

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Newaygo County was called to order by the Chairman Gonyon at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at the road commission offices.

Commissioners present: William Gonyon, Douglas Harmon, and Lee Fetterley
Staff present: Derek Wawczyk, Manager and Kerry Hewitt, Clerk
Others present: Cathy Grover, Steven Nowicki with TBD Construction, and Kody Park with Rieth-Riley.

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 9, 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve the following vendor checks, ach vendor payments, and payroll checks:

April 25, 2025

Vendor checks # 65957 - # 65981 and ACH Vendor checks elect. #14423 - #14451 in the amount of \$620,296.17 and Payroll checks # 60124 - # 60139 in the amount of \$112,440.58.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Cathy Grover expressed her concerns with the trouble of water trapped on Lincoln and Evergreen. She has personally dug trenches to get the water off the road. A few years ago, the road commission made cuts to help the water runoff, and she would really appreciate any help.

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow and township project spreadsheet.

Kerry informed the board that the next Paul Bunyan meeting will be held at Caberfae on May 15th.

Kerry presented the following contract with **Garfield Township**:

- 80th St. west of Bingham Ave. – Crush, Shape, and Pave

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve and sign the above-mentioned contract with Garfield Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the board with the official FY2024 audit she received from the Department of Treasury. Kerry also presented the board with some revenue and expenditure data from the ACT51 report.

Derek informed the board that he has been in contact with Oakland County about purchasing our 2026 Fed Aid.

Derek reported that he and Mike met with the AES Corporation regarding a proposed solar project in Garfield and Sheridan Townships. Derek shared a flier with the board, which they propose to lease 1900 acres. They discussed future road projects, commercial driveways, and installation of fencing.

Derek informed the board that he attended the rural task force meeting in Muskegon on the 22nd. They discussed Mason and Muskegon County's change of all-season routes. Derek updated the group on the selling of our 2026 Fed Aid.

Derek reported that he will be meeting Ben Johnson with EGLE at the Vista Dr. box culvert project to discuss the old control structure. The old structure is still in the water. By permit we were going to remove it, but our equipment could not move it and we did not feel the need to disturb the lake and bank. Wayne with Kent County will also be in attendance.

Derek informed the board that Tri-Us Services have completed the MDOT and county roadside sweeping.

Derek reported on the Spruce Ave. bridge Pre-Con meeting that was held here on the 17th. In attendance was Miller Bridge Construction and Jon Moxey with Fleis and Vandenbrink. They are anticipating a July start date, and by permit must be out of the water by the end of October.

Derek reported on the M-37 corridor meeting that was held here on the 10th. MDOT discussed future and current projects. They mentioned the section of M-37 between White Cloud and Newaygo slated for 2028. They also discussed the probability of a stoplight being installed at 40th St. and M-37, and extending the turn lane at M-82 south towards 88th St.

Derek informed the board that the Michigan Wetland Board has approved the application for us to sponsor the Wetland Bank in Garfield Township. Derek has not seen the official contract yet.

Derek informed the board that the second plow truck was delivered yesterday. Derek reported that we will begin gathering trucks and equipment around for auction.

Derek provided a construction update.

Derek informed the board that we have a visibility issue at Warner Ave. and 108th St., which is school owned property. Justin received permission from Fremont Public Schools to do what we need to make that intersection safer. We appreciate their cooperation.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner discussion items:

Commission Fetterley said he visited the Beech Ave. project and what we have done so far looks good.

Commissioner Harmon said he noticed the contractor painting lines in our county. Derek informed the board that Michigan Pavement Markings could start early this year, so we provided them with a map of approximately 30 miles.

Commission Harmon said they will be starting the interview process today for the Parks Director.

Commission Harmon said he sat down last week Monday with Derek and Kerry and composed a letter to Cory Nelson.

Commissioner Gonyon said Chris Ortwein contacted him about Carrigan Dr. Derek mentioned that there is a crack across the road where we had previously wedged. Derek said he needs to contact Morgan with Croton Township to see if they would like us to AMZ that section.

With no objections, Chairman Gonyon adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk