

March 28, 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 Runnels to approve the March 14, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Truxton.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Truxton to approve the March 14, 2024, closed session # 1 meeting minutes. Supported by Runnels.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Runnels to approve the March 14, 2024, closed session # 2 meeting minutes. Supported by Truxton.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Runnels to approve:

Payroll Voucher	# 5242	\$73,288.36
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5240A	\$13,050.00
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5243	\$140,091.41
FSA Voucher	# 5244	\$2,647.85

Supported by Truxton.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

VanDyke reviewed an insurance quote from MCRC SIP for consideration by the board.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Michigan Road Commission Finance & HR Association was held on March 26, 2024, at the Roscommon County Road Commission. William VanDyke and Austin MacDougall attended. The main topic was to learn about the CRA's MiRAD system.

VanDyke advised the board that eleven older computers have been identified as needing to be replaced by October of 2025, as Microsoft has announced that it will no longer support Windows 10 after that date. Discussion was held about how to phase these replacements in and exclude certain units that may no longer be necessary by October 2025.

Progress on the DNR gravel pit lease has been slow, but it should be finalized in the coming week.

MANAGER:

CRA's 2024 Highway Conference and Road Show was very informative with educational breakout sessions, the most notable topics being contract negotiations and how to best accommodate constitutional auditors.

Amvets has requested that the deposit requirement for borrowing traffic control devices be waived for their Blessing of the Bikes event. The board feels that we need to enforce the current policy # 1065 requiring the deposit.

Discussion on how to proceed with the issue of turning drain commission responsibilities back over to the county.

Presented a letter from an attorney pertaining to a supposed abandonment of Gold Street in Yates Township. No such abandonment has occurred. The matter has been forwarded to Henn Lesperance PLC.

The Conservation Resource Alliance will be pushing the 24th Street culvert replacement project out to 2025.

Williams opened discussion on the possibility of digging gravel from the Hunt Pit in Iron's. After visiting the site, it would not be feasible at this time.

Williams will be coordinating with the USFS on the best locations to start clearing right of ways with the Fire Break Contract.

Williams outlined additional road improvements offered by the USFS through the Good Neighbor Authority.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Stump removal on the Sheperd Road and River Road projects is nearing completion so that grade work and gravel placement can continue. Crews have also been tree cutting, and patching potholes.

DAILEY -

Tree cutting and stump removal has begun on Queens Highway near 96th Street to widen the road in needed areas.

Planning on removing larger stones that have pushed to the surface of 84th Street (Stoney Lane) in Section 28 of Chase Township.

Stump removal on Hawkins Road in the Olga Lake area of Dover Township will need to happen before beginning grade work and gravel placement on both Hawkins and Saddler Roads.

Thanked the board for sending him to the CRA's 2024 Highway Conference and Road Show.

Preparations for the grade work and gravel placement on Lakola Road North of 8 Mile Road in Dover Township are wrapping up.

LEUSBY –

Leusby outlined the conditions of the current truck market that makes ordering future trucks difficult with impending emissions regulations and long lead times.

ROBINSON -

Absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Williams requested a closed session to discuss negotiations of a proposed lease agreement.

A motion was made by Runnels to enter closed session at 10:49 a.m. to discuss negotiations of a proposed lease agreement pursuant to MCL 15.268(d).

Supported by Truxton.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays – 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Runnels to re-open the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Supported by Truxton.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays – 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Runnels opened a discussion about concrete for crushing. Questioned if the road commission could pick it up and why the road commission's gravel crusher wouldn't be used.

A motion was made by Truxton to have Henn Lesperance PLC pursue a lease contract for a cell tower.

Supported by Haslock.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays – 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Truxton to authorize Dave Leusby to investigate the purchase of a used bucket truck.

Supported by Runnels.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Runnels to accept MCRC SIP's building insurance quote.

Supported by Truxton.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Haslock - Recognizes the tragedy in the recent collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, Maryland with emphasis on the safety of all road crews including the six road workers who died in this tragedy.

Truxton - Pleased to have attended the CRA's Road Show portion of the annual 2024 Highway Conference which offered valuable information about newer innovations and technology.

Runnels - Noted that winter conditions keep lingering as the weather continues to change.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: April 11, 2024,

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Runnels. Supported by Truxton.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried 11:35 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