

**October 12, 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*  
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 Truxton to approve the September 14, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Haslock. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:**

Motion made by Truxton to approve:

Accounts Payable Voucher # 5204,	\$261,137.78
Accounts Payable Voucher # 5207,	\$126,001.70
Payroll Voucher # 5203,	\$81,443.91
Payroll Voucher # 5206,	\$94,763.78
Payroll Voucher # 5206A,	\$1,108.96
FSA Voucher # 5205,	\$529.35
FSA Voucher # 5208,	\$193.98

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim Truxton, Village of Baldwin President, presented information for a possible bypass around the US-10 and M-37 junction using Sheridan Street South of US-10. The Board agreed that he should move forward with a study to determine a plan of action.

Mark Pietras, Lake County Undersheriff, discussed concerns over the Board's decision to no longer loan out traffic control devices for community events.

Chad Hurre, Lake County Sheriff Deputy, discussed concerns over the Board's decision to stop installing ORV speed limit signs.

## **REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:**

### **FINANCE & HR MANAGER:**

Requested a motion to be appointed as the account administrator on a dormant West Michigan Credit Union account for the purpose of closing the account.

Presented a request from the Trailriders Snowmobile Club to install stop signs on their trail system. The board does not want to do this.

Northern Michigan Road Commission Finance & Human Resources Association's quarterly meeting will be Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

Presented third quarter budget amendment.

### **MANAGER:**

Gerber Construction will have available crushed concrete.

Presented updated CRASIF Honor Roll.

Reviewed costs of traffic control devices, and ORV Sign installations.

Michigan Chloride will be holding their 2023 pricing through 2024.

Wedging on 64<sup>th</sup> St. at Lakola Rd. is complete.

Safety Grant funds have been awarded for Central Park Blvd.

Active Shooter preparations have been completed.

The paving of the Old M-63 project is due to start next week.

Bids for county drain maintenance will be going out.

Presented an email from EGLE pertaining to an erosion issue on Velt Rd.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Finishing up project work and starting maintenance to prepare the roads for winter.

DAILEY -

Finished up the Shady Grade project and starting maintenance to prepare the roads for winter.

LEUSBY -

Has been consulting with a truck wash provider to determine our best option.

Mulching attachment for skid steer could be purchased from the reserve equipment fund.

Presented quotes for single axle and tandem axle blade trucks. Discussed options and timelines for finishing out the equipment built on these trucks.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Lake Township's meeting is October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30.

Paul Bunyan meeting is November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Bids for HMA and other materials will be going out.

USFS will be planning additional timber sale maintenance work for the Olga Lake area estimating \$335,000 - \$350,000.

Motion made by Truxton to appoint William D. VanDyke as administrator of the West Michigan Credit Union account # 4135533. Supported by Runnels, Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Runnels to accept Michigan Chloride Sales pricing of \$0.22/gal for brine for 2024. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Roll call vote.

**COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:**

Haslock - Liked the discussions on new trucks and mulching attachment.

Truxton - Keep up the good work.

Runnels - Pleased with ongoing work.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**


Sue Crawford asked for approval to paint a plow for display in the Christmas parades of Baldwin and Reed City and presented some right of way questions pertaining to parking along county roads.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Runnels. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried 11:55 am

Next Meeting Date: October 26, 2023, Time: 9:00 am

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