

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, July 8, 2026, at the road commission offices.

Commissioner present: Douglas Harmon, Lee Fetterley, and John Clark
Staff present: Derek Wawsczyk, Manager and Kerry Hewitt, Clerk
Others present: Gary Timmer

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for June 24, 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:

July 1, 2026:

Vendor checks # 66744 - # 66771 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 15430 - # 15466 in the amount of \$785,488.98 and Payroll checks # 60604 - # 60617 in the amount of \$190,793.02. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Award Bid: Detachable Gooseneck Trailer

After discussion, motion was made by Commission Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Clark to accept management's recommendation and award the Detachable Gooseneck Trailer to low bid, Royal Truck and Utility Trailer. The bid meets spec. and the unit is readily available. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, fuel savings through June, and an updated spreadsheet for township and primary projects.

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

- 80th St. from Brucker Ave. to the west – Wedge and Overlay

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

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

- Spruce Ave. from 24th St. south to existing asphalt north of 40th St. – Grub, Grade, Gravel, and Pave
- Larch Ave. from 20th St., 22nd, St. to Spruce Ave. – Grub, Grade, Gravel, and Pave

After discussion, motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Clark to approve and sign the above-mentioned contracts with Everett Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry informed the board that she has not heard from the state trunkline auditors or the team from Plante Moran on the secondary review of the 2019 flood funds.

Kerry informed the board that CRASIF sent a notice of our Workers' Compensation audit beginning soon. Kerry received notice from the auditors with a list of requested items.

Derek informed the board that he attended the County's Physical and Economic Development meeting last week and provided an update on construction, mowing and pavement markings.

Derek informed the board that Everett Township and Big Prairie Township are planning a meeting in August to discuss future improvements of Pine Ave. from Baseline south to 36th St.

Derek reported that we had a foreman truck's engine quit working. Derek was able to contact our MiDeal dealerships where he found a 2024 Crew Cab 1-ton short box for \$48,000. It is now in our garage getting upfitting. Derek mentioned that we had 2 new foreman trucks budgeted and in our cash flow. Derek reported that we purchased a new engine for \$4,200 and the mechanics got that truck back up and running.

Derek reported that he received notification from the County Road Association of a live auction from Govdeal.com where Oakland County is selling a 2007 25-ton wrecker. Discussion took place regarding our current wrecker and our future needs to replace it. Motion was made by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to authorize the Manager to submit a bid, not to exceed \$150,000, on behalf of the Newaygo County Road Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek informed the board that Trout Unlimited found a million-dollar grant to fund the last crossing of the Bigelow Creek over Croton Dr. but found out that we did not qualify. Derek reported that they are seeking two other grants, where we might have to be the applicant. Trout Unlimited will keep us updated.

Derek reported that the Board of Public Works has scheduled a tire collection date of Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 8 a.m. – noon at our facility.

Derek reported that the next Rural Task Force meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2026.

Derek informed the board that our next Health Insurance Committee meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2026.

Derek informed the board that he has a meeting with Undersheriff Palmiter on Monday to discuss the possibility of a shooting range on a parcel of land we own.

Derek reported that the quote to fix the guardrail locations in the two locations MDOT bridge inspectors requested we fix was \$20,000.

Derek reported that the project call for the railroad crossings surface program was posted. Derek mentioned that we have been unsuccessful in the last few years, and if we have any issues we can contact the railroad company directly. We will not be submitting any locations at this time.

Derek informed the board that we received our salt prices for the 2026/2027 winter. The early fill price per ton is \$76.16 and the late fill price is \$83.85 per ton, which is up from \$70.34 from last season.

Derek informed the board that the line stripping and roadside mowing have been completed. Derek is very happy with both companies.

Derek reported that he received an email from Abby with Emergency Services notifying us that Newaygo County has been included in the Disaster Declaration DR4925 for Public Damages. Derek and Kerry have a teams meeting scheduled for July 14th.

Derek provided a construction update.

Commissioner Discussion Items:

Commissioner Fetterley inquired about the 12 Mile Rd. bridge. Derek reported that they pulled the deck off and the beams were junk. We will work on getting the beams repaired and put them back into place. Once this is complete, Jon Moxey with Fleis and Vandenbrink will be requested to be on-site. We will contact MDOT to reinspect the bridge so it can be opened back up.

Public Comment:

Gary Timmer inquired about the 56th St. project and if we had any push back from the property owners. Derek mentioned one resident is concerned with the speed of traffic and requested Amish Crossing signs be placed on the road. Derek reported receiving a call from Garfield Township yesterday informing us of how pleased they are with 56th St., and all the roads in their township, the mowing, and the pavement marking that was done.

Commissioner Clark inquired about the intersections that need to be cut back even after the mowers went through. Derek mentioned the foreman cut the brush back in the problematic areas. Derek mentioned anything that is brush hogged is sprayed by the Dalton’s.

Gary Timmer mentioned the northeast corner at Village Green is dangerous. Derek mentioned that we have addressed that corner numerous times, but the growth has been hard to control. In addition, there is only so much we can do within the road right-of-way.

Commissioner Clark stated he was contacted by a County Commissioner about a study that was performed a year or two ago regarding the safety of intersections, and which intersections would benefit from overhead streetlights. The board was unaware of any study that was performed.

Commissioner Harmon stated he attended the last County Board Meeting. He provided an update on projects, the county-wide pavement marking project, and informed the board that the roadside mowing was complete.

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

Douglas Harmon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk