

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 22, 2026, at the road commission offices.

Commissioner present: Douglas Harmon, Lee Fetterley, and John Clark
Staff present: Derek Wawsczyk, Manager; Kerry Hewitt, Clerk; and Mike Brege, Superintendent
Others present: Kody Park, Rieth-Riley Co.

Motion by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for July 8, 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

July 16, 2026:
Vendor checks # 66772 - # 66793 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 15467 - # 15500 in the amount of \$643,147.56 and Payroll checks # 60618 - # 60631 in the amount of \$133,181.02. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Bid Opening: Approach Paving, M-82

Company: RIETH-RILEY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

<i>Item:</i>	<i>Bid</i>
per specifications	
M-82 approach paving, various locations	lump sum
BID TOTAL:	\$335,000.00

Bid will be reviewed and awarded at a later date.

Bid Opening: HMA Crack Treatment, M-37

Company: WOLVERINE SEALCOATING, LLC

<i>Item:</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Bid</i>
per specifications		per lane mile:
M-37 crack treatment: 10.62 lane miles	10.62	\$2,900.00
	BID TOTAL:	\$30,798.00

Company: SCODELLER CONSTRUCTION, INC.

<i>Item:</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Total</i>
per specifications		per lane mile:
M-37 crack treatment: 10.62 lane miles	10.62	\$2,950.00
	BID TOTAL:	\$31,329.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Clark to accept management recommendations and award to low bid, meeting the bid specs., on behalf of MDOT, to Wolverine Sealcoating, LLC. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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

- Elm Ave. between 136th St. and 22 Mile Rd. - Reseal

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

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

- 80th St. between Baldwin Ave. and Luce Ave. – Reseal
- 80th St. between N. River Dr. and Baldwin Ave. – Reseal

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

Kerry informed the board that the next Paul Bunyan meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2026.

Kerry reported on our annual actuarial valuation report from MERS.

Kerry informed the board that the MERS conference is scheduled for October 7th – 9th in Grand Rapids.

Kerry informed the board that our website will have to be ADA compliant by April 2027. Our current website developer does not wish to move forward with this process but is willing to help with the transition. Kerry has begun soliciting quotes.

Kerry informed the board that we were informed by Emergency Services that the road commission can apply for the disaster declaration DR4925 for public damages directly versus being under the County of Newaygo. Kerry is working on getting access to the FEMA grant portal.

Kerry updated the board on the golf outing scheduled for August 1st. Kerry has received 25-hole sponsorships and there are 20 teams registered so far. In addition, we have received some nice door prizes and larger items to raffle off.

Derek reported that he received a letter from CRASIF stating we have made the risk control honor roll for the 25-26 season. Derek commended the foreman and staff for the safety precautions and awareness every day.

Derek informed the board that the prosecuting attorney's office informed us by letter about the court proceedings involving the nails in the road on 76th St. in Croton Township. Mr. Trader is set to appear on July 23rd. We do not have to attend.

Derek informed the board that the quarterly SAM Paul Bunyan meeting will be held in our board room on July 30th.

Derek informed the board that the health insurance committee met with Jennifer Martin to discuss health care insurance rates. Jennifer presented us with renewal rates from Angle Health, along with other carriers. We are only seeing a 7% renewal increase, which allows us to keep a free plan under the hard cap. The buy-up for the lower deductible plan will increase to \$6.23 per pay for singles, \$13.07 for doubles, and \$19.30 for a family. Jennifer just sent us the rates for vision, dental, short- & long-term disability, and life. It is Jennifer’s recommendation to bundle and move forward with Pacific Life.

Derek informed the board that he was contacted by the railroad to discuss proceeding with applying for crossing improvements. It was previously decided not to apply for the crossing grants, but the railroad company requested we resubmit the two crossings that were not get selected last year; 12 Mile Rd. east of Bingham Ave. and Monroe St. east of Sycamore Ave. The board had no objections.

Derek informed the board that the new lowboy trailer is scheduled to be delivered today.

Derek reported that we picked up the wrecker from Oakland County Road Commission on Monday.

Derek reported that he attended a zoom meeting with Sylvan Solar on July 16th regarding the solar project in Garfield and Sheridan Townships. According to Sylvan Solar, both townships have approved of the project. Derek will confirm with Garfield Township before moving forward with the road-use agreement. Derek was informed by Sylvan Solar that the project has been pushed back to the Spring of 2028.

Derek informed the board that he met with the Sherriff’s Department regarding the use of our property at Walnut Ave. and 16 Mile Rd. for a firing range. Undersheriff Palmiter mentioned talking to Mr. Wren about the county covering the liability. Derek has not heard back from Undersheriff Palmiter.

Derek informed the board that a MERS representative gave a presentation to the group on Wednesday the 15th.

Derek informed the board that we will have a truck and plow at the Baby Food Festival Kids’ Day event on Wednesday the 22nd, and in the parade on Saturday the 25th.

Derek informed the board that he will attend the settlement conference follow-up meeting on August 3rd regarding the Ford Redding Woodland Park case.

Mike provided a construction update.

Commissioner Discussion Items:

Commissioner Clark asked if Big Prairie and Everett Townships had their meeting regarding Pine Ave. Derek mentioned that it is scheduled for August 20th.

Commissioner Fetterley asked how union negotiations are going. Derek reported that Ross and Kyle met with their UAW representative yesterday and requested a meeting for next Tuesday so they can present their proposal.

Commissioner Harmon inquired about the Frost Solution camera that is missing from Gordon Ave. and 40th St. Derek said it is gone, and we really do not know if a piece of equipment hit it. Derek informed the board that Frost Solutions is sending us a new camera, but we will not install it until it is closer to winter.

Commissioner Harmon mentioned Mr. Wheater doing an article about our adopt-a-road program and inquired if it has been advertised. Kerry will get it posted on our Facebook page.

Commissioner Harmon informed the board that the City of Fremont has hired a new City Manager. Commissioner Harmon suggested a meeting with the new City Manager, Derek agreed.

Public Comment: none

With no objections, Chairman Harmon adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Douglas Harmon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk