

July 9th, 2026
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
Don Divis, LCRC Commissioner
Leroy Williams Jr, Manager
Austin MacDougall, Finance & HR Manager
Shawn MacDougall, Road Foreman
~~Al Dailey, Road Foreman~~
Dennis Robinson, Shop Foreman
Brett Frederick, Engineer Tech

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Divis to approve June 25th, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Truxton.

Roll Call vote.

Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Truxton to approve:

Payroll Voucher	#5419	\$96,468.34
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5420	\$209,619.38
FSA Voucher	#5421	\$370.63

Supported by Divis.

Roll call vote.

Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Jamie Russell:

Mentioned that TRV building is still under contract. Lake County has finished their audit and single audit with Maner Costerisan, everything went well. District Health 10 has put out their new well and septic requirements, as well as looking for a new Health officer.

Don asked about the old Cattail Restaurant, Jamie informed the Board that they have only received one application for the three business spaces available within the building.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Been working on our 2026 Worker's Compensation Audit. Have gotten all documents sent in.

Working with Kyle from MDOT on getting some jobs posted for bid. One job is over in Mecosta County, that bid opening was on July 7th. The second one we got up for bid is for some shoulder work in Wolf Lake.

Still trying to get things cleaned up upfront, getting any issues resolved as I come across them, while making sure both positions stay as updated as possible.

We have received our MTF for May of 2026. Some good news, we did see a 12 percent increase in the amount received compared to what we had gotten for our MTF for May of 2025.

MANAGER:

Got the GEO-TECH report from the bore sampling done out at the 64th Street Bridge. Got it sent over to Bob Krenn with Krenn Timber Bridge, also sent it to Bob Mateja, Lake Township Supervisor as well. Knows replacement won't happen this year due to time constraints but is wanting to keep the ball moving.

Repairs to the Salt Shed, thinking it got hit during the delivery of salt, but nobody saw what happened, going to have to replace the header and a couple other repairs, Joe Brooks gave us a quote and paid an engineer come look at it. Joe stated that he is way too busy to do the work. Like \$32,000 in repairs, will have to call and see if someone else can come do the work.

New MDOT contract has come, hasn't had a chance to review yet just got it printed off this morning. Will be going through and reviewing.

At managers meeting it was brought up that everyone would like to see the reflectors on the side of the highway get moved back. Reason for requesting to have those moved back is to cut back on the having to dip in and out between those reflectors while mowing the highway.

Not sure if it has passed legislation or if MDOT passed it, but they are wanting to require a truck with an impact trailer anytime you are working on the State Trunkline. We currently do not have an impact trailer.

Paper Road Encroachment Letter has been sent out. Believes that most everyone has received theirs. We have received lots of calls in regards to the letter.

Up at the Radio Tower, we have an app installed that monitors the temperature in the building due to the building overheating and causing technical issues. Overheated again, Brooks Heating and Cooling went up again. After this service call, Brooks Heating and Cooling has informed us the units are needing replaced. Getting us a quote on what repairs will be.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

Wasn't in last week, but this week has been a busy week. Brining will be finished up today, prep work on 72nd street has begun, culvert crew is out getting a culvert replaced, a few guys out blading some dirt roads, and has had some crews out with tar and stone patching potholes.

AL –

Absent.

Leroy reported that prep work on 72nd Street has started. Getting the prep work done so an individual can haul and put down millings.

ROBINSON –

Working with Samsara the last couple weeks. Is a lot more in depth than what we are currently due. Getting all equipment and employees input onto their system.

Has had the mechanics looking over and checking our chip sealing equipment to make sure all that is good to go if we are able to get some chip sealing done. As well as doing some cleaning around the shop.

FREDERICK -

Taking over the Brine this week since Al is gone. Brining will be finished up today.

Besides doing that, have been training at Engineer Tech, currently working on traffic count at Railroad Crossing for the State.

OLD BUSINESS:

64th Street Bridge, Gary asked if it would be possible, knowing we can't get the bridge replaced this year, if we could still purchase the bridge this year so it stays in motion and then next year once weather improves bridge will already be built will just need to be installed and replace the old.

Gary then asked if we had heard anything yet on how long the bridge would have to be. Leroy informed that the GEO study should it has to be 30ft.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jordan Smith, Auditor with Maner Costerisan, gave an in depth report to the Board and management on the 2025 Financial Audit.

A motion was made by Truxton to do a 5 year contract with Maner Costerisan for our financial audits.

Supported by Divis

Roll Call Vote

Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion Carried

A motion was made by Divis for the three commissioners enter closed session to discuss matters of who will be named the next manager. MCL 15.268 1(h).

Supported by Truxton

Roll Call Vote

Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion Carried. Entering closed session at 10:13am.

A motion was made by Truxton to re-enter open session from closed.

Supported by Divis

Roll Call Vote

Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion Carried. Re-entering open session at 11:21am.

During closed session, Leroy called and talked with Bob Krenn, with Krenn Timber Bridge, they will start working on the building of the bridge. Bob Mateja, Lake Township Supervisor, has been called and informed the bridge is being ordered. Also called and talked with Eric, engineer with Prein & Newhoff, is working on the permitting for the bridge replacement.

Also, Leroy called and talked with Del with MDOT about the rumble strips, Del stated that they don't need township permission, but they do like to have the township involved in the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Gary Truxton reported that other than the Paper Road letter that went out, things have been quite on his end.

Don wants to get with MDOT in regards to the North Junction, knows that it is on their 5 year plan, especially with the most recent accidents. Feels that the South Junction is neglected. Would like someone to get with Del and get some answers, and if he can't answer them would like to speak with Del's supervisor and have him attend a Board Meeting to get answers.

Don also made mention, that he asked Del about possibly getting rumble/bumble strips installed at the North Junction, stated he was told that we needed to get with the Township regarding that matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: July 23rd, 2026, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Truxton to adjourn.

Supported by Divis.

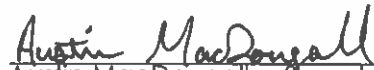
Roll Call vote.

Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Austin MacDougall - Secretary

Approved by:


Richard J. Haslock - Chairman


Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman


Don Divis - Member