

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Newaygo County was called to order by Chairman Gonyon at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at the road commission offices.

Commissioners present: William Gonyon, Douglas Harmon, and Lee Fetterley
Staff present: Derek Wawsczyk, Manager; and Kerry Hewitt, Clerk
Others present: Kelly Smith, Consultant; Gary Timmer, UAW; Corey Peterson, Aggressive Tree Service; and Mark Zimmer, resident

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 17, 2024. 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:

February 2, 2024:
Vendor checks # 65117 - # 65139 and ACH Vendor checks # elect. 13312 - # 13345 in the amount of \$837,285.87 and Payroll checks # 59602 - # 59618 in the amount of \$123,250.38.

February 16, 2024:
Vendor checks # 65140 - # 65165 and ACH Vendor checks # elect. 13346 - # 13377 in the amount of \$179,794.15 and Payroll checks # 59619 - # 59634 in the amount of \$108,292.91.
All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Mark Zimmer who lives at 953 E. 136th St., Grant, MI, expressed his concerns with the intersection of Elder Ave. and 136th St. In the southbound lane there is an oak tree that he believes blends in with the stop sign. Numerous times a day people disregard the stop signs resulting in near misses or accidents. Mr. Zimmer is requesting we add a double stop sign, maybe some yellow signs that indicate cross traffic does not stop, or advanced warning signs. It was recommended that Mr. Zimmer bring this concern to the township as well and gather their support. Derek indicated that we would visit the intersection and see if it warrants any changes.

Bid Opening: Tree trimming/cutting

Bidder	BID PRICE = HOURLY RATE					
	60 ft. bucket truck w/operator	Laborer	Chipper	Stump grinder	Skidster to move wood larger trees	2 flaggers
Alpine Tree Service	\$85.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Aggressive Tree Service	\$90.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$30.00
Always There Tree Care LLC	\$105.00	\$39.00	\$35.00	\$250 (85 hp)	\$45.00	\$120.00
Monarch Tree Services, LLC	\$115.00	\$35.00	\$28.00	\$194.50	\$85.00	\$110.00
Chop	\$123.00	\$45.00	\$10.00	\$95.00	\$115.00	\$135.00
Wise Owl Tree Company	\$130.00	\$80.00	\$101.00	\$110.00	\$114.00	\$200.00
Archer Tree Service	\$195.00	\$75.00	\$165.00	\$125.00	\$165.00	\$150.00
** Crane Service hourly rate = \$300.00						

Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to accept management's recommendations and award tree trimming and cutting bid to both Alpine Tree Service and Aggressive Tree Service, depending on their availability to meet our schedule. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bid Opening: Pavement Marking

COMPANY: MICHIGAN PAVEMENT MARKINGS LLC						
	Waterborne Paint		Regular Dry Paint			
Centerline, yellow 4"	0.0590	per lineal foot	0.0790	per lineal foot		
Edgeline, white 4"	0.0570	per lineal foot	0.0790	per lineal foot		
	Thermoplastic		Polyurea		Waterborne or Reg. dry	
Combined arrows	\$ 250.00	ea	\$ 200.00	ea	\$ 60.00	ea
Turn arrows	\$ 150.00	ea	\$ 125.00	ea	\$ 40.00	ea
Stop bar, 24"	\$ 6.00	ft	\$ 9.00	ft	\$ 2.50	ft
Only symbols	\$ 150.00	ea	\$ 125.00	ea	\$ 40.00	ea
Rumble strips	\$ 9.50	ft	no bid	ft	no bid	ft
Railroad symbols	\$ 450.00	ea	\$ 350.00	ea	\$ 100.00	ea
School symbols	\$ 200.00	ea	\$ 200.00	ea	\$ 75.00	ea
Thru arrows	\$ 150.00	ea	\$ 100.00	ea	\$ 40.00	ea
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After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon, to accept management's recommendation and award pavement marking to Michigan Pavement Markings LLC, low bid for regular dry paint. All ayes. Motion carried.

Award Bid: Three (3) model year “new” 4 x 4 extended cab ¾ ton pickups with 8’ box.

After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to accept management's recommendation, due to lead time, costs, and specifications, to not award the bid for Three (3) model year new 4 x 4 extended cab 3/4-ton pickups with 8' box, and allow manager to seek bid purchasing through the MiDeal program. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, budget reports through January, fuel savings for January, and the MVHF Comparison spreadsheet.

Kerry informed the board that she will once again be participating in Career Day at the White Cloud middle school on Monday, February 26th.

