

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 9, 2025, at the road commission offices.

Commissioners present: William Gonyon, Douglas Harmon, and Lee Fetterley
Staff present: Derek Wawczyk, Manager and Kerry Hewitt, Clerk

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 21, 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:

March 28, 2025

Vendor checks # 65901 - # 65928 and ACH Vendor checks elect. #14361 - #14388 in the amount of \$156,608.27 and Payroll checks # 60092 - # 60107 in the amount of \$127,626.35.

April 11, 2025

Vendor checks # 65930 - # 65956 and ACH Vendor checks elect. #14389 - #14422 in the amount of \$424,863.29 and Payroll checks # 60108 - # 60123 in the amount of \$114,123.66.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, MVHF comparison, budget reports, and fuel savings spreadsheets through March.

Kerry presented the board with an updated township project spreadsheet.

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

- Walnut Ave. between 112th St. and 120th St. – Wedge and Overlay

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

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

- 8th St. between Comstock Ave. and Dickinson Ave. – Wedge and Overlay

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

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

- 136th St. between Spruce Ave. and Oak Ave. – Wedge and Overlay

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

Derek reported that he and Justin attended the Garfield Township road committee meeting on Monday April 7th. Derek reiterated how much he enjoys attending their meeting. They have new committee members, and it was good round table conversations. Derek noted that the owner of the campground expressed his gratitude for how well we maintain the road, and discussions took place on the future of improving the hill. Derek mentioned that we will place our traffic counter in the area a few times this summer to capture counts.

Derek reported that he and Mike met with Sheridan Township on April 8th to discuss potential projects. Sheridan Township has a newly elected road millage, which will help with their deteriorating local road system. Mike had written a few different estimates, and they went over each one explaining them in detail. Derek mentioned the possibility in the future of working with the township to switch the primary section of 72nd St. to 80th St. so the primary route is a straight shot from Maple Island Rd. to Warner Ave.

Derek informed the board that we have taken delivery on our new 265 CAT track steer. Derek informed the board that he thinks it is time to place the 299 CAT track steer, along with a few of the older plow trucks in an auction in the near future. The board had no objections.

Derek informed the board that we are currently demoing a Falcon asphalt hot box trailer from Alta Equipment. Derek said it will be extremely helpful in the spring and fall months when it is colder, the material holds well in the holes. He also mentioned they were able to heat up and use a 15-ton pile of older cold patch that they would have normally thrown out. Derek presented the board with the specification from Alta Equipment through the MiDeal program. Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to accept management's recommendation and purchase the Falcon 4-ton asphalt transporter and hot box trailer from Alta Equipment per specifications for \$34,4363.92. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek informed the board that MDOT asked if we could host an M-37 corridor trunkline meeting for Lake and Newaygo County entities. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th at 9:30 a.m.

Derek informed the board that we have a preconstruction meeting for the Spruce Ave. bridge project here on April 17th.

Derek reported that he and Kerry attended the CRA conference on March 25th – 27th. The road show was good. In fact, that is what triggered the demo of the 4-ton hot box trailer. Derek said he was also able to speak with Truck and Trailer and they gave him an update and showed him pictures on our next set of trucks. He was surprised that they were ready for paint already.

Derek informed the board that Jon with F&V has applied for the EGLE permit on our behalf for the Elm Ave. north of 13 Mile Rd. bridge project. The soil borings are done, and they are currently working on the pile driving specs.

Derek provided the board with an update on current construction projects.

Derek informed the board that Bob with Tri-Us Sweeping will be working on the highways soon. Commissioner Gonyon inquired if M-82 and Linden were on his list because every year he gets phone calls on sweeping that intersection.

Commissioner Harmon asked when the roadside parks would be open. Derek informed the board that MDOT called yesterday to let us know that we will be opening them next Monday.

Commissioner Harmon asked if we heard anything about the Hardy Dam project being postponed. Derek reported that we were notified yesterday of a temporary pause in construction due to ongoing RFP negotiations on the future outcome of the company’s 13 hydroelectric facilities. Consumers will continue to keep the County informed about any changes to the project timeline and provide updates as soon as they have more information. Derek also reported that he was informed that the current engineer of the project is transitioning somewhere else. Derek mentioned that he was the third engineer that we worked with regarding this project.

Derek informed the board that he was approached by Ross, the Chief Union Steward, and he and Kyle, Union Steward, would like to attend a 2-day leadership conference. He asked if they could be paid as union education for their time at the conference. The board had no objections.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Harmon informed the board that they received quite a few applicants for the Parks Director position. The committee has begun to narrow down the applicants and will soon select potential candidates for interviews. Derek reported that we will start working on removing stumps at the new Marina away from the water soon.

Commissioner Gonyon reported that he received a phone call from Malcom with Alpine Contracting wondering why he was not notified of the bid for gravel and 2NS Sand. Kerry informed the board that she spoke with Malcom several times; and in fact, he did receive the bids, and the bids were filled out, but they were never submitted to us.

With no objections, Chairman Gonyon adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk