

November 8, 2019
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 Truxton.

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

The following bills were presented and allowed for payment:

11/8	Payroll Voucher No. 4904 -----	\$ 118,103.38
11/8	Material Voucher No. 4905 -----	\$ 231,717.49
11/8	HRA Voucher No. 4906 -----	\$ 2,298.10

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Runnels to approve the October 24, 2019 meeting minutes as read. Supported by Haslock. Yeas- Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Paul Bunyan Meeting on November 21, 2019 and Richard Runnels will be attending. Truxton, Haslock, Williams and LaPointe will be attending the State Disaster Grant Applicant Briefing instead.

Camp Living Water would like to put on their annual banquet November 26, 2019 at 11:30.

Will be transitioning from Square to GovPay for our credit card processing.

Presented the MERS quarterly statement.

Presented Richard Runnels letter to the governor for the other commissioners to sign.

Received a letter from the Village in regards to the water rate increase.

LaPointe, Dalley and Williams have been meeting with insurance carriers and hope to have something to present to the commissioners at the next meeting.

LaPointe presented the 3rd quarter budget amendment.

Informed the Board of an insurance situation with a retiree and child. LaPointe will keep the Board informed of the progress.

LaPointe would like to close the office on the day after Thanksgiving. The Board agrees.

MANAGER:

Would like to offer the blade truck position to Russel McCaul. The Board agrees.

Inquired as to whether our new apprentice would be able to use our truck to take his road test. The Board agrees.

Would like to consider hiring CDL Class B in the future. Perhaps at a lower rate. Board agrees.

Michigan Paving Materials would like to renew contract at last year's prices. Board agrees.

Would like to have Brooks Builders begin construction on pole building off salt shed with the understanding he would not bill until the first of the year. Board agrees.

Motion made by Runnels to contract with Brooks Builders for the construction of the pole building to start as soon as possible but payment not to be made until 2020. Supported by Haslock. Yeas- Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays - 0. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Board requested we investigate the cost of building a new building compared to moving the pole building in Luther.

Inquired as to whether the employees could purchase equipment from the Road Commission that was purchased from the BidCorp site. The Board agrees.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL - Learning a lot. It's been a big change.

SMITH - It's been a busy week with the weather. Lots of accidents/slide offs.

Battling beavers all over the county; hopeful that now that it's open season on beavers the trappers can slow them down.

EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

Leusby gave a quick update on the mechanic that was out on medical leave.

It is time to renew our lease with Kenworth.

Motion made by Runnels to renew our contract with Michigan Kenworth for the lease of two (2) semi tractors. Supported by Haslock. Yeas Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays – 0. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

LaPointe presented the revision to "funeral leave" in the 2019-2021 Union Bargaining Agreement. Subject to Union approval. Board agrees.

Motion made by Runnels to reject Policy # 1042 – Ethical Standards and Standards of Conduct. Supported by Haslock. Yeas- Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Runnels to reject Policy # 1043 – Use of Road Commission Vehicles for Personal Use. Supported by Haslock. Yeas- Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Runnels to accept Policy # 1044 – Family Medical Leave Act. Supported by Haslock. Yeas- Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILIGE:

Runnels – Have been getting to a lot of meetings. Gave a speech at the Pleasant Plains Grand Opening.

Haslock – Would like to see the "Sign Guy" driving a regular pickup for brush removal and etc. Hopefully, that can save some wear and tear on the sign truck.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joan Runnels – clarification on next meeting date. The next meeting was moved because of Thanksgiving and will be held on November 27, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Halsock. Supported by Runnels. Yeas- Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. 11:15 am

Next Meeting Date: November 27, 2019 Time: 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted by:




Jessica L. LaPointe - Secretary

Approved by:



Gary A. Truxton - Chairman



Richard J. Haslock - Vice Chairman

Richard K. Runnels - Membe