Kerry informed the board that the IRS increased the mileage rate to 67 cents, which is up 1.5 cents from 2023.

Kerry presented the Letter of Understanding between NCRC and Int’l Union UAW and Local 2151 regarding the changes to Article 19, Section 3 “Funeral Leave” for Chairman Gonyon’s signature.

Kerry presented resolution # NCRC-02-001-24, a resolution whereas Kent County Road Commission desires to purchase an estimated \$1,106,000 of STP funds in fiscal year 2025 at the rate of 75 cents for non-federal dollars to NCRC in the amount of \$829,500. Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to adopt resolution # NCRC-02-001-24. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry reported that the Act 51 Cover Sheets needed to be signed by Chairman Gonyon. The board had no objections.

Kerry mentioned that the deadline for the early registration for the Highway Conference is February 20th.

Derek informed the board that we delivered the 2 cab and chassis units to Truck and Trailer to be assembled.

Derek reported that the concrete box culvert for the Vista Dr. project has been bid out.

Derek reported that we had a site visit from Sam San Miguel from CRASIF and Mike Phillips from MCRISIP. They were impressed with the upkeep of our facility.

Derek reported that we have taken delivery of the new brush hog, and it is out in the field working.

Derek informed the board that we have been contacted by DTE offering natural gas to the Newaygo facility. The initial hook-up fee is \$2,500, but Derek feels this would be beneficial overall. Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to move forward with the application for natural gas service at the Newaygo facility. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek reported that he continues to work with Wayne Harrell with Kent County on our 2024 Fed Aid chip seal to nail down a bid letting date. He is hoping it will be in the 1st bid letting in April.

Derek informed the board that Jablonski’s sent in a letter requesting to extend the bid for the roadside mowing contract into 2024. Derek was extremely pleased with the roadside mowing last year. Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to accept management’s recommendation and extend our roadside mowing contract with J. Jablonski and Sons. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek reported that he, Kelly, and Mike met with Trout Unlimited and the Forest Service to discuss the Woody Creek and Bigelow projects. Discussion took place on the proposed structure for 40th St. at the West Branch of the Bigelow Creek.

Derek reported that in working with WMSRDC, we along with surrounding counties are applying for funding to rate our secondary roads.

Derek informed the board that the annual letter to the townships for a call for project estimates has generated an interest. Mike has been busy providing those townships with estimates.

Derek reported that he has received a few township requests to pulverize current paved roads into gravel. Discussion took place on the estimate for Dayton Township to improve a section of Dickinson Ave. between 8th St. and 16th St. The estimate was for \$343,000 with NCRC cost share of overhead and 20% or \$90,000, but the township would only like to spend about \$200,000. Derek would really like to see the township improve this section of road versus putting it back to gravel, resulting in an increase in maintenance costs to the road commission. The board agreed to cost share up to 25% on this project due to the potential savings in maintenance costs.

Public Comment: Kelly mentioned that he met with Mike in the City of Grant where Fellows Drain crosses M-37. They have been dealing with flooding issues. MDOT in collaboration with the Drain Commission, have agreed to fund an improvement project in this area to correct the drainage issue.

Gary Timmer reported that he attended the last Union meeting that was held at the Eagles. He noticed that morale has improved, and that Nick is branching out and stepping into a leadership role. Gary would like to send in information for actuaries for our contract negotiations soon. Gary mentioned that Muskegon County’s contract expires on the 18th of June, and they are starting contract talks. Gary asked about the American Classic shingle project, which Derek informed him the timing was poor in October with the weather and the material was scrapped to the side and they will revisit the project when the weather is more favorable. Gary inquired about getting a wider shoulder or a deceleration lane on westbound M-82 for vehicles turning north onto Felch Ave. Derek informed him we can look at the shoulder there, but it is under the jurisdiction of MDOT.

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Harmon reported that the marina transfer is going smoothly. They will be able to amend their existing agreement. He mentioned with all the improvements and upgrades, especially to the docks, that they will more than likely have to shut it down for a season. Commission Harmon also mentioned that County Commissioner Mellema attended the last Troy Township board meeting, and they had some road concerns. Commissioner Harmon suggested going to their next board meeting. Derek agreed to attend their March meeting.

Commissioner Gonyon reported that Mr. Harrington has been contacting him by phone. He continues to have concerns with the guardrail and the bump over Echo Dr. at Robinson Creek. Mr. Gonyon suggested he contacted the office with future concerns.

With no objections, Chairman Gonyon adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk