

February 12, 2026
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 - ~~Richard Haslock, LCRC Commissioner~~
Gary Truxton, 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 Truxton to approve January 22, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Divis to approve January 29, 2026, special meeting minutes.

Supported by Truxton.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Divis to approve January 29, 2026, closed meeting minutes.

Supported by Truxton.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Divis to approve:

Payroll Voucher	#5386	\$97,171.96
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5387	\$287,172.31
FSA Voucher	#5388	\$931.39
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5387A	\$14,854.43
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5387B	\$4,789.50
Payroll Voucher	#5389	\$101,906.23
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5390	\$189,779.75
FSA Voucher	#5391	\$841.92

Supported by Truxton.

Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stg Meyers from the Lake County Sheriff's Office asked the Board if he would be able to use the Webber Gravel Pit for the ORV Officers Academy on April 30th. Has been given approval by the Board.

Sheriff Martin gave an update to the Board on the Targeted Speed Enforcement Zone on Hawkins Rd project.

Jamie Russell wanted to share that the Mason-Lake Conservation District annual meeting/dinner is coming up, asked if anyone knows anybody looking for a Summer job, has a list of jobs in 40 mile radius from Michigan Works, spoke on the RX Kids Program by District 10 Health and the Michigan Health Department, lastly covered that the Village of Baldwin has there DDA Grant this year.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Audit fieldwork has been moved back a week, to the week of March 30th- April 3rd, to avoid any complications with the annual Highway Conference.

MIWISH grant has been accepted. Received the full \$5,000.00 match on all safety equipment purchased for all employees.

Still working with Heather Hanna of Fridays. We have our 2026 Fringe Rate set and have started working on ACT 51.

Tuesday, February 10th, the Lake County Road Commission's domain expired, and with that website and emails are down. Been working with Roger from DMC Unlimited and Kyle from ACME Branding to get this issue resolved. Both have been extremely helpful with the entire process.

MANAGER:

Fender bender on 10th Street here in Baldwin, where an individual of the public drove into the back of an employee. No damage or injuries on either side, and since driver was not at fault, no drug test was done.

Received a Ballot form in the mail from the County Road Association of Michigan (CRA) to vote. Only one individual to vote for.

Got a bill from Marquette Railroad Company for our share to operate the railroad crossing arms on 76th Street, price has now increased to \$3,057.00 for the year.

Jake from Lake County's Emergency Management provided him with an Emergency Management Plan.

Called and spoke with Jack from Cadillac Fabrication, told Jack to figure out a time and date to hold Zoom meeting to discuss 64th Street Bridge.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

Still going at it with the weather. Has newer drivers out with front plows learning/widening.

Since a break in the weather, we are having some employee out with patch wagons getting some potholes.

Has other employees out with Front end Loader pushing back snow piles at the intersections.

Our Salt is getting quite low and is difficult to get at this time, we have ran out of processed sand, has had a couple of employees up at the Webber Gravel pitting digging raw sand to help us get through the rest of winter.

AL –

Pretty much the same thing, contracts have started work on the Luther Garage.

VAN DYKE –

Working on getting more organized around the shop. NAPA has been doing some work helping with the organization as well.

Business as usual, equipment has been worked extremely hard, there have been breaking down, mechanics doing an amazing job getting equipment back up and running.

Got a new truck from the State Auction, it is a heavier truck that came with plow and salt spreader. Has been working really good for us.

New Blade Trucks are supposed to get in some time in the First Quarter of 2026. But there are no guarantees due to some issues company is having.

ROBINSON -

Working on cleaning up and organizing some files, also working on ACT 51 maps.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jessica Hanna reported that we are up to 76" of snow for the total snow fall this year measured at the Baldwin Garage.

A motion was made by Truxton to go into closed session to review a Lawyer Legal Briefing per MCL 15.628(h).

Supported by Divis.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried. Meeting closed at 9:56am.

A motion was made by Divis to re-open the meeting and go back into open session.

Supported by Truxton.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried. Meeting Re-Opened at 10:18am.

New filing cabinet that locks that the Commissioners have been requested has come in, just needs to be set up.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Truxton to vote for Mason County Michael Ingison on the County Road Association Ballot.

Supported by Divis.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Divis to accept Resolution #2026-02-12 from Prein & Newhoff for our Asset Management Plan.

Supported by Truxton.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jamie Russell added Distract 10 Health Department will be retesting where the old Wash King was. Hoping will be all cleared.

Sheriff Martin received an email about the Blessing of Bikes, about Railroad tracks coming back to Baldwin, tracks being laid on property on 9th Street.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: February 26th, 2026, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Divis to adjourn.

Supported by Truxton.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

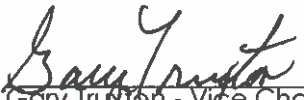
Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

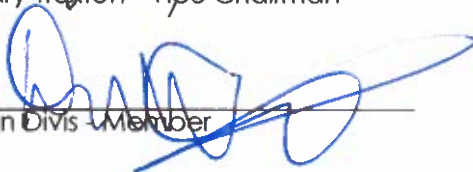
Respectfully submitted by:


Austin MacDougall – Secretary

Approved by:

Richard J. Haslock – Chairman


Gary Truxton – Vice Chairman


Don Divis – Member