

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, August 12, 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: Kody Parks, Rieth-Riley Co.

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for July 22, 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 30, 2026:
Vendor checks # 66794 - # 66818 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 15501 - # 15528 in the amount of \$857,927.57 and Payroll checks # 60632 - # 60644 in the amount of \$136,680.95. All ayes. Motion carried.

August 13, 2026:
Vendor checks # 66819 - # 66842 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 15529 - # 15572 in the amount of \$863,614.96 and Payroll checks # 60645 - # 60658 in the amount of \$140,000.78. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Award Bid: Approach Paving, M-82
Derek informed the board that MDOT requested we move forward with the project even though it was over budget. Motion was made by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to accept management’s recommendation and award to low bid, meeting the bid specs., on behalf of MDOT, to Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bid Opening: Asphalt Paving in various locations

	Rieth- Riley Price per ton	Rieth-Riley Total Contract	MI Paving & Materials Price Per Ton	MI Paving & Materials Total Contract
LOCATIONS - Merrill Township				
Grant St. between M-37 and the railroad tracks	Surface Mixture: HMA LVSP Mix tier 1 MDOT spec.			
approximately 4,500 ft. Pave, approximately 1,550 tons	\$96.00	\$148,800.00	\$99.70	\$154,535.00
Sheridan Township				
80th St. from Brucker Ave. west	Surface Mixture: HMA, 5E1 tier 1 MDOT spec.			
approximately 1,500 ft.	\$109.50	\$38,325.00	\$125.00	\$43,750.00
Wedge, approx. 350 tons	\$109.50	\$48,180.00	\$110.00	\$48,400.00
Overlay, approx. 440 tons				
TOTAL BID FOR SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP:		\$86,505.00		\$92,150.00
NCRC PRIMARY				
112th St. from Fitzgerald Ave. to Dickinson Ave.	Surface Mixture: HMA, 5E1 tier 1 MDOT spec.			
approximately 0.5 mile	\$99.00	\$62,370.00	\$109.00	\$68,670.00
Wedge, approx. 630 tons	\$95.75	\$170,435.00	\$100.50	\$178,890.00
Overlay, approx. 1,780 tons w/Valley Gutter				
TOTAL BID FOR 112TH ST.:		\$232,805.00		\$247,560.00
72nd St. between Brucker Ave. and Fitzgerald Ave.	Surface Mixture: HMA, 5E1 tier 1 MDOT spec.			
approximately 1.0 mile	\$101.00	\$50,500.00	\$113.00	\$56,500.00
Wedge, approx. 500 tons	\$96.50	\$137,995.00	\$103.00	\$147,290.00
Overlay, approx. 1,430 tons				
TOTAL BID FOR 72ND ST.:		\$188,495.00		\$203,790.00
TOTAL BID FOR NCRC PRIMARY PAVING:		\$421,300.00		\$451,350.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to accept management's recommendation and award asphalt paving bid to low bid per township/location, Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bid Opening: Dolomite Grant St. in Merrill Township

Location: Merrill Township	Grant St. between M-37 & Railroad Tracks
	Approximately 4,500 ft.
	Approximately 3,220 tons

	Price per ton	Total Contract	
Yellow Rose Transport	\$32.38	\$104,263.60	
Verplank Trucking Company	\$36.00	\$115,920.00	
Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.	\$38.00	\$122,360.00	
Dan's Excavating Service, Inc.	\$40.00	\$128,800.00	
Marjo Construction	\$35.91	\$115,630.20	*delivered in trains
Marjo Construction	\$40.75	\$131,215.00	*delivered in leads

Motion made by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Clark to accept management's recommendation and award dolomite bid to low bid, Yellow Rose Transport, pending availability, delivery schedule; and deemed by management to be in the best interest of the Newaygo County Road Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, spreadsheet for township projects, fuel savings through July, and the MDOT budget through July.

Kerry informed the board that the State Trunkline auditors have completed our FY24 audit. The overall adjustment is \$12,586.57 due to the road commission.

Kerry informed the board that MCRCSIP board voted to make an \$8 million dollar distribution of surplus pool equity. This 2026 refund returns a portion of their liability loss reserves to members of record on June 17, 2026. Newaygo County Road Commission received a check for \$117,832.

Kerry reported that she sent out another reminder to the townships regarding the 2026 cost-share brine reimbursement available.

