He is looking forward to building a working relationship with the road commission.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Open Enrollment for medical insurance has been going very smoothly.

Cogitate User's Group meeting was not attended due to a busy schedule this time of year.

Presented the amended 2024 budget and discussed considerations for the proposed 2025 budget which will be under development.

MANAGER:

Led a discussion on the possibility of trading Task Force Funds from Mason County for 2025 and reciprocating back to Mason County for 2026. This would allow for sooner progress on Old M-63 to further the crush and shape improvements.

Informed the board about the need to re-prioritize a list of critical culverts that are good candidates for fiberglass lining. The Jenks Creek Crossing at 76th Street should happen first.

Contracts for a joint project between the townships of Pleasant Plains and Webber are ready to be presented at their respective meetings. This project will make improvements to a sharp hill at the cemeteries on 48th Street.

A contract has been prepared to supply the Village of Luther with 50 tons of 20/80 salt/sand mix for the winter.

Bid opening for MDOT park maintenance will be November 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. with a pre-meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the park on E US-10.

Has received a contract from the Good Neighbor Authority in the amount of \$230,000.00 to improve Saddler Road and 1 1/2 Mile Road in Dover Township.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Fall maintenance activities continue with gravel road blading, trees, pothole patching, and brush hogging.

DAILEY -

Sauble Township is considering double pass brining for both applications in 2025.

Waiting for estimates for concrete repairs at the brine facility.

LEUSBY -

Updated the board on interviews that have been conducted for the open mechanic position.

Expecting another quote for a replacement motor for truck # 58.

ROBINSON -

Has been working on project estimates and EGLE permit information for culvert replacement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road foreman Shawn MacDougall met with Sondra Lemm of Pleasant Plains Township for a ride around to point out areas of concern that could become future improvement projects. This was very productive exercise, providing much clarification.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Runnels to approve the amended 2024 budget.
Supported by Truxton.
Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.
Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Runnels to approve the 48th Street contracts for a joint project with Pleasant Plains and Webber Townships.
Supported by Truxton.
Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.
Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Runnels to approve a contract to supply the Village of Luther with 50 tons of 20/80 salt/sand mix for the winter.
Supported by Truxton.
Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.
Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Manager Williams extended his congratulations to Don Divis as a new road commissioner. He thanked Jim Frye and Ron DenBraber for their involvement as candidates as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don Divis extended his gratitude to Joan Runnels for her term of service to the road commission.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILIGE:

Haslock –

Congratulated Don Divis on his election to road commissioner welcoming him to the board.

Truxton –

Attended Elk Township's meeting to thank them for their participation in the Local Roads Improvement Program throughout the years, and for being an example of what can be accomplished.

Runnels –

Good luck to everyone for the deer hunting season. Extended her congratulations to Don Divis for being elected to road commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: November 27, 2024, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Truxton.
Supported by Haslock.
Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.
Motion carried 10:24 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