

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Newaygo County was called to order by Chairman Gonyon at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at the road commission offices.

Commissioners present: William Gonyon, Douglas Harmon, and Lee Fetterley
Staff present: Derek Wawsczyk, Manager and Kerry Hewitt, Clerk

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 24, 2024. 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:

August 1, 2024

Vendor checks # 65433 - # 65464 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 13774 - # 13812 in the amount of \$976,590.69 and Payroll checks # 59816 - # 59832 in the amount of \$129,044.33.

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Vendor checks # 65466 - # 65495 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 13813 - # 13849 in the amount of \$838,683.88 and Payroll checks # 59834 - # 59849 in the amount of \$125,279.10.

Public Comment: None

Bid Opening: Pre-Wetting Material

COMPANY	PRODUCT	White Cloud Facility COST PER GALLON	Newaygo Facility COST PER GALLON	
D & B Brine, Inc.	Mineral Well Brine	\$0.150	\$0.150	
Great Lakes Chloride, Inc.	32% Liquidow Calcium Chloride	\$0.550	\$0.550	<i>*7,000 gal. min. load</i>
Michigan Chloride Sales, LLC	Mineral Well Brine	\$0.238	\$0.238	<i>*10,000 gallon loads</i>
Michigan Chloride Sales, LLC	Mineral Well Brine	\$0.400	\$0.400	<i>*5,000 gallon loads</i>

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

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, budget reports through July, Fuel Savings through July, and an updated township project spreadsheet.

Kerry reported that we received a \$122,716 refund from MCRSCIP.

Kerry provided the board with a report on the golf outing. Kerry met with the Fremont Area Community Foundation yesterday to set up our scholarship account.

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

- Hess Lake Dr. – Ditching, Culverts, and Asphalt Wedging

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

Derek reported on the petition for abandonment of a parcel owned by the Newaygo County Road Commission, parcel # 62-20-30-460-006. Derek forwarded all the information to Attorney Henn's office. According to Mr. Henn, since the materials we received from Carrie Swift is an actual abandonment petition pursuant to MCL 224.18, complete with seven signatures from the township, the Board of County Road Commissioners shall vote whether to approve or reject the proposed abandonment. Discussion took place regarding the parcel and proposed abandonment. Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to reject the proposed abandonment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek reported that he has been working with Julie Burrell on historical signs in Woodland Park. Julie is working on securing a grant for the funding. Derek will help her remove an older sign that they are looking to have restored at 11 Mile Rd. and Bingham Ave. In addition, he will install the other signs in the road right-of-way, so that they are installed properly and on the correct posts.

Derek informed the board that he will be participating in the White Cloud Community Picnic on August 20th as he has done in the past.

Derek reported that he will be attending a virtual GI meeting about the Spruce Ave. bridge project later today. It was originally slated for 2024 but has been pushed into 2025 due to tight EGLE restrictions. In addition, it was originally a reconstruction that has been downgraded to a rehabilitation project. The project has not been put out for bid yet.

Discussion took place regarding CRA's letter regarding the review and increase of the permit fees. Derek reported that our utility permit fees have not been increased as far as he can remember. We compared our fees with our neighboring counties, and we are the lowest. In addition, it takes a lot of time to review, inspect, and process a utility permit. Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to increase the utility permit fee line items by 100%, effective October 1, 2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek reported on the preconstruction meeting for the Fed Aid chipseal held on July 24th. We may move stones in, but the project will not be completed this year, one of the factors is MDOT's completion deadline of September 15th. The project will be in 2025, but after MDOT's permittable start date of June 15th.

Derek informed the board that Mike has been updating our asset management plan for TAMC.

Derek asked the board if he could add a full-time employee to our staff. He has all the requirements and has been working as a seasonal employee since April. Discussion took place regarding our workload and workforce. Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to offer seasonal employee, Darrell Curtice a full-time position. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek met Brooke with Consumers Energy on-site on Beech Ave. near Big Bend Park. In conjunction with the Big Prairie project and the Parks Association project, we would like to alleviate the water issue by ditching and removing some trees. The property is owned by Consumers Energy, but the property is dedicated to the use of the association. We have received approval from all parties. We hope to start the project this fall, but it will not be completed until next year. In addition, Derek and Brooke revisited the erosion issue on Beech Ave. north of 16th St. We would like to shift the road onto Consumers Energy property for approximately 600 ft., and we would need authorization from Consumers Energy to do so.

Derek provided an update on the Vista Dr. project. Wayne with Kent County will be setting elevations on August 26th. Derek arranged an on-site meeting with all parties involved with this project to meet out there at this time. On September 4th we can begin the draw down process, then Kloote can come in and begin to drive the sheet piling. On the 12th, the box will be delivered. Consumers Energy will be on-site to assist with their power lines.

Derek reported that the final tire trailer has been picked up.

Derek informed the board that we are working on a brush control spray map for The Daltons.

Derek provided a construction update.

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Harmon informed the board that Lilley Township agreed on the property transfer of Pettibone Park.

Commissioner Harmon informed the board that the marina project is currently on hold to allow the DNR time to clear it for any endangered species.

Commission Gonyon inquired about the Mundy Ave. project that Commission Maike brought forth at our meeting a while back. If the County, Parks Department, and the Township were going to move forward with it.

Commissioner Harmon reported that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Dragon Trail will be held on September 27th. They will be giving special recognition to Martin Hall from the Mountain Biking Association for all his dedication to the trail. They will also be recognizing Dave Wright, Big Prairie Township Supervisor, who originally had the idea for the trail.

Commissioner Harmon was approached building a round-about at the M-82 and M-120 intersection. Derek mentioned that intersection is where 3 separate counties adjoin, but ultimately it would be MDOT that would have authority. Derek noted that