Kerry informed the board that the golf outing on August 1st was successful. We had 26 teams and 28-hole sponsors. We deposited \$7,500 into the scholarship fund bringing our total up to \$17,000 with just \$8,000 to go until we can start awarding our scholarship.

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

- Grant St. between M-37 and the railroad tracks – Grub, Grade, Dolomite, and Pave

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

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

- 17 Mile Rd. from Beech Ave. to Newcosta Ave. – Grub, Grade, and Gravel
- Beech Ave. from 17 Mile Rd. to 18 Mile Rd. – Grub, Grade, and Gravel

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

Kerry informed the board that she and Derek are meeting with FEMA today at 10 a.m.

Derek informed the board that he and Mike attended the pre-construction meeting for the 2026 Fed-Aid chip seal. Derek informed the board that the subcontractor, Rieth-Riley will complete the wedging in September, and the chip seal project will occur in the spring of 2027. Derek informed the board that we have a potential of 40+ miles being chip sealed next year with our 2026 Fed-Aid and the sale of our 2027 Fed Aid.

Derek reported on the Paul Bunyan SAM meeting we held here at the office on July 30th. There were approximately 18 attendees with great round-table conversations, and presentations from MCRCSIP, Mackinaw Administrators, and Ina Store.

Derek informed the board that he attended the RTF meeting in Muskegon on the 5th. MDOT informed the attendees that MDOT will be funding the 2028 buy-out program. Derek mentioned if MDOT is buying we will plan on selling.

Derek informed the board that he attended the settlement conference for the Ford Redding case on Monday the 3rd. Mr. Redding received an original copy of the survey from our office and recorded it.

Derek informed the board that they had the third round of union negotiations on the 10th. Derek presented the board with a letter of understanding on the changes to the union contract. Motion by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to accept the letter of understanding and allow the chairman to sign. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek reported that we will have a truck at the White Cloud picnic on the 18th and one in the Grant parade on the 15th.

Derek provided an update on the Sheriff’s Departments use of our gravel pit at 16 Mile Rd. and Walnut Ave. Derek reported that Under Sheriff Palmiter has correspondence from the Newaygo County Administrator that the county’s liability will follow the Sheriff’s Department and personnel. Derek will move forward with moving some material around and allowing them to utilize this parcel. The board had no objections.

Derek informed the board that the Rangerbid Auction date for our trucks and equipment will be Aug 18th.

Derek informed the board that the contractor has repaired the guardrail on the two bridges that MDOT found to be defective in the inspections. MDOT has already reinspected the bridges.

Derek informed the board that we have received the EGLE permit for the repair of the 12 Mile bridge over the McDuffee Creek, and we are working on it today. It should take approximately 2 weeks to complete and then we will have it reinspected.

Derek reported that Jennifer Martin with the HILB Group was here all day yesterday presenting our insurance updates. Open enrollment for the new plan year will take place from August 11th to the 25th.

Derek reported that Mike Phillips with MCRISIP performed a site visit of our construction project on 74th St. in Sheridan Township.

Derek informed the board that we had plans to work with the Drain Commission to remove a culvert from the wetland mitigation site we are sponsoring near Luce Ave. and 80th St., but Holly with the Michigan Wetland Bank and her Engineer’s are wanting to wait until MDOT owns the property.

Derek provided a construction update.

Derek informed the board that he will be meeting remotely with Jon Moxey and LR Cole today at noon regarding the Felch Ave. future realignment project. Derek reported that Garfield Township is interested in purchasing property to help take the slope out of the road.

Derek reported that Mike will be meeting today at 1 p.m. with the library and Everett Township to discuss the placement of the historic train trestle sign.

Commissioner Discussion Items:
Commissioner Clark inquired about the Commissioners’ Seminar and whether others were attending. Commissioner Fetterley said it was a great conference when he first joined the board. Kerry will register Commissioner Clark for the seminar.

Commissioner Clark mentioned a meeting he attended regarding the Dams. He informed the board of an upcoming meeting on September 10th where they will make a decision pertaining to the approval of the sale of the Dams.

Commissioner Harmon informed the board that April Storms, White Cloud City Manager, contacted the Parks Board to set up a meeting at the City of White Cloud campground to discuss future improvement ideas at the campground. She has some Grants she would like to apply for and incorporate those improvements.

Commissioner Harmon informed the board that he will be gone during the last week of October. Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Clark to move the October 14th and 28th board meetings to October 7th and 21st. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

With no objections, Chairman Harmon adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.