

August 27th, 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 (In Late)*
Dennis Robinson, *Shop Foreman*
Brett Frederick, *Engineer Tech*
~~Stephanie Payne, Finance & HR Assistant~~

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Truxton to approve August 13th, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

Supported by Divis.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Divis to approve:

Payroll Voucher	#5431	\$87,144.44
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5432	\$322,325.91
FSA Voucher	#5433	\$1,072.41
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5429A	\$22,341.61

Supported by Truxton.

Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Residents of Peacock Township came to express their want for having Astor Rd brined. Asked what they could do to get that section of road brined. Was explained that the Township's choose what roads are brined and that the only roads being brined are the ones the township elected.

Bob Mateja, Lake Township Supervisor, came to the board also with questions about brine, his just within Lake Township. Bob asked if doing a second pass on the second brine is an option, was explained to him that it is. Asked how many times a year the brining is done. Bob then wanted to thank foreman Shawn MacDougall for getting signs put up. Brought up the dip in the road located by Mr. Bibs. Stated that he has gotten a couple calls in regards to encroachment letter we sent out in the mail. Lastly, asked about the Central Park safety grant, Bob was informed that MDOT is cancelling that project due to condition of how road lies.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Jamie Russell:

They are still in negotiation with the Sheriff's department across the street.

Open house at the old Cattail Restaurant is today from 3pm to 6pm, still currently only one business is set to go in one of the 3 units within that building, hoping the other 2 units will fill up.

Has heard no update on the railroad in regards to the hauling of the Potash.

There is some Dam legislation that is coming up, if this is passed it will affect the counties, because it would put dam maintenance under the county's jurisdiction.

Lake County Treasurer's office is still accepting applications for participants for the blight and dumpster programs. If you know anyone who could us help with removal.

EGLE (Environmental, Great Lakes, and Energy) are going to be coming over to the courthouse to examine where back in the day there were underground tanks. Report was never closed out, coming to do that and get that closed out.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

All three commissioners and manager Leroy Williams are all registered and set to attend the commissioner's seminar on September 28th. Payment is taken care of as well.

Still working with FEMA on the Flood Damage. Ran into a little issue but working to get that resolved. Currently, 10 culverts have been submitted.

Received our MCRC SIP (Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool) refund. Our refunded amount was \$70,125.00.

Everything has been posted for the moving of our board meeting from October 8th to October 7th. Meeting is still at 1180 Michigan Ave, Baldwin, start at 9am.

Still working with the bank on the credit card issue. A manager is supposed to be calling, so hopefully after that phone call, the issue will be resolved.

MANAGER:

Absent.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

Work is being done on the salt shed. State is having the concrete apron in front extended out making it a larger pad.

The salt has been delivered. This is the salt that MDOT borrowed from us this winter when our State Salt ran out. They have now returned all that was borrowed.

Finished up our chip sealing projects for the year. All went well, especially considering all the new employees we had out on the crew. All that was done looks good.

Had a couple employees out on Mac Rd north of US-10. They are getting that road prepped for a gravel job being done by us for the US Forest Service.

Put an order in for our last load of patch tar for the year. Went with a half load to insure we can get all tar used before the winter season is here.

AL –

Should have brining completed next week weather permitting.

All culverts that were needing a blacktop patch to finish the replacement have been completed.

Has had some blade trucks out to blade some roads to deal with the chatter bumps.

ROBINSON –

Had a used equipment auction through Rangerbid. The equipment auction brought us in \$51,174.00, and the forklift auction brought in \$5,640.00. Both auctions combined totaling \$56,814.00.

Got with Butch at Truck and Trailer, sat down and went over what all parts are needed to be ordered to get the trucks built out. Other company we were going to see about building trucks, cannot get the parts.

We got two trucks from Mecosta County, one of those trucks the motor will be taken out and out into Truck #058. Other truck will go out into the fleet. We also got two trucks from St Joseph.

Got a call that our single axels are in, planning a time to go up and get those picked up.

FREDERICK -

Spencer Bridge met with MDOT, as of right now, MDOT is still wanting to reclassify the bridge down to a 10ft width with only a 3 ton limit. Waiting on a price to see how much repairs would be to hold the limit of the bridge at 9 ton.

OLD BUSINESS:

64th Street Bridge, Lake Township, bridge has been ordered and is being built. Will be stored at Krenn Timber Bridge location until next year when ready to start replacement.

Gravel Trains, no update at this time, Denny stated that Leroy Williams has been out and has had lot going on, has had the time to look into the matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Gary said things seem to be going well, just have to get the gravel train situation figured out.

Don asked about the cement on US-10 east of town. What is the state doing there? And when? Won't those affect winter maintenance on the highway?

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: September 10th, 2026, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Divis to adjourn.

Supported by Truxton.

Roll Call vote.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

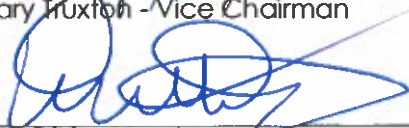
Respectfully submitted by:


Austin MacDougall – Secretary

Approved by:


Richard J. Haslock – Chairman


Gary Truxton – Vice Chairman


Don Divis – Member