

August 13th, 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 (In Late)
Dennis Robinson, Shop Foreman
~~Brett Frederick, Engineer Tech~~
Stephanie Payne, Finance & HR Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Divis to approve July 23rd, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Truxton.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Truxton to approve July 23rd, 2026, closed meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

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	#5425	\$90,949.32
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5426	\$243,127.95
FSA Voucher	#5427	\$1,156.96
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5423B	\$5,232.50
Payroll Voucher	#5428	\$113,893.94
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5429	\$354,435.24
FSA Voucher	#5430	\$714.46

Supported by Truxton.

Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ann Thomas, Peacock Township, came to the Board and asked if Spencer Bridge is a County bridge or an MDOT bridge. It is set to be replaced in the spring or summer of 2027. MDOT is wanting to rerate the bridge from 13 tons currently down to 3-4 tons. Asked how that is going to work for emergency personnel, is concerned for the residents who live past Spencer Bridge.

Keith Vaughan, Resident of Lake Township, asked if we would be able to put a temporary bridge over the 64th St Bridge in Lake Township, we cannot. Brought up paper roads, wanted to make the board aware of an individual on Honeymoon Lake Dr in Lake Township who he thinks has personal property within our right of way. Lastly, wanted to let the Board know about a puddling water on the corner of Central Park Blvd and Sunrise Dr, stated he believes we have a bigger problem there than we think.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Jamie Russell:

Not a whole lot going on, the economic development alliance has a grant agreement with the LEO (Labor, Economics, and Opportunity) for multiple grants mainly focus on tourism.

Community Mental Health still has their emergency mental health services located in Mason County, but anyone can go.

District Health 10 has put a warning on the cyclosporiasis, which is the lettuce contamination, they did state could be water born as well. If you have any stomach issues, please see a doctor.

DNR (Department of Natural Resources) is having an open house August 18th at 3pm. They are doing their 2 year forest planning, wanting input on where to do cutting, thinning, burning, and tree planting.

Statewide materials management plan is still being worked on. They are trying to introduce a statewide recycling plan. Having to work out with places that already have one in place.

Village of Baldwin along with the DDA, are applying for a FEMA grant through Next Generation Warning Systems for the outdoor siren project. Looking to purchase 16 sirens one for each township.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Have gotten our annual 18J completed and sent back into the State.

Sever migration has been completed. Old sever is completely out of commission and has been disposed of. New severs installation has been completed with removal of the old.

Reservations and payment have been all taken care of for the Paul Bunyan meeting on August 20th.

Our new website is now live and operational. Stephanie and I sat through meeting on August 5th to go over how to operate and upload information to the new site.

Still working with FEMA on the flood damage. Have sent them over final cost on 10 of the 11 culverts that I was given.

Annual MERS conference is coming up October 8th and 9th. Manager Leroy Williams, Road Foreman Shawn MacDougall, Engineer Tech Brett Frederick, Finance & HR Assistant Stephanie Payne, and I will be attending. Moving the scheduled October 8th Board Meeting to October 7th.

Commissioners Seminar is coming up on September 27th and 28th. All three commissioners are wanting to attend. Manager Leroy Williams will be attending the seminar as well. All four will leave the morning of the 28th to attend, registration will be completed.

MANAGER:

Received a letter from AT&T saying that we damaged a phone box with our brush hog. They are wanting the Road Commission to pay \$3,635.17, an email was sent back informing them that we didn't do any work there.

Salt shed out back, Gerber Construction will be doing the work. Contacted Kyle with MDOT to inform him of the work. Kyle stated that he is wanting to send the salt that is owed to the county by the state.

Gravel Trains, we are selling a set of ours. Looked at some used ones and is anywhere from \$35 to \$50 grand, just not a lot out there and with used like that you have to figure all the money spent to get them operational. Brand new set is \$168,000 just have to figure out tarp system we want. Jeff's Trucking has a set of V-Bottom Trains and another set of trains for sale, wants \$130,000 for V-Bottoms and \$30,000 for the other set. Not sure this is the route we want to take, not sure what they are used for. Tabled until next meeting.

MDOT Safety Grant for Central Park Blvd, MDOT is no longer wanting to do the project due to the way the road lies.

Has been mentioned before, people having personal property within the plated roadway or right of way, the one individual has moved his fence as requested.

Trucks from St Joe County, called to see the status of the trucks, just waiting for them to finish getting things removed off the trucks.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

Absent, is out running the chip sealing crew.

AL –

Chip sealing should be completed next week, weather permitting.

Still working on getting some patches done where we had culverts to replace. Only two patches left to do, one on Raymond Rd and the other on Hawkins Rd.

Had another culvert fail on 4 ½ Mile Rd west of Raymond Rd.

Planning to start the second brining for the year. We are starting the second brine Monday, and we are starting in Lake Township.

Work being done up at Olga Lake has been completed for the Forest Service. The rest of the money from that contract will be spent on Mac Rd north of US-10. A crew is on Mac Rd prepping that road for gravel. Has another employee up on Path Ave starting the prep work for work to be done next year.

Another Beaver dam has been found clogging a culvert. This culvert is located on Hamilton Rd north of 11 Mile.

Leroy mentioned another contract for Olga Lake that has been signed for more work to be done up .

ROBINSON –

Samsara, cameras and data stuff they are putting in the trucks whenever they have time. Currently have 18 done.

John Deere Brush Hog that we took to Lake City to the John Deere Dealership, finally able to give estimate, estimate came back at around \$25,000.00 to repair.

Went up to Stoops last week or so and picked up our new Tandem truck.

Has Advantage Fleet doing up a quote for building out our new tandem. If price is comparable, thinks this is the option we should go with.

All Ranger Bid equipment that is being sold in the auction is all set ready to go.

Our roller failed this week out on the chip sealing crew. Believes it is time to start looking for a new one. Checked into a rental for time being, and the rental company was wanting \$2,700.00 per week.

Back up generator is needing some work done to handle some needed repairs. Needing \$4,700.00 in repairs, once that is completed it should be all set.

FREDERICK -

Absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

64th Street Bridge, Lake Township, no update was given this meeting.

MDOT Contract, Leroy Williams presented resolution #26-8-13 to the board.

A motion was made by Truxton to accept resolution #26-8-13 accepting the proposed contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Lake County Road Commission.

Supported by Divis

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Don stated that he appreciates all that we do here at the Road Commission.

Gary stated that he appreciates what Leroy Williams does and has done here at the Lake County Road Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: August 27th, 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.

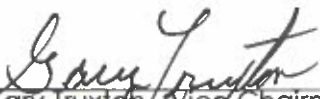
Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

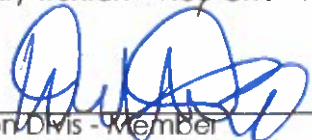
Respectfully submitted by:


Austin MacDougall - Secretary

Approved by:


Richard J. Haslock - Chairman


Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman


Don Divis - Member