

June 25th, 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
William Van Dyke, Finance & HR Assistant
Dennis Robinson, Shop Foreman
~~Brett Frederick, Engineer Tech~~

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Truxton to approve May 28th, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Divis to approve:

Payroll Voucher	#5416	\$80,178.57
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5417	\$341,975.46
FSA Voucher	#5418	\$356.09

Supported by Truxton.

Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jamie Russell informed the Board that they are still doing critical repairs for Lake County, if you know anyone homes/houses that need doors or windows. The Housing Coalition is extending their Blight Elimination program, they are offering 20 yard dumpsters for free. Lastly, the TRV building is under contract, and is going to be used for youth abuse and neglect services.

Katie Westra, Wolf Lake Riparian, informed the Board that the Riparian's have yet to hear back from the engineer that they hired. Did state that they should hear back from engineer as of today June 25th. Then asked Richard Haslock what he thought the lake after looking at the other side.

David Swanson, Wolf Lake Riparian, asked what the progress was on the discrepancy in drawings from what was presented and what was installed. Stated what was presented to them and what is permitted to be installed was not what was installed, they are not the same drains. Also stated individuals have water in their septic's and that the drain fields are heavy with water and aren't working as they should.

Richard Haslock then asked again if they would be hearing back from the engineer the Wolf Lake Riparian's had hired who met with the Road Commission's engineer to discuss the drain. David Swanson responded that he doesn't know what that means to the Road Commission.

Road Commissioners informed all that the Road Commission will remove the weir plate today June 25th. With that the Wolf Lake Riparian's responded saying if we were to do that, we would have issues with EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy) as well as the DNR (Department of Natural Resources).

David Swanson informed the Board that if once they do hear back from their engineer, that if there isn't an issue with the Drain, the matter will be dropped and over with.

Wolf Lake Riparian's stated to the Board that we are no longer allowed to remove the fish screen in the Drain. Stated, the DNR officer that was up at the meeting is already upset that it has been being removed. The Board asked for the name of the officer, and was given the name Officer Heather, out of Lansing. The Board of County Road Commissioners and the Lake County Road Commission have heard nothing from the DNR about this matter. The Board will be reaching out to DNR.

Stg. Bob Meyers asked the Board if Lincoln Bridge Rd east of Kings Highway could be added to maintenance schedule, brush on the side is becoming overgrown and is becoming a road issue.

Bob Mateja, Lake Township Supervisor, asked what had happened to the new bridge on 24th St Bridge. Board informed him that a bear is what did the damage.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Kyle from ACME Branding sent over a sample of the new website. Sent the link for all management to review. All think the new design is looking good.

Sever migration is still ongoing but is going smoothly so far. Has got documents over from the old sever to the new just working on programs now.

MDOT Engineering Reimbursement for 2026 has been sent in for reimbursement.

Lastly, just wanted to give a huge thank you to Bill Van Dyke for not only all the help he has given me but for all the help he offers everyone hear at the Road Commission. It is greatly appreciated.

MANAGER:

Resident on 24th St has sent a letter to the CRA (Conservation Resource Alliance), she is still not happy about the work they did and stated in letter that she knows the Road Commission didn't do the work.

DNR (Department of Natural Resources) has reached out and asked if the Road Commission would be willing to abandon some road out by Reed Lake in Lake Township.

The No Parking Signs for in Webber Township, has got the estimate over to the Under Sheriff, the rough estimate came out to \$42,479.63, the cost could be more.

An employee is going to be having a baby soon, has come and requested a Personal Leave of Absence.

Jeff Jurik is retiring next month, his last day is July 30th. Asked the Board if they are willing to attend his retirement party at Logger's Landing up in Luther.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

Absent.

AL –

Wrapping up brining in Pleasant Plains today, the rain hasn't been any help. They will be moving into Yates Township today to brine. Employee blading off in front of the brine crew is up working in Newkirk.

Found two more culverts that are needing to be replaced. One on Raymond Rd and the other is on State Rd.

Has had some employees patching, getting the holes filled before possible chip seal.

Put in a culvert on 72nd St, also had a meeting with Corey Miller in regards to the millings on that road.

We have finished the mowing on the State Highway, now moved into doing some edge rut work on the State Highway.

ROBINSON –

Staying busy helping Brett as well as learning new position from Bill.

Signed the contract with Samsara, the package with all the stuff to be installed has been delivered.

The Road Commission has been offered a set of V-Bottom trailers, lead, and pup, V-Bottoms very hard to find, offered the to the road commission for \$160,000.00. Looking to see what other options are available.

FREDERICK -

Absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Leroy informed the Board that he talked with Eric from Prien & Newhoff on the 64th St Bridge and the Geo Boring that was done. Still waiting on results.

Don Divis made it know that the Road Commission does want to get the 64th St Bridge put in, but due to time element might not be done in 2026. Just wanted to inform Bob Mateja. Bob Mateja let the Board know they are already aware.

Richard Haslock stated that a Drain Meeting will be set for future Drain conversations. We are spending too much Road Commission time dealing with Drain issues.

The Catch Basin at the Wolf Lake Drain, David Swanson, Wolf Lake Riparian, informed the board it is on a Private Road and that the Riparian's do all the maintenance and get the signatures from the Property owners to use the Road. That is why Riparian Members are the only ones allowed to dump in Catch Basin.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Van Dyke, Finance and HR Assistant, just wanted to thank the Board for the 20 years of opportunity.

Manager Leroy Williams wanted to inform the Board that he will be retiring next June and that the Board needs to name his replacement so he can start training them. Board stated that they will have to discuss this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Gary Truxton had two things, first was the 64th St Bridge, second was the Spencer Bridge. Any updates on if Spencer Bridge is getting put in? Leroy responded they are still figuring some things out before the replacement of bridge.

Don Divis stated it was good to see Bob Mateja at the meeting, is nice to see Township Supervisor attend these meetings. And to David Swanson, we look forward to working with you to get the Drain issues figured out.

Richard Haslock wanted to thank Bob Mateja for his interested in the 64th St Bridge and with working with us on the replacement process.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: July 9th, 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.

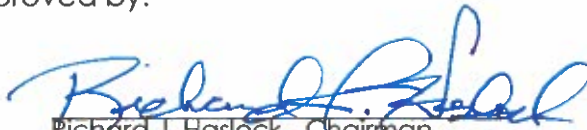
Motion carried.

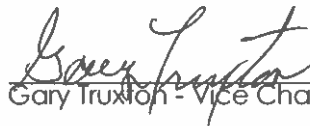
Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Austin MacDougall - Secretary

Approved by:


Richard J. Haslock - Chairman


Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman

Don Divis - Member