

September 25, 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 September 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Haslock to approve:

Payroll Voucher	#5359	\$80,663.72
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5360	\$662,972.03
FSA Voucher	#5361	\$594.78

Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ann Thomas, Peacock Township Clerk, wanted update on the work to be done on Wolf Lake Drain. The work on the screen has been completed, but the turbidity curtain will not go into until spring.

Ann Thomas, Peacock Township Clerk, then inquired about the salting around Wolf Lake Drive, she is requesting the salt to be dialed back and less used around the lake.

Bob Mateja, Lake Township Supervisor, provided a copy of a letter he received from an individual in Lake Township that is wanting to have Violet Way, a paper road, vacated. Stated Lake Township's attorney replied to letter.

Jamie Russell mentioned that a couple of things have been brought up by the river, and you would want to contact EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy) rather than the DNR (Department of Natural Resources).

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

The MCRC SIP (Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool) check for Grader #083 came in the mail.

Billings for the 2025 Brine Season have been sent out to the Townships.

MIWISH Grant application has been completed, waiting for October 1st when application period opens to send in.

MANAGER:

Talked with Mary Trucks in regard to a tree out on Roseway, a paper road, out in Yates Township, explained to her what the Lake County Road Commission attorney said. She is requesting a written letter from the board with their decision.

Once received letter regarding Violet Way, Denny and Leroy went and checked it out.

Got quote back from Reith – Riley for paving one hundred feet in both directions at Railroad Tracks on 76th Street. Quote was \$38,000.00, that is not including permit fees or flaggers. A decision was tabled until talking with Pleasant Plains Township.

The 64th Street Bridge out in Lake Township, the board wanted to reiterate the fact that they have been willing to pay their portion of the bridge replacement since the bridge went out. Lake Township is needing to produce their portion of the project.

The bridge replacement project on 24th Street in Cherry Valley has been completed. A homeowner had some complaints about the guard rail that was put up.

Water line work has been completed but was an ordeal to go through. Friday, they hit sewer line. Both sewer line and water line were repaired as of Monday afternoon.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

Mainly had all employees working on 48th Street fill project, the remaining employees have been out pothole patching.

Sent three of our Grader Operators over to Mason County Road Commission for a joint Grader training class with Mason and Oceana County Road Commission.

Tuesday, a Blarney Castle Truck broke down in turn lane at the north junction of M-37 and US-10. Crew did an amazing job responding and jumping in to help.

DAILEY –

Work on Luther garage has been completed, looks nice.

76th Street east of Broadway, an individual and some neighbors are wanting to improve the road to our standards. Has a logger lined up to come clear the trees and has H&H Excavating scheduled to do the dirt work.

VAN DYKE –

Absent.

Manager Leroy Williams did report they had Truck #058 back up and running, but then rear main seal went out.

ROBINSON -

Been doing a lot of work with Road Foreman Shawn MacDougall on the 48th Street Fill project.

Has done some research into paper roads around the Lakes here in Lake County with Manager Leroy Williams Jr.

OLD BUSINESS:

Don Divis informed all that Lou Fitz's, previous Elk Township Supervisor, Celebration of Life is October 4th at 1:30pm being held at the Sauble/Elk/Eden Fire Station.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Divis to as the Lake County Road Commission stand against vacating the paper road Violet Way in Lake Township.
Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Haslock to as the Lake County Road Commission stand against vacating the paper road Roseway in Yates Township.
Supported by Divis.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Mateja asked if the bridge on 64th Street out in Lake Township could go down to a one lane bridge.

Bob Mateja then let the board know that he put a poll out online, on his Facebook page and the Big Star Lake Facebook page, in regard to the 76th Street Railroad Track Crossing, and about 74% of people who filled out the survey said the tracks were now ok.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: October 9th, 2025, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Divis to adjourn.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

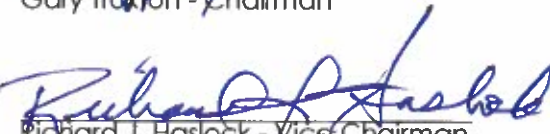
Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

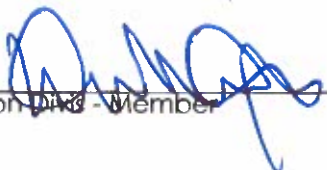
Respectfully submitted by:


Austin MacDougall – Secretary

Approved by:


Gary Truxton – Chairman


Richard J. Haslock – Vice Chairman


Don Davis – Member