

September 11, 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 Haslock to approve August 28, 2025, regular meeting minutes.
Supported by Divis.
Yeas – Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.
Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Divis to approve:

Payroll Voucher	#5356	\$91,386.84
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5357	\$152,470.14
FSA Voucher	#5358	\$711.59
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5354A	\$25,852.50
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5354B	\$11,870.75

Supported by Haslock.
Yeas – Truxton, Haslock, Divis. Nays – 0. Absent – 0.
Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Trucks, the Executive Director of NMLN Non-Profit Housing Corporation submitted a written request to have the Lake County Road Commission remove a tree on a paper road. And if Road Commission is not going to remove, she requested Road Commission give up that paper road and let the homeowners take over paper road.

Shawn Coffey, employee at Lake County Road Commission, came to the board to request ½ Pay to have surgery. The Board has granted Shawn Coffey ½ Pay after his knee surgery.

Bob Mateja, Supervisor of Lake Township, stated the calls he is getting about the 76th St Railroad now that repairs have been completed are about 50/50 with people saying they are better, and others still upset.

Bob Mateja, Supervisor of Lake Township, asked who is responsible for street signs within the township. If that falls on the Road Commission or is Township responsibility? Street signs do fall upon the Townships responsibility to buy Street signs.

Sgt Myers wanted to remind everyone that the Bigfoot Ride Event is next weekend, September 20th through the 21st. He also stated ORV traffic was increased over Labor Day weekend and lots of tickets were wrote.

Sheriff Martin stated we have had four protests so far this year, with only one of those going peacefully, and that he has the power to put a 90 Day No Parking Order in effect. Asked if we had no parking signs.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Will be working with Heather Bragington on a Quarter 3 budget update.

Registration to attend the Commissioners Seminar has been completed for Gary Truxton, Richard Haslock, and Donald Divis.

MANAGER:

Work on 48th Street Hill has started. It is going to need more sand to fill than originally planned.

76th Street east of Broadway Rd, a homeowner called and wanted it graveled, that section is a paper road. Individuals on that road have gotten it surveyed, and those individuals will be having the re-gravel job done.

The 24th Street Bridge project is coming along good.

Jenny from Hubbard Supply will be in on September 17th at 3:00pm.

Steve Wessels, Manager at Mason County Road Commission, has reached out and is interested in purchasing a slip-in sander from us. Figuring out a price.

Bob Krenn, President of Krenn Timber Bridge Inc., and Alan Spencer, submitted a quote for replacing the 64th Street Bridge for \$188,764.00.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

48th Street Project has been started. Quite a few employees are out on that project.

Got people out patching/fixing potholes daily.

Working on finishing up the second mowing for the year on the State Highway.

Finished with the rented mini excavator from MDOT working on the State Highways cleaning out spillways, also did some work at that State Parks with it.

Doing some maintenance work like blading when able.

Do have a Grader Training on September 22nd at Mason County. With Mason County, Oceana County, and us.

Getting a little bit of brush hogging done, but with brush hogs going down is making it difficult to get them out.

DAILEY –

Finished with the second Brine of the year. That completes the 2025 Brining.

Gerber did not start Luther Garage on Monday September 8th, now stating will start project on Monday September 15th.

VAN DYKE –

Getting everything prepped and ready to go on RangerBid to be auctioned off.

Blade Truck #058 is coming along with getting new engine put in, distractions have slowed the process some.

Pickup # 016, that needed a new engine, is back up and running. But still ironing out a few mechanical issues.

Has lined up Dilin Frasier with Big Star Drywall, to do building repairs, such as patch work and painting.

ROBINSON -

Still working on culvert inspections, has done 457 so far this year. Will start cleaning more now with new mini excavator when available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution #2025-8-11 Speed Study Test for Wolf Lake.

Bottomless Arch Culvert Project for the Pine River Watershed through the CRA (County Road Association) has been pushed back.

Quote for the 64th Street Bridge from Krenn Timber Bridge Inc., has been given to Bob Mateja, Supervisor of Lake Township. Bob was told that Lake County Road Commission is willing to do their part and pay half of the project cost, Lake Township just needs to come up with other half. The Board has been willing to do their part the whole time, just needing the Township to pay for their portion.

Commissioner Truxton asked Lake Township Supervisor how meeting with State Representative Joe Fox came out.

Work on Wolf Lake Drain with the removal of the screen will still take place this year.

A motion was made by Haslock to accept Resolution #25-8-11 Speed Study for Wolf Lake.

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lake County Road Commission Employee Cell Phone Stipend Agreement.

A motion was made by Divis to accept the Lake County Road Commission Cell Phone Stipend Agreement.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: September 25, 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 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Austin MacDougall – Secretary

Approved by:


Gary Truxton - Chairman


Richard J. Haslock - Vice Chairman


Don Divis - Member