

**November 8, 2023**  
**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 arrived at 9:37a.m.*  
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:**

Motion made by Runnels to approve the October 26, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Haslock. Yeas - Haslock, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:**

Motion made by Runnels to approve:

Accounts Payable Voucher # 5210A, \$132.61  
Accounts Payable Voucher # 5213, \$62,727.52  
Payroll Voucher # 5212, \$87,273.65  
FSA Voucher # 5214, \$178.61

Supported by Haslock. Yeas - Haslock, Runnels. Nays - 0.  
Motion carried. Roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.



## REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

### FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Presented information about open enrollment for health insurance and recommended renewal of the current plan through Paradigm Agency.


The proposed budget for FY2024 is being developed.

Following up on questions from the County Administrator about the ORV Damage Fund.

### MANAGER:

Working through the Public Notice process with the DNR for gravel mining.

Looking into options to cover work schedules due to an employee's absence for surgery.



The salt shed was damaged during the delivery of salt. Repairs are under way and the trucking contractor has agreed to pay for repairs.

Sand shed maintenance is progressing well and will be completed in a few days.

Old M-63 is open to traffic. Looks and rides very well. Final walkthrough is scheduled for November 14, 2023.

A S. Branch Road spillway has failed again so further investigation will need to happen. Prein & Newhoff will be on site to assist in figuring out what is happening.

### ROAD FOREMAN:

#### MACDOUGALL -

Stump removal on Astor Road N. of 12<sup>th</sup> Street is complete. Road work will resume next spring as the weather is too poor moving into winter.

Pulling of edge berm on Star Lake Drive has been progressing.



Pit maintenance has been underway in Webber Pit.

Blading of gravel roads is planned for tomorrow and through the week as weather conditions allow.



DAILEY -

Clearing of Atlantic Road E. of Foreman Road is complete and road work is near completion.

Maintaining logging damage in the Chase area.

Clearing old windfall branches and trees from shoulders and ditches.

LEUSBY -

Updated the Board on the performance of a new mulching attachment for the skid steer. The results are very impressive.

ROBINSON -

Working with the USFS on evaluating dual jurisdiction roads for maintenance.

Working with OHM Advisors on bridge load limits.



**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussed options on how to amend Policy # 1065 - USE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS to protect the Road Commission from loss of or damage to items while they are in use.

Discussed options on how to proceed with the installation of ORV speed limit signs if funding through the ORV Damage Fund is not adequate.

Truxton inquired about contacting the USFS to keep Dexter Road open through the seasonal closure to motor vehicles for dog sledding in Sweetwater Township and closing only Stearns Road.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lake County Commissioners would like to continue to hold meetings with the Road Commission to maintain communications. Discussed holding future meetings at the Road Commission Board Room.



Bid openings for the paving of State Rd from Luther to 5 Mile Road, and for road materials were opened at 10:00 a.m.

A motion to accept the bids from Reith & Reilly was made by Runnels. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

A motion to renew the health insurance plan PriorityHMO 500 Gold through Paradigm Agency was made by Haslock. Supported by Runnels. Yeas - Haslock, Runnels. Nays - 0. Roll Call vote. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS PRIVILIGE:**

Haslock - None.

Truxton - None.

Runnels - Has not been receiving road complaints.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

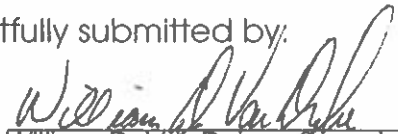
None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Truxton. Supported by Haslock. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried 11:18 a.m.

*Next Meeting Date: November 22, 2023, Time: 9:00 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Richard J. Haslock - Chairman

  
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Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman

  
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Joan Runnels - Member