

June 27, 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:

A motion was made by Truxton to approve the May 23, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Runnels.
Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.
Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Runnels to approve:

Payroll Voucher	# 5257	\$89,279.21
Payroll Voucher	# 5260	\$79,343.15
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5255A	\$4,998.50
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5258	\$183,088.35
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5258A	\$10,301.00
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5261	\$303,872.33
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5261A	\$200.00
FSA Voucher	# 5259	\$661.75
FSA Voucher	# 5262	\$1,752.40

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

VanDyke presented an audit progress update and will arrange for the auditor to attend the August 8, 2024, meeting to present the findings. Also, the unfunded balance of both MERS Defined Benefit and MERS OPEB Trust have surpassed the thresholds that normally require the submittal of a corrective action plan.

Discussed the benefits of attending the Cogitate workshop hosted at the Emmet County Road Commission on Tuesday June 25, 2024.

Submittal of MDOT form 2044 requesting reimbursement of engineering expenses up to \$10,000 has been submitted.

MANAGER:

Ballots for MCRCSIP elections are ready. After reviewing the ballots, the board voted for John Rogers of Kalkaska County Road Commission.

The County Road Association has updates to their by-laws out for review.

MDOT has approved a bid from Reith Riley to cold mill and pave the shoulders along selected areas of US-10.

The Lakola Road improvement project in Dover Township has the base course of gravel installed with the gravel coming from the Dewey Proctor Pit in Leroy, MI which saved on trucking costs. The top course will consist of MDOT Spec gravel.

The S. Branch Road improvement project in Lake Township was graveled with material coming from the Alpine Pit in White Cloud, MI which saved on trucking costs.

The newly purchased drill rig is operational and working very well. Dave Amos of CME worked with the crew to train them in safety and operating procedures.

The non-metallic minerals lease agreement with the DNR has been finalized with the next step being the timber sale to clear the trees.

Osceola County Road Commission has been utilizing the Chase Brine Facility with arrangements to reimburse the costs.

Williams discussed a recent MIOSHA complaint about vehicle safety concerns. Many concerns weren't reported to management until after the MIOSHA complaint was filed. Repairs have been made and MIOSHA has been informed of our process to handle safety concerns. All correspondence with MIOSHA has been posted in the employee breakroom and discussed with employees during the morning meetings.

Williams mentioned a confrontation with Judge Glancy over the removal of his campaign sign which was placed in MDOT's clear vision area at the north junction of M37 and US-10. Temporary and political signs continue to be an issue when they are placed in the clear vision areas of intersections. MDOT's policy and the Road Commission's Policy # 1002 had been posted in the newspaper and on our website prior to being enforced with the removal of Judge Glancy's campaign sign. A discussion ensued on how the board would like to handle these situations. The board agreed that signs should not be allowed in clear vision areas as stated in the policies.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Recent thunderstorms have created some rain damage including downed trees in the road. Work crews have been addressing these issues as they occur.

Gravel preparations for this season's triple chip seal projects of 32nd Street in Webber township and Twin Creek Road in Newkirk township are done.

DAILEY -

The first coat of gravel on Lakola Road in Dover Township is almost done.

The first coat of brine is all done. Everything looks on target for the planned amount.

Some concrete may need to be added to the driveway at the Chase brine facility to prevent further damage from the larger delivery trucks.

LEUSBY -

Informed the board of older pieces of equipment that have been selected to sell at auction on July 16, 2024.

The mechanics have been busy working through annual vehicle inspections and keeping up with daily repairs along with repairs that are coming out of the inspections. Overtime has been approved for mechanics to keep up with the increased workload.

Discussed the need for diagnostic software and outlined the terms of a software demo called JPRO which is available for consideration.

ROBINSON -

Busy marking out roads and writing estimates.

Bridge inspections are done for this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Leusby has reviewed the bid received from Stoops for blade truck cab and chassis and confirms that the bid adheres to all specifications.

A motion was made by Truxton to order four trucks from Stoops as the ordering deadline nears to acquire trucks before emissions standards are raised thereby increasing the cost even further. The decision of how many tandem axle and single axle trucks will be made by Williams and Leusby. Supported by Runnels. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Truxton asked how the revised Policy # 1065 - Use of Traffic Control Devices for Community Events has been going. Williams explained that there have not been any issues of concern other than multiple concurrent events that can put strains on the available inventory. Some items are not always available as we reserve some inventory for potential emergency situations.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILIGE:

Haslock - Pleased with the brining and how well the roads are holding up this year.

Truxton - Things are going great with a lot of positive feedback from Elk township about the brining of roads. It is nice to know that we have a foreman who is keeping an eye on the brine this year and we don't seem to have any issues. Also, notes that tree work has been busier due to so many trees that have been dying throughout the county.

Runnels - Announced the arrival of four baby deer to her deer farm and appreciates the recent rains that are helpful in keeping down the road dust.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: July 11, 2024,

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Runnels. Supported by Truxton.
Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.
Motion carried 10:38 a.m. Roll Call vote.

Respectfully submitted by:

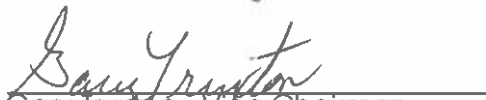


William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:



Richard J. Haslock - Chairman



Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman



Joan Runnels - Member