

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Newaygo County was called to order by the Vice Chairman Harmon at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at the road commission offices.

Commissioners present: Douglas Harmon, and Lee Fetterley
Commissioners absent: William Gonyon
Staff present: Derek Wawsczyk, Manager and Kerry Hewitt, Clerk
Others present: Holly Harmon and Jerry Stuits, Zupin Crane, LLC

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 25, 2025. All ayes.
Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the following vendor checks, ach vendor payments, and payroll checks:
July 2, 2025
Vendor checks # 66087 - # 66116 and ACH Vendor checks elect. #14584 - #14615 in the amount of \$1,401,886.40 and Payroll checks # 60206 - # 60222 in the amount of \$183,203.91.
All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment - none

Bid Opening: Crane for 40th St. box culvert project
Crane Service shall be paid as a lump sum for the project. This includes setting the precast footings, and hy-span structure including wing walls. Crane Service shall provide crane, crane operator, and rigging capable of lifting and setting the precast footings and an 18’ x 11’ x 100’ Hy-span Bridge including wing walls. Work will take place in late August -early September 2025.

BIDDER	LUMP SUM TOTAL
G2, Inc.	\$78,000.00
ZUPIN CRANE, LLC	\$57,900.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to accept management's recommendation and award the crane services for the 40th St. at Bigelow Creek project to low bid, Zupin Crane, LLC. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Kerry presented the board with budget reports and fuel savings through June.

Kerry reported that we received a refund from CRASIF in the amount of \$28,372.09, along with notification that \$5,703 will be applied to reduce our 2025-2026 premiums.

Kerry informed the board that she sent over information on the chip seal process per Commissioner Harmon’s suggestion to Mr. Wheeler at the Fremont Times Indicator. Mr. Wheeler said he has drafted an article for the Indicator.

Kerry reported that she and Derek have been in discussions with Jennifer, Acrisure on insurance renewal rates and company comparisons. Kerry will present information to the board once we have a few feasible options.

Derek reported that everything for the 40th St. project has been let out for bid. The box culvert is on schedule. Derek mentioned a zoom meeting with Trout Unlimited to be on the same page and timeline. It is a large project, with an unfortunate large detour.

Derek reported on the leased graders that he has been working on with Jim Langbeen, Michigan Cat/MacAllister, and based on the numbers, it does not make financial sense to keep our current graders with additional warranty. Under the MiDeal program, Michigan Cat/MacAllister will give us \$30,000 for each existing leased grader to put towards the new leases, and we will extend the lease from 5 years to 7 years with 6500 hours. Our new lease payment for the 14 ft. construction grader would be \$56,954 a year and the lease payments for the 12 ft. maintenance graders would be \$50,817.54. Motion was made by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to accept management’s recommendations and move forward with the new lease agreements with Michigan Cat/MacAllister. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek informed the board that we had a truck in the 4th of July parade in Hesperia, and we will participate in the kids’ day event at the Baby Food Festival on July 16th and in their parade on July 19th.

Derek informed the board that he has been working with Julie Burrell, Right Place, on historical signs for the Woodland Park area. He mentioned that they had 14 signs made, and we have agreed to install them.

Derek reported that Trout Unlimited has partnered with the White River Watershed at looking at future funding of a project on Spruce Ave. over the Flinton Creek.

Derek informed the board that the 2026 Local Grade Crossing Surface Program Call for Projects was just released. Derek mentioned that we worked with the railroad company outside of the program to repair the crossing on Green Ave. The last crossing we would like to see worked on would be Monroe St. near Sycamore Ave. Kerry will contact the railroad company to see if there is available funding in our area before going through the entire process of submitting.

Derek provided a construction update.

Derek reported that we have taken delivery of the Elm Ave. timber bridge. We have the plans and can begin some of the assembly. Derek noted that this is 2 months ahead of schedule.

Derek mentioned that a ride along will need to occur on the chip and fog seal that was part of the MDOT bid letting process with MDOT and Wayne, Kent County Road Commission. During this time, Derek will suggest sites for next year’s letting, since neither Kent nor Oakland can purchase our Fed. Aid. The two locations Derek would like to look at are 40th St. between Gordon and M-37 and Wisner Ave. between M-20 and 3 Mile Rd., both great crush and shape candidates.

Commissioner discussion items:
Commissioner Fetterley asked how Beech Ave. project is holding up with the last few rain events. Derek said he has been out there numerous times, and it looks wonderful, and we have received zero complaints.

Commissioner Harmon asked if we heard anymore from the easement issue off from Grand Blvd. Derek indicated that he has not heard from either party, and we assume they are resolving it among themselves.

Commissioner Harmon reported that the Tire Collection date has tentatively been set for Saturday, September 20th from 8 a.m. – noon.

Public Comment: none

With no objections, Vice Chairman Harmon adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Doulgas Harmon, Vice-Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk