

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Newaygo County was called to order by Chairman Harmon at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at the road commission offices.

Commissioner present: Douglas Harmon, Lee Fetterley, and John Clark
Staff present: Derek Wawczyk, Manager and Kerry Hewitt, Clerk
Others present: Chad Veenstra, Truck and Trailer Specialists

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for June 10, 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

June 18, 2026:
Vendor checks # 66718 - # 66743 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 15396 - # 15429 in the amount of \$336,265 and Payroll checks # 60590 - # 60603 in the amount of \$142,830.97. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Bid Opening: Detachable Gooseneck Trailer

COMPANY	COMPLETE UNIT	Model	Delivery Date
Royal Truck and Utility Trailer	\$ 92,358.05	2027 Pitts LB55-18GT Lowboy	July 10, 2026
Freightliner of Grand Rapids	\$ 96,745.00	new 2026 Talbert 55CC Lowboy	upon payment
Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc.	\$ 139,406.00	TowMaster 2026 Model T-110DTG	28-32 weeks ARO
AIS Construction Equipment	\$ 139,900.00	Etnyre RTN55TD4 Lowboy	July 1, 2026

Bids will be reviewed and awarded at a later date.

Bid Opening: Upfit Cab & Chassis Units, one spreader body and one dump body

BID COMPANY	Upfit of Cab & Chassis - Spreader body	Upfit of Cab & Chassis - Dump body	Delivery Date
Truck and Trailer Specialties	\$190,843.00 <i>+ available options</i>	\$182,317.00 <i>+ available options</i>	16-18 months ARO

Motion was made by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Clark to accept management's recommendation, and award the upfit of two cab & chassis units; one spreader body and one dump body to low bid, Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, MTF Comparison spreadsheet, and an updated spreadsheet for township projects.

Kerry presented the following contracts with **Norwich Township**:

- Cypress Ave. from 9 Mile Rd. north to cemetery – Reseal
- Elm Ave. from 8 Mile Rd. north to dead-end – Reseal
- 7 Mile Rd. west of Elm Ave. to end of pavement – Reseal
- 8 Mile Rd. from Elm Ave. to Hickory and Hickory north to end of pavement - Reseal

Motion by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve and sign the above-mentioned contracts with Norwich Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented Resolution # NCRC-06-002-26, a resolution in support of managing the trail wayfinding project. Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Clark to approve Resolution # NCRC-06-002-26, filing of an application for funding this project, acknowledging the local match, as well as future maintenance for the project, will be provided by West Michigan Trails and Greenways. If approved for funding, the board designates the Manager to sign the project agreement and the County Engineer to manage the project. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry informed the board that the state trunkline auditors are still working on our FY24 audit.

Kerry informed the board that she was contacted by a team from Plante Moran performing a secondary review of the state emergency funds disbursed to counties for various emergency-related projects that have been completed. They are requesting information pertaining to the flood of 2019.

Derek reported that he received an email from MDOT that the LED light upgrade at the M-20 crossing in White Cloud has been authorized and they anticipate it being complete sometime this summer.

Derek informed the board that he met onsite with EGLE at the recently closed 12 Mile Rd. bridge crossing. Derek reported that he was hoping to be able to install a double or triple culvert to get the road back open quickly, but EGLE denied this request. Derek said now their plan is to remove the deck next week and repair the deck and beams. Derek informed the board that we will apply for local critical bridge funding for both 12 Mile Rd. bridge locations. If they are selected, a contractor can come in and do both bridges at once. If they are not selected, we will plan to install timber bridges at each location one at a time as funding allows.

Derek informed the board that he attended a managers’ luncheon in Cadillac on Monday the 15th. Derek noted that all the managers were in attendance and they had great round table conversations. Derek mentioned a zoom meeting scheduled for the 29th with CRA’s negotiating committee to discuss the 5-year maintenance contract with MDOT.

Derek informed the board that he had a meeting with MDOT, Montcalm, and Mecosta County on the 11th. The discussion was the remaining MDOT budget for the fiscal year and the backfill that was distributed for the winter maintenance overrun. Derek mentioned that MDOT sent over a TWA worth \$284,000 for widening of paved shoulders and approaches on M-82 east.

Derek informed the board that he and Kerry meet with Jennifer Martin and the newly formed health insurance committee to continue health insurance renewal talks. Jennifer did not have the renewal rates at the time of this meeting. Discussion took place on the responses from the employee survey, life insurance, and eye & dental rates. Derek mentioned Jennifer received our renewal rates after the meeting and sent an email stating only a 7% increase.

Derek reported that we attended our first kids’ day event in Croton on the 23rd.

Derek informed the board that Chris Wren has reached out regarding our Solar project here at the road commission. One of his Commissioners had questions on the cost, the program, and the savings.

Derek informed the board that he seen a draft map of the Gus Macker event to be held in Grant. They plan on closing 120th St. and utilizing Willow Ave. and 104th St. as detour routes.

Derek reported that Mike will join representatives from MDOT and WMSRDC and begin the annual Paser ratings of our Fed-Aid eligible roads on the 6th of July.

Derek informed the board that the 2 plow trucks at Truck and Trailer should be done and delivered at the end of August or early September.

Derek provided a construction update.

Commissioner Discussion Items:
Commissioner Fetterley inquired about the Engineering Tech. position. Derek mentioned that he and Mike have been working on the job duties and job description. They keep editing it based on needs and wants for that position.

Commissioner Clark asked if Roese Contracting is required to add topsoil to the areas they are disturbing. Derek mentioned that it is a requirement on the permit, but they wait until the whole project is done and approved before restoration work is performed in case something needs to be adjusted.

Commissioner Harmon thanked management for their compassion, willingness to help other entities, ability to work well with others, and always be part of the solution and not the problem. Commissioner Harmon mentioned not all organizations have that mindset, and he is thankful for the staff we have in place.

Public Comment: none

With no objections, Chairman Harmon adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Douglas Harmon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk