

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Newaygo County was called to order by Vice Chairman Harmon at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at the road commission offices.

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

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for March 25, 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

April 10, 2026:

Vendor checks # 66600 - # 66622 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 15246 - # 15276 in the amount of \$587,582.03 and Payroll checks # 60520 - # 60533 in the amount of \$119,257.37 All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Award Bid: 2NS Ice Control Sand

After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to accept management's recommendation and award the 2NS Ice Control Sand bid to Barber Creek Sand & Gravel based on quality of material and availability to sample and test material. All ayes. Motion carried.

Award Bid: Street Sweeping

After discussion, motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon, and accept management's recommendation to award street sweeping to Sanisweep, Inc., based on previous work quality and references. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, MTF comparison spreadsheet, fuel savings through March, budget reports through March, and an updated spreadsheet for township projects.

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

- Alger Ave. from 4 Mile Rd. north to Mena Creek bridge – Grade and Gravel

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

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

- Ronda Dr. – Grade and Gravel

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

Kerry informed the board that MDOT has approved our FY25 ACT51 Report.

Derek informed the board that he and Justin attended the Garfield Township road committee meeting on April 6th. Derek mentioned they had some maintenance issues for Justin to look at, they discussed D&B Brine handling their dust control this year, and they started to talk to the property owners on Anderson Hill.

Derek informed the board that the 2026 Fed Aid chip seal funds have been obligated by MDOT. We are looking at an early June bid letting for the project.

Derek informed the board that we have received an overview with remarks from our labor attorney on our current union contract.

Derek reported that we have taken delivery of our third grader from McAllister CAT. Derek mentioned that one grader already had to go back because it had a loud noise in the rear while going down the road. We will receive a replacement one if needed.

Derek informed the board that he attended the settlement conference on Monday the 13th regarding the Ford Redding case against the road commission (Lakeshore Dr. in Merrill Township.) The judge threw out the case because we have deeded right-of-way, along with highway by user statue. Derek reported that Mr. Redding requested survey markers be placed and Derek has already contacted Newaygo County Engineering and Survey to do so.

Kerry informed the board that she has been subpoenaed back into court regarding Adams St. west of Centerline.

Derek reported that Mike will attend a DSTR on April 16th for the 40th St. railroad crossing for the future M-37 project.

Derek informed the board that the final pay estimate has been submitted for the Spruce Ave. bridge over the 5 Mile Creek.

Derek informed the board that MDOT plans to open the roadside parks on the 27th of April.

Derek reported that MDOT has offered us used guardrail from a project in Montcalm County.

Derek provided the board with a construction update. We started grubbing Thornapple Ave. south of M-82, and the USFS has requested the stumps be placed on 88th St. to help block off unauthorized access across their land.

Kerry informed the board that she will be attending the Finance and HR Seminar on May 12th – 14th. Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to move our May 13, 2026, board meeting to Monday, May 11, 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Gary Timmer asked if the Garfield Township road committee meeting is open to the public. Derek mentioned that it is.

Gary Timmer inquired about the cost of the attorney. Derek informed Gary that our attorney represents us on behalf of the MCRCSIP (Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool.)

Gary Timmer asked when 56th St. project would happen. Derek informed him that at the request of the township, the project would be gravel now versus dolomite, ditched dug, and slight tree/limb removal.

Gary Timmer asked if the labor attorney that was referenced earlier is new. Derek mentioned he is new to us, we haven't had a labor attorney since the beginning of our current contract that has been extended twice.

Gary Timmer noticed on the reseal of Ferris Ave. there are a lot of reseal chips on the edge and on the shoulder of the road. He wondered if it had to do with the timing of the project; if reseal occurs in the fall maybe it doesn't have enough time to set. Derek informed him a lot of it has to do with the carbide

blades we use are hard on the chipseal when performing winter maintenance. Derek mentioned that when we perform chip seal we try to do a thicker application.

Gary Timmer inquired about summer help.

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Fetterley inquired about the automated signals for our work zones. Derek mentioned getting another quote. Derek mentioned that the security of having live action response would be hard to overcome by utilizing them.

Commissioner Harmon asked if we had a solar project update. Derek responded that there have been no updates.

With no objections, Vice Chairman Harmon adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

Douglas Harmon, Vice-Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk