

October 22, 2020
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 Chairman Haslock.

Present - Richard Haslock, *LCRC Commissioner*
Gary Truxton, *LCRC Commissioner*
Joan Runnels, *LCRC Commissioner*
Jessica LaPointe, *LCRC Finance & HR Manager*
Leroy Williams, *LCRC Manager*
David Leusby, *LCRC Shop Foreman*
Tom Smith, *LCRC Road Foreman*
Shawn MacDougall, *LCRC Road Foreman*

The following bills were presented and allowed for payment:

10/15	Payroll Voucher No. 4975 -----	\$	64,354.34
10/15	Material Voucher No. 4976-----	\$	77,250.17

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Runnels to approve the October 8, 2020 meeting minutes as read. Supported by Truxton. Yeas- Haslock, Truxton and Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Presented 2021 health Insurance renewal options.

LaPointe requested an increase to the amount allowed on the Flexible Spending Account.

Presented The Star Newspaper article featuring the Road Commission's new Local Road Program. See attached.

MANAGER:

Michigan Paving would like to renew their contract and hold their prices at 2020 prices. Board agrees.

ORV meeting in February.

Williams was finally able to make contact with Vedra Grant from Yates Dial-a-Ride. Dial-a-Ride's meeting will be in November.

The employee enrolled in the apprentice program is doing well and has to take his last test on Monday.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL - Crews have been blading and working on regular maintenance.

Trail cams have been set up on 72nd and Broadway to track the progress.

SMITH - 72nd Street Bottomless Arch is complete; just waiting to be paved over.

Hoping that Broadway will be set today.

10 Mile for the Forest Service is getting gravel.

EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

The new long arm John Deere tractor is here.

Potentially have a buyer for our Forcefeed Loader. The Board agrees that \$160,000 would be a reasonable price to ask.

Grand Traverse Diesel will hold their price on a new tandem if we would like to order one. Board agrees.

Leusby would like to purchase a new single axle next year.

Would like to dispose of trucks 11, 16, 52, 45, 63, 64, 36, and 55. Board agrees.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by Runnels to approve the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Addendum. Supported by Truxton. Yeas- Haslock, Truxton and Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

LaPointe discussed an email from MCRC SIP regarding Open Meetings Act and workshops.

Paul Bunyan Meeting is back on per the chair of the council.

Further discussion regarding the GMC pickup purchased on the state surplus.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Runnels to accept ASR Health Benefit's medical coverage renewal for 2021. Supported by Truxton. Yeas- Haslock, Truxton and Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Runnels to increase the amount employees can contribute to \$2750.00 to the Flexible Spending Account. Supported by Truxton. Yeas- Haslock, Truxton and Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Resolution offered by Runnels to enter into a contract with Michigan Department of Transportation for the project located at Old M - 63. (J/N 13049CON) Supported by Truxton. Yeas- Haslock and Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Resolution attached.

Motion made by Truxton to extend the Road Commission's contact with Michigan Paving to secure 2020 pricing. Supported by Runnels. Yeas- Haslock, Truxton and Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

LaPointe was approached by a retiree regarding painting a plow for Christmas. Sue Crawford was in attendance. Crawford stated she would volunteer her time to paint the plow. Board agrees.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Haslock - Everything is looking good. A little disappointed that we weren't able to get an agreement in place to replace the bridge in Cherry Valley this year.

Truxton - Everything is great.

Runnels - Have received a few phone calls about how good the roads look.

Everyone is doing a great job.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Truxton. Supported by Runnels. Yeas- Truxton and Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. 10:35 am

Next Meeting Date: November 12, 2020 Time: 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted by:


Jessica L. LaPointe - Secretary

Approved by:


Richard J. Haslock - Chairman


Gary A. Truxton - Vice Chairman


Joan Runnels - Member

RESOLUTION

At the regular meeting of the Lake County Board of Road Commissioners held at the Road Commission office, Baldwin, Michigan, on October 22, 2020.

Present: Haslock, Truxton and Runnels

The following resolution was offered by Runnels and supported by Truxton:

WHEREAS: the Lake County Road Commission desires to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the following projects:

OLD M -63 CRUSH AND SHAPE (J/N 130493CON) (Contract No. 20-5374):

Hot mix asphalt base crushing, shaping and resurfacing work along Old M-63 from west of Spruce Road easterly to North Kings Highway; including trenching, shoulder widening, and pavement marking work; and all together with necessary related work.

