

September 10th, 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~~
~~Dennis Robinson, Shop Foreman~~
~~Brett Frederick, Engineer Tech~~
Stephanie Payne, Finance & HR Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Divis to approve August 13th, 2026, regular 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 Haslock to approve:

Payroll Voucher	#5434	\$94,604.69
Accounts Payable Voucher	#5435	\$183,932.57
FSA Voucher	#5436	\$990.15

Supported by Truxton.

Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stg Meyers stated that we made it through the holiday weekend, and with the holiday weekend, he has noticed some ORV damage. Mentioned the trailing crossing on Twin Lake, said that is one that is needing some attention.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

Jamie Russell:

Absent.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

We have received our MTF Funds for July, we received \$498,060.77, which is a 16% increase from what we received for July of 2025.

Exciting news, we have received our first NRF Fund payment. Our first payment of NRF is totaling \$503,839.89; with \$10,000 allocated for NRF Engineering and the remainder to be split between local and primary roads.

Our loan for tractors 70 and 71 have been paid off. This is our third loan paid off, taking three loans off our long term debt schedule. We have four loans remaining on our long term debt, 3 to be paid off in 2028, and the last one to be paid off in 2029.

Worked on and filled out packet that was needed by the State to continue our work with the FEMA process.

Will be starting to get invoices around to send out to the townships now that our brining and chip sealing are done for 2026. Once I get with foreman's for final cost, will get those invoices out.

MANAGER:

Sandra Lehm, Board Member at Pleasant Plains Township, emailed asking if rumble strips could be installed at that train tracks on 76th Street.

Township Supervisor from Pinora Township called asking if we could replace the current yield signs with stop signs on 40th Street at the intersection of Saddler Road.

Paint stripping is just about done, they weren't able to yesterday due to the rain.

The Lake County Court House has reached out asking if we would be able to install some post for them over at the Court House.

Repairs to the salt shed have been completed. We just need to do some dirt work, and it will be all finished.

MDOT contract has been signed by both Manager Leroy Williams and The Board Chairman Richard Haslock.

Our three single axels are in and are currently being stored in our Luther garage.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL –

Spencer Bridge, the guardrail has been installed, as well as new weight limit signs, those have also been installed.

Has had a couple of employees out starting the second mowing on our county blacktop roads for the year.

Had the broom go through all our chip seal jobs last week to do a light sweeping over the new chip seal to get any excess stone off the road.

Catching up on some things around the county, has had a grader out in a couple areas fixing logger damage.

Sign tech has been out getting some sign work done. While had others out in patch wagons patching potholes.

Two employees have been working in the shop and up at Webber Pit working on getting our sand screen operational.

Now has a beaver problem on his side of the county. Has had a screen installed up at Beaver Lake in Elk Township. Does have a local in the area trying to trap the beaver. Had to send a couple employees to clean the screen.

Culvert on Lakola, that replacement job should be completed today.

Working on a gravel job on Mac Rd, doing this whenever the weather permits. Needing to have job completed before the end of the month.

Had a couple employees out on our woods roads, doing some work on those before winter comes.

AL –

Absent.

ROBINSON –

Absent.

Manger Leroy Williams reported that our newer 2 mechanics were sent up to Stoops to take part in a training session.

FREDERICK -

Absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

64th Street Bridge, Lake Township, bridge has been ordered and is being built. Once built, will wait until Spring and then will start the process of getting that bridge replaced.

Gravel Trains, bid opening at 10:00am. Bids have been opened and reviewed. A decision was tabled and will be made at a later date.

Commissioner Don Divis asked the question on what all vehicles Samsara will be installed in.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kyle with MDOT came and talked with the Board. Answered some questions that they had for him and listened to them express their concerns.

COMMISSIONERS PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Gary informed everyone that he himself, Leroy Williams, and Rick Haslock had a meeting at the courthouse with Tobi Lake, Howie Ludholtz, and Bob Sanders to discuss the commissioners being paid to be the drain commission as well.

Don wanted to make known that Elk Township has \$273,936 in their road fund account and are wanting to spend that on some road projects.

Rick just wanted to mention that he is glad that we got some chip sealing done this year, stated he believes all that we chip sealed looks really good.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: September 24th, 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 11:31 a.m.

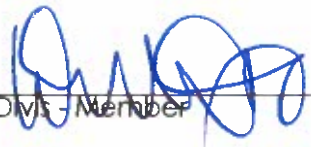
Respectfully submitted by:


Austin MacDougall – Secretary

Approved by:


Richard J. Haslock - Chairman

Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman


Don Divis - Member

