

February 8, 2024
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 January 25, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Haslock. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - Runnels. Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Runnels to approve the January 25, 2024, closed session minutes. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

Motion made by Truxton to approve:

Payroll Voucher	# 5230,	\$87,810.25
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5228A,	\$75,000.00
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5231,	\$98,928.83
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5231A,	\$1,200.00
FSA Voucher	# 5232,	\$2,680.25

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sgt. Bob Myers from the Lake County Sheriff's Office presented information about an ORV law enforcement training class that he has been developing and is asking for use of the Webber Gravel Pit to conduct some drills between April 29, and May 3, 2024.

The discussion also included the reintroduction of HB 4458 and HB 4459 in the state legislature referring to the banned use of wheeled vehicles on snowmobile trails.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

VanDyke presented the annual renewal of insurance from The Wenger Agency, Inc. The board would like to compare costs with Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool (MCRCSIP) before renewing.

The annual audit is scheduled for May 7, 8, and 9, 2024.

Paul Bunyan Council meeting is February 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m. at Evergreen Resort in Cadillac.

MANAGER:

Proposals for sealed bids are out for emulsion and paint striping. Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Lake at the office, 1180 Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 790, Baldwin, Michigan, 49304 until February 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m., at which time bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Williams opened a discussion about some ongoing developments for leasing Road Commission property for construction of a cell tower.

A lease agreement with the State of Michigan DNR for the purpose of mining gravel will need final approval.

Five Cap would like to resume their student field trip to the Road Commission after it was suspended during the Covid pandemic.

Williams discussed the need for more information on Bruce Reed's recent request

for ½ pay so that the arrangement isn't too open-ended.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Crews have been busy making sand/salt mix of 80/20, cutting trees on River Road, Shepherd Road, and 52nd Street (Carrs Road) along with some pothole patching. Spring weight restrictions are in effect.

DAILEY -

Township brine contracts will be mailed out via certified mail.

LEUSBY -

The new blade truck used for the state trunkline is still back at the dealer for warranty work on a defective radiator as replacement radiators are slow coming to the dealership.

The new loader has arrived at AIS equipment in Grand Rapids and is going through the final preparations for delivery which could happen as soon as next week.

ROBINSON -

The annual submittal of certified maps for MDOT is complete.

Working in Roadsoft and looking at culverts.



OLD BUSINESS:

Runnels requested a list of upcoming projects.

Williams presented two letters of notice pertaining to an erosion issue on W Velt Ave. in the Chain-O-Lakes # 1 platted subdivision to the board from Henn Lesperance PLC.

One letter to notify Joan Runnels and Robert Snedeker of unauthorized work on West Velt Ave. and to outline the conditions for which the Lake County Road Commission will seek reimbursement of repair costs for damages caused by this unauthorized work in the right of way under MCL 230.7.

Another letter to notify Douglas and Lisa LaFave of unauthorized work on West Velt Ave. and to outline the conditions for which the Lake County Road Commission will seek reimbursement of repair costs for damages caused by this unauthorized work in the right of way under MCL 230.7.



NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Truxton to approve a request by Sgt. Bob Myers from the Lake County Sheriff's Office for use of the Webber Gravel Pit to conduct ORV law enforcement training drills between April 29, and May 3, 2024. Supported by Haslock.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.
Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Runnels to move forward on a lease agreement with the State of Michigan DNR for the purpose of mining gravel. Supported by Truxton.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.
Motion carried. Roll Call vote.



COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Haslock – Back roads are looking good.

Truxton – Back roads are looking good as well as the brush trimming along roads.

Runnels – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:


Jim Fri asked who would repair drainage issues on US-10 near Chase, MI.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: February 22, 2024, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Truxton. Supported by Haslock.
Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.
Motion carried 10:27 a.m. Roll Call vote.

Respectfully submitted by:



William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:



Richard J. Haslock - Chairman



Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman

Joan Runnels - Member