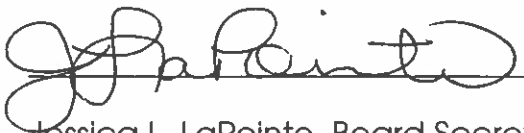
AND WHEREAS: the Michigan Department of Transportation requires two officials be dually authorized to sign this contract:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board and the Manager be designated to sign the contract.

Yeas- Haslock, Truxton and Runnels

Nays-0

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Lake at a regular meeting held on October 22, 2020 and that the aforementioned resolution was entered into the minutes of that meeting.



Jessica L. LaPointe, Board Secretary



<https://www.lakecountystar.com/local-news/article/Road-Commission-program-will-help-fund-local-roads-15666256.php>

Road Commission program will help fund local roads

LCRC will set aside funds for local units

Cathie Crew, cathie.crew@pioneergroup.com Published 1:13 am EDT, Thursday, October 22, 2020



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The Lake County Road Commission will be helping to fund local roads with a new program implemented to set aside monies for each township to be used as they determine necessary. (Submitted photo)

LAKE COUNTY - The Lake County Road Commission is implementing a new program to assist local units in funding road repairs.

"The Lake County Road Commission understands how important our local road system is to our community and to our township residents," LCRC Finance and Human resources manager Jessica LaPointe said. "It is this importance that encouraged the Road Commission to develop a plan to help the Road Commission and townships to fund some local projects."

Local road projects can be difficult to fund because Act 51 says that county road commissions cannot fund 100 percent of those projects, LaPointe said.

Public Act 51 of 1951, commonly referred to as just "Act 51," governs how state revenue for roads and bridges is allocated and spent.

Act 51 distributes Michigan Transportation Funds to county road commissions. How much each county receives depends on how many miles of certain types of roads it has, how many vehicles are registered there, its population and its annual snowfall.

Seventy-five percent of MTF funds distributed to cities and villages are used for major streets and 25 percent are used for local streets.

"While it is clear about the amount the road commission can fund, it is not so clear who is expected to fund the other half," LaPointe said. "It has been generally accepted that the townships cover those costs. The Road Commission has developed a plan that would allocate \$400,000 to local projects across the county."

To allocate the funds as fairly as possible across the 15 townships in Lake County, the plan sets aside \$250,000 that is divided equally among them, providing a base amount of \$16,666.67 per township.

In addition to that, the road commission looked at the number of miles of local roads within each township and allocated funds according to that figure, LaPointe said.

To determine that funding, they used a formula of \$75,000 divided by the number of local miles in Lake County and came up with a figure of \$101.20 per mile. They then multiply the per mile amount times the number of miles within the township to determine what each township would be allocated.

An additional \$75,000 is split by population using the formula, \$75,000 divided by 11,539 Lake County residents, which comes to \$5.50 per person.

That figure is multiplied times the number of residents within the township and funds are allocated to each township based on that calculation.

"When you put those formulas into motion, the road commission can allocate funds anywhere from \$21,700 to \$36,500 per township for local road projects," LaPointe said.

"As of today, the Road Commission Board has decided this will be a three year program, depending on the success," she continued. "So, every year, for the next three years, beginning in 2021, every township can count on the road commission allocating these funds to their township for local road projects."

To use the funds the township is required to match the amount. There is no minimum amount a township is required to use and if a township wants to roll the funds over for three years and do one large project, the road commission would allow that.

"If this program is a success and we continue it in to a fourth year, and there are funds remaining from year one, those funds would drop off in year four, however," LaPointe said.

"This program is not coming from the state," she continued. "This is something the road commission decided to do to help improve our local roads within the county."

Road Commission members have presented the program to all but one of the 15 townships within Lake County, LaPointe added.

"All of our townships have been receptive, except for one, who didn't feel that their local roads needed any work," she said.

Pleasant Plains supervisor Kevin Braddy said they do not have any plans for utilizing the extra funds at this time, but with the new bonus from the county they will be looking into what they can get done.

Lou Fitz, Elk Township supervisor, said their road committee will be meeting and making recommendations to the board as to how they may want to utilize the funds.

Webber Township supervisor Ernie Wogatzke discussed possible options for using the funds at the township board meeting Oct. 8, which included work on Roosevelt Road and Guthrie Street.

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