

July 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 (In Late)*
Al Dailey, *Road Foreman*
~~Dennis Robinson, Shop Foreman~~
Brett Frederick, *Engineer Tech*
Stephanie Payne, *Finance & HR Assistant*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Truxton to approve July 9th, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Divis to approve July 9th, 2026, closed meeting minutes.

Supported by Truxton.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Truxton to approve:

Payroll Voucher	#5422	\$120,894.69
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5423	\$113,125.47
FSA Voucher	#5424	\$743.42
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5423A	\$12,875.00

Supported by Divis.

Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

James Young, Webber Township resident, came to the Board to express his concerns on Peacock Trail north of US-10. Stated that he has went to the township and expressed the same concerns he is doing today. Thank'd us for the work that we do on the road, asked that in the future if we think we could do any improvements with hauling material in. Also asked the Board about ORV speed limit signs.

Stg Bob Meyers, Lake County Sheriff's Department, believes that they are all out of ORV signs, not sure if there are any left. Will find out about the ORV signs and if Fox Motor Sports is willing to get the signs for the Townships that request them.

Chuck Brooks, Brooks Heating and Cooling, came to present a proposed maintenance contract to the Board. Also presented a quote for work that is needing to be done at the Radio Tower up near Wolf Lake.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Jamie Russell:

Absent.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Paul Bunyan meeting is coming up August 20th at Caberfae Peaks, RSVP is needing to be in by August 14th. Who is wanting to go? All three commissioners, manager Leroy Williams, and I will be attending the Paul Bunyan meeting. RSVP's will be sent in.

Have bent sent over a preview of the website for review. Sent to the rest of management for their review. Replied stating that the cite looks good, they are going to start the final steps of getting everything transferred over before cite goes live. Is will to get on Teams call with Stephanie and I to teach us how to do the uploading on new cite once up and running.

Tuesday July 28th, DMC Unlimited will be in office to finalize server migration. All documents have been moved to the new server, they are just having to permanently install that new server along with decommissioning the old server and uninstalling that.

Brought and presented the Board with a copy of the 5 year contract from Maner Costerisan for our Annual Financial Audit that they made the motion of going into last meeting for their reviewal.

Working on FEMA Flood stuff, missed the first two meetings because I knew nothing about them. Was included in on the third meeting, so attended that. Still quite confused on what was needed to be done. Jake Carter, Lake County Emergency Manager, has been very helpful throughout this.

With Bill retiring, I have now taken over his credit card dispute fully. With that I have spent a couple hours on the phone with the lawyer and the bank each week trying to get that resolved and taken care of. This is still an ongoing issue.

Lastly, I am trying to do as much training as I can with having all this other stuff going on. Gets quite difficult at times with handling all that, not enough time in the day for both always, but Stephanie is doing a good job during the time we have had to train.

MANAGER:

Going to get a crew up working on the Olga Lake project for the Forest Service. Have a meeting set with Tim Fischer to met at the pit we are hauling gravel from to learn the scales. Also have been requested to take one of our loaders up there, so that he doesn't have to have someone there to load our drivers.

MDOT contract will be finished up soon. Had to get with insurance company to get a copy of our insurance policy. Talked with Kyle from MDOT, it is pretty much the same contract just renewing it for another 5 years. Will need a resolution from the Board to accept the MDOT contract.

Dial-a-Ride dropped off a flyer to the Road Commission, they are having a 50th year celebration on August 7th at noon. A copy was dropped off in breakroom for all employees to see.

Talked with Bill Terryn from Gerber Construction, going to get an estimate to see how much it will cost to fix the beams in the salt shed as well as the needed concrete work.

No Parking signs up at the Prison in Weber Township, sent the estimate over to the undersheriff, informed us that he will get that sent in. Have heard nothing on the matter since.

Going to be getting together a couple pieces of equipment to list for sale on Rangerbid like we do every year. Joel with Rangerbid is supposed to be in Monday to take pictures of the equipment we are listing for sale.

Just wanted to bring to the Board attention, that the annual used to be McGuire's Golf Outing. That is coming up on August 13th, does happen to fall on a Board Meeting day.

