

August 28, 2025
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 Truxton.

Present - ~~Gary Truxton, LCRC Commissioner~~
Richard Haslock, 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, Shop Foreman
~~Dennis Robinson, Engineer Tech~~
Jessica Hanna, Finance & HR Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Divis to approve August 14, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Haslock to approve:

Payroll Voucher	#5353	\$105,893.08
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5354	\$181,031.59
FSA Voucher	#5355	\$726.10
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5351A	\$18,440.87

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ann Thomas (Peacock Township) informed Township has passed resolution to have a speed study done around Wolf Lake. Waiting until next year after Memorial Day. Test will be done on Astor Rd.

Ann Thomas (Peacock Township) informed that Peacock Township has voted against William Gibbons request for work to be done on West 2 Mile Rd.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Been working on some follow-up questions on the 2024 Act 51 with Heather Bragington, Act 51 has been resubmitted and has been approved.

Commissioners Seminar is being held September 21-22 in Bay City. Richard Haslock, Donald Divis, and Gary Truxton are planning on attending.

MANAGER:

Did no HMA (asphalt) this year due to budget constraints. Having to do 100 tons on each side of the county. HMA is about \$100/ton, would cost around \$20,000.00 for just the HMA needed.

Lead discussion on quotes for grader from CAT and AIS. Also quote from AIS on mini excavator.

Will be putting up some older equipment in auction.

An employee from CAT will be getting back to see if they are wanting to buy grader #083 back from us for parts.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

Still has had the mowers out as much as we possibly can.

Brush hogs removing brush when able.

Continuing to have clay crew clay roads in front of the Brine Crew.

Has still been doing some culvert cleaning on the State Highway for MDOT.

Patch crews have been out daily patching potholes with tar and stone.

DAILEY –

Same thing as Shawn MacDougall, nothing different.

Work on 24th Street Bridge has begun. Company doing the work is really going at it.

VAN DYKE –

Austin MacDougall is doing well with the transition and in training.

Older equipment is being listed on RangerBid for the auction.

Has been working on going through equipment listed on insurance and making updates as needed.

Exciting news, truck #058 is in the shop and the engine swap has begun.

Truck #016 will be back on the road again shortly from engine failure.

Working a lot with Josh Theunick, Jonathan Hernandez, and Kenneth Babbitt. They have all been a huge help in the transition.

Has been getting some information from iWorQ. Is a system that will help the shop track inspection reports, maintenance requests, work orders, and inventory.

Been in contact with a builder, is coming to review and quote STO repair on building.

ROBINSON -

Absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Donald Divis talked about meeting at Lake Township with State Representative Joe Fox. Mr. Fox mentioned the 64th Street Bridge, stated that is a job between Township and Road Commission.

Donald Divis also went over the 72nd Street Railroad Tracks, said people are very happy with the work. Confirmed that work on 76th Street will take place after Labor Day.

Donald Divis also talked about the Peacock Township meeting and what was brought up about Wolf Lake Drain. The work has been approved and will take place in the Spring of 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lou Fitz, previous Elk Township Supervisor, has passed away. The Lake County Road Commission appreciated all the work he did as supervisor and send best wishes to the family.

John Quigley, resident of Elsworth Township. Some trees are dying, hired an Arborist to look into it. Arborist stated spray could be harmful to some trees but is not harmful to humans, fish, wildlife, or well water.

Names on the Lake Osceola State Bank, bank accounts, need to be updated.

An employee who is a Blade Truck driver but also has some mechanic certifications, Jed Van Dyke, has been helping out in the shop doing a very good job. Has been a huge help.

Two new Blade Truck Drivers have been hired in; one new mechanic has been hired. Leaving one position left open to fill.

A motion was made by Haslock to put Austin MacDougall on the bank accounts that William Van Dyke is listed on. Also put Jessica Hanna on the bank accounts Austin MacDougall is currently on.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Divis to accept AIS's John Deere quote for new mini excavator for \$68,952.30 with a 2-year warranty.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Divis to accept CAT's quote on 2020 Grader for \$179,990.00 along with 2-year powertrain and hydraulic warranty for \$11,860.00.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jamie Russell announced that Jake Carter has been hired as the new Emergency Management Director.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: September 11, 2025, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Haslock to adjourn.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

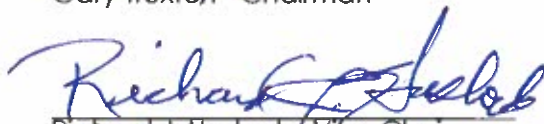
Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

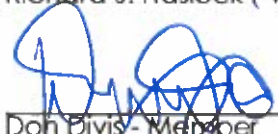
Respectfully submitted by:


Austin MacDougall – Secretary

Approved by:


Gary Truxton – Chairman


Richard J. Haslock – Vice Chairman


Don Divis – Member