

April 23rd, 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 Haslock.

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 Haslock to approve April 9th, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Divis to approve:

Payroll Voucher	#5404	\$82,091.32
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5405	\$179,573.66
FSA Voucher	#5406	\$3,688.78
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5405B	\$12,322.11

Supported by Haslock.

Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jamie Russell reported to the board that there has been no update from ITC with their work happening in Lake County, mainly in Pleasant Plains Township. There is a tire recycle coming up, will be held in Reed City this year. Land Bank still has money for major home repairs.

Sheriff Rich Martin wanted to thank the Road Commission for putting up the signs on Hawkins Road. Told them to just send the bill over when it is ready.

Dan Novak, with AIS Equipment, here to answer any questions there might be on broom he put in for bid.

Stg Bob Meyers informed the Board that there is an ORV ride happening this weekend: John's Road, Astor Road, and 12th Street may be heavily used. Also wanted to remind the Board that the ORV training at Webber Pit is on April 30th.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Not a lot going on up front, answering auditor questions as they come, still waiting to hear from sever company on getting the migration done. Phones have been pretty busy this last week due to all the rain we got.

Wanted to give the Board a heads up that on the May 14th meeting, first meeting in May. Jess and I will not be in attendance, will be down in Grand Rapids at the annual CRA (County Road Association) Finance and HR conference.

MANAGER:

Talked with Bill Henn again about the letter to be sent to all Lake County Residents about having personal property in our Road Right of Way or within Paper Roads. Bill Henn is typing up letter to send to residents in Chase that have personal property in Road Right of Way, letting them know the personal property will need to be moved.

Received a copy of letter that the CRA (Conservation Resource Alliance) sent out to a Lake County resident, informing resident that they have no plans to make any changes to the 24th Street Bridge.

The contractors have started work on East 5 Mile Road and North Skookum Road. They will go back and do section of Old M-63 between N Twin Creek Road and Syers Creek.

We have had some vandalism done to some of our road signs. Some of our road signs around the Prison have been spray painted.

Had a meeting with the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) on the lease property next to Webber Pit. We are now responsible for the removal of the trees on the property. The Road Commission would need to pay DNR \$51,415.38 for all the trees and then find a company to come in for the removal.

The weir plate in the Wolf Lake Drain has been removed. Working on an updated design to make the removal and installation of that weir plate easier for the future.

Has a meeting Monday at 9:00am to go over flood damage with Emergency Management and some other people over zoom. Had meeting last week with FEMA and the CRA to go over flood damage.

Talked with Steve Wessels, manager at the Mason County Road Commission, willing to give them five grand and a slip in sander for a wing blade that goes on grader.

Started to look for gravel conveyers, has found some online, is interested in getting one to make the stacking of gravel much easier once we get our crusher up and running.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

The extra Dead End sign and lollipops were installed at the corner of S Broadway and East 24th Street as talked about in last Board meeting.

Has been on vacation, so not a lot going on since last meeting, but has some employees out on N James Road and W 9 Mile Road fixing some damage done by loggers.

AL –

Last week was really busy, wanted to thank Dennis Robinson for helping out on the West side of the County. There were a lot of washouts and some culverts failed due to all the water.

Had some employees install guardrail on Hawkins Road because people are moving barricades and driving through.

Is having issues all over the East side of the County with Beaver.

VAN DYKE –

Went over quotes he has gotten on used brooms from a couple different companies and compared.

Has been looking into getting some roof repairs done. Is working on getting some quotes from a couple companies.

Still have our fencing issues out in the backyard. Has not got a chance to get any calls out for repairs but will be working on that.

Equipment wise, still have some repairs going on, when mechanics are not working on repairs, they are working on getting equipment ready for pulling in season.

ROBINSON -

Has been helping Al Dailey, has also been working with EGLE (Environmental, Great Lakes, and Energy) on getting permits pulled on the culverts that failed during flood and need to be replaced.

Got a phone call from a resident around Wolf Lake, resident is wondering why he can no longer go and dump leaves in the retention pond area anymore? With some research, found out that Lake County Road Commission owns the property that the retention pond is located.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Divis to pay the DNR (Department of Natural Resources), \$51,415.38 for the tree's located on the lease property near Webber Pit.

Supported by Haslock.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Haslock to put the purchasing of Broom into Manager Leroy Williams Jr and Equipment Supervisor William Van Dyke hands, and to not exceed \$100,000.00.

Supported by Divis.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

William Van Dyke, Equipment Supervisor at Lake County Road Commission, requested a closed session per MCL 15.268 1(a) regarding personal matters.

A motion was made by Divis to enter closed session to discuss an employee's personal matters per MCL 15.268 1 (a).

Supported by Haslock.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried. Entered Closed Session at 10:32 a.m.

A motion was made by Divis to re-enter open session from closed.

Supported by Haslock.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried. Meeting re-opened at 12:08 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: May 14th, 2026, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Divis to adjourn.

Supported by Truxton.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Austin MacDougall – Secretary

Approved by:


Richard J. Haslock - Chairman


Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman


Don Divis - Member