Jill Johnson, Chase Township resident, sent in an email, they are interested in getting some rumble strips on 64th Street leading up to Hawkins Rd. She then asked if it would be possible to make a 4-way stop there at Hawkins and 64th. Emailed her back saying that he would do some research into the matter, if she wanted to get with her township.

Received an email from Del with MDOT, he informed me that they be working on getting the rumble strips installed at the US-10/M-37 junction. Putting only on the west side on the junction, US-10 side only. Mention that we have the money for a Round-a-Bout, but until that can be built, asked thoughts on a 4-way Stop there until Round-a-Bout will be built. Commissioners stated that if we do one 4-way at the North Junction, one needs to be done on the South Junction as well and it is not replacing the Round-a-Bout at the North Junction.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

Has a crew out getting some blacktop patch work done at the spots we had to cut the road in order to get the culvert replaced. Also having them do a patch where we are wanting to chip seal.

Had a lot of employees out patching potholes, got some other employees out claying some roads, and has a couple employees out mowing.

AL –

Thinks that we should be done with the work on 72nd Street today. Millings are all down, shoulder work has been completed, has a crew out there today working on some driveways. Only thing we have left to do is chip seal.

Got the Queens Highway culvert all patched in, is wanting to chip seal that this year.

Some employees up in Olga Lake, we are doing some work for the Forest Service. Have been brush hogging, had some trees that needed to be removed, and getting the road prepped for gravel.

Hoping the second week of August to start the second Brine for the year.

ROBINSON –

Absent.

FREDERICK -

Got the permit for the culvert replacement on Lakola between Centerline and 1 Mile. Now just waiting on the culvert.

Has been working on Traffic Count on the railroad crossings for MDOT, should have those completed by Monday or Tuesday.

OLD BUSINESS:

64th Street Bridge, Lake Township, Manager Leroy Williams met with the Lake Township Supervisor Bob Mateja to go over the bridge replacement.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Truxton to enter into a maintenance contract agreement with Brooks Heating and Cooling.

Supported by Divis

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

A motion was made by Truxton to replace one unit up at the Radio Tower currently, other at a later date, with the work to be done by Brooks Heating and Cooling.

Supported by Divis

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried.

Resolution #26-7-23 to update the names on the Business Credit Card Account was brought in front of the Board.

A motion was made by Haslock to accept Resolution #26-7-23 to update the names listed on the Business Credit Card Account for the Lake County Road Commission.

Supported by Divis

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

A motion was made by Haslock to add Stephanie Payne to the Lake County Road Commission's Material, Payroll, and FSA accounts at the Lake Osceola State Bank.

Supported by Truxton

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

A motion was made by Truxton to enter closed session requested by Manager Leroy Williams to discuss personal issues and give a legal update to the board per MCL 15.268 1(a).

Supported by Divis

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried. Entered Closed session at 10:17am.

A motion was made by Truxton to go back into open session from closed.

Supported by Divis

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried. Entered Open session at 10:56am.

Commissioner Don Divis brought up an email he had received about Brining on Astor Rd in Peacock Township. An individual reached out asking about having the road brined, was told by Township that they don't have the funding.

Richard Haslock brought up that last meeting they entered closed session to discuss who was going to be named the next manager of the Road Commission once Leroy Williams retires.

A motion was made by Truxton to name Shawn MacDougall the next manager after the retirement of current Manager Leroy Williams, filling Leroy's request to name his replacement.

Supported by Divis

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried.

With Shawn MacDougall being named the next manager, Gary Truxton stated that Shawn should be added to the list for attending the next Paul Bunyan meeting on August 20th.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Richard Haslock just wanted to inform everyone that he will not be attending our next Board meeting on August 13th.

Don Divis made mention of Cedar and 3 Mile, this was brought up to him, the corner where the post are located, can they have those there? Also is another on Kings Hwy in the sharp bend. How do we handle that?

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: August 13th, 2026, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Truxton to adjourn.

Supported by Divis.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

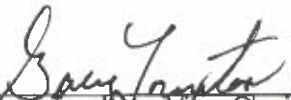
Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Austin MacDougall – Secretary

Approved by:

Richard J. Haslock - Chairman


Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman


Don Divis - Member