

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Newaygo County was called to order by the Chairman Gonyon at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at the road commission offices.

Commissioners present: William Gonyon, Douglas Harmon, and Lee Fetterley
Staff present: Derek Wawsczyk, Manager and Kerry Hewitt, Clerk
Others present: Gary Timmer and Julie Burrell, Senior Economic Development Director

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 23, 2025. All ayes.
Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve the following vendor checks, ach vendor payments, and payroll checks:
July 31, 2025
Vendor checks # 66146 - # 66170 and ACH Vendor checks elect. #14648 - #14677 in the amount of \$190,458.21 and Payroll checks # 60240 - # 60255 in the amount of \$133,196.46.
All ayes. Motion carried.

August 14, 2025
Vendor checks # 66171 - # 66205 and ACH Vendor checks elect. #14678 - #14708 in the amount of \$1,025,802.49 and Payroll checks # 60256 - # 60272 in the amount of \$134,590.18.
All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Julie Burrell expressed her gratitude to Derek and his staff for the help provided with the historical sign project in Woodland Park, and especially with the installation of the signs.

Gary Timmer mentioned that 56th St. and Ferris Ave. look nice. He has informed residents that the funding of these projects is mostly from Garfield Township, who is proactive on road projects, but can only do so much annually with the funding they receive.

Gary inquired about our protocol for trees in the road. Derek informed him that our foremen are on-call 24/7. If the office is open contact us directly; otherwise, dispatch’s non-emergency number and they will forward the message on to the appropriate foreman.

Bid Opening: Pre-Wetting Material

COMPANY	White Cloud Facility COST PER GALLON	Newaygo Facility COST PER GALLON	
D & B Brine, Inc.	\$0.150	\$0.150	
Michigan Chloride Sales, LLC	\$0.238	\$0.238	*10,000-gallon loads
Michigan Chloride Sales, LLC	\$0.400	\$0.400	*5,000-gallon loads

Motion was made by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to accept management recommendation and award to low bid, D&B Brine. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bid Opening: Grader Blades

ITEM	QUANTITY	PRICE PER PIECE	TOTAL PRICE
MacAllister Machinery			
CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blade	50	no bid	
CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened	300	\$ 88.14	\$ 26,442.00
FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade	150	\$ 231.63	\$ 34,744.50 *120-day lead time
CDB 60 - 90 days. FSB 120 days			
Shults Equipment, LLC			
CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blade	50	\$ 195.00	\$ 9,750.00
CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened	300	\$ 93.47	\$ 28,041.00
FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade	150	\$ 277.41	\$ 41,611.50
3 weeks ARO Prices firm until September 13, 2025 Prices based on full truckload; therefore, all blades must be ordered in the quantities stated to receive this pricing.			
St. Regis Culvert, Inc.			

CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blade	<u>50</u>	<u>\$ 278.00</u>	<u>\$ 13,900.00</u>
CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened	<u>300</u>	<u>\$ 95.10</u>	<u>\$ 28,530.00</u>
FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade	<u>150</u>	<u>\$ 256.80</u>	<u>\$ 38,520.00</u>

10-12 weeks ARO

WINTER EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC.			
CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blade	<u>50</u>	<u>\$ 251.84</u>	<u>\$ 12,592.00</u>
CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened. Item bid: GB20150 Winter Equipment	<u>300</u>	<u>\$ 95.93</u>	<u>\$ 28,779.00</u>
FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade Item bid: CICTT54844	<u>150</u>	<u>\$ 343.68</u>	<u>\$ 51,552.00</u>

Delivery is 4 weeks ARO
Items 1 and 3, pricing must be confirmed prior to purchase

WEAR PARTS & EQUIPMENT CO., INC.			
CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blade	<u>50</u>	<u>\$ 277.47</u>	<u>\$ 13,873.50</u>
CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened	<u>300</u>	<u>\$ 110.36</u>	<u>\$ 33,108.00</u>
FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade	<u>150</u>	<u>\$ 289.10</u>	<u>\$ 43,365.00</u>
7-8 weeks ARO depending on line item. Can accept any line or combination of lines in award. Minimum order is amount requested per line. Prices valid 30 days from bid opening date.			

Truck and Trailer Specialties			
CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blade	<u>50</u>	<u>no bid</u>	<u></u>
CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened	<u>300</u>	<u>no bid</u>	<u></u>
FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade	<u>150</u>	<u>no bid</u>	<u></u>

Grader blade bids will be reviewed and awarded at a later date.

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, MVHF comparison, township project spreadsheet, and fuel savings through July.

Kerry informed the board that salt prices for the 25/26 season have increased \$3 a ton from last season.

Kerry informed the board that the golf outing was successful, and she was able to deposit \$7,000 into the scholarship fund.

Kerry informed the board that EPS completed the camera upgrades.

Kerry reported that she has been notified by CRASIF that our annual Workers Comp. audit will be starting soon.

Kerry reported that Acrisure will be here on August 19th to present health insurance plans and options to the active employees and on the 21st to present to the retirees. Kerry presented the information to the board.

Derek informed the board that Rangerbid will auction off our trucks and equipment on August 19th.

Derek informed the board that he was interviewed by Charles Chandler with Near North Now to discuss trees in the right-of-way. Derek showed Charles our spending trend on our tree line item, as well as our other line-item expenses we encounter. Charles inquired if we had increased funding, would this help solve the issue? Derek informed him that it is not just dead trees causing an issue, we will also have live trees that fall, or trees that fall in the road that come from outside the road right-of-way.

Derek reported that the Elm Ave. timber bridge is complete and open to traffic. Bob Krenn was on-site and indicated how impressed he was with our work crew.

Derek informed the board that he attended the Physical and Economic Committee meeting at the county building last week to provide updates.

Derek reported that the progress continues on the Spruce Ave. bridge rehab. They are ready to pour back the deck and perform approach work. Derek anticipates it being open in 30 days. Derek noted that the concrete testing can be performed right at the Kent County Road Commission facility.

Derek reported that the scheduled ride around / closeout of the federal aid chipseal project is today. He will ride around with MDOT and Wayne Harrall from KCRC to make sure MDOT is satisfied with the quality of work and the project.

Derek informed the board that he will attend the preconstruction meeting for the M-37 paving job next week. This is a mill and fill of M-37 from 7 Mile Rd. north to the county line. Derek reported that Rieth-Riley was the awarded contractor.

Derek reported that the SAM conference will be held October 1st - 3rd in Gaylord. Derek mentioned that this is one of the better conferences. He plans to send Mike and a foreman or two. Derek also mentioned that he will try to attend a day as well.

Derek informed the board that Jablonski has started our second round of mowing started on Monday.

Derek reported that 40th St. east of M-37 will be closed starting Monday, August 18th for the start of the box culvert job. This section of road will be closed for 6-8 weeks.

Derek provided a construction update.

Commissioner Gonyon mentioned Green Ave. near 64th St. is starting to show wear and tear in the wheel tracks and crumbling around the edges.

Derek informed the board that he has been communicating with LR Cole, Right-of-Way Officer Manager with the Kent County Road Commission and a member of the Garfield Township Road Committee regarding the Felch Ave. hill and how to fix it someday. Derek informed the board that we put our 24-hour traffic counter in place on a non-holiday weekend and it reported 500 vehicles. Garfield Township nor the Road Commission can financially afford to realign and properly fix the road, so LR is seeking the help of a grant writer and asked if we would be willing to help with the associated expenses.

Derek reported that we have a CRASIF ballot for the election of 3 board members who are currently serving. There is no opposition. Derek will fill out the ballot and return it.

Public Comment: Gary suggested creating a health insurance committee with one of the union employees to review plans and options, so they feel more comfortable with the provider(s) being selected and offered.

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Harmon reported that they had a parks meeting yesterday. Asa is looking at improvements at Henning Park, one aspect would be to keep that park open longer for the fisherman. Commissioner Harmon commented on how nice it is to have a new perspective looking at the parks.

Commissioner Gonyon asked if Cory Nelson had made contact regarding the utility company cutting the road on Catalpa Ave. Derek reported that he has, and that Darren has been in contact with DTE Energy.

Commissioner Gonyon thanked Kerry for all her hard work on the golf outing and scholarship program.

With no objections, Chairman Gonyon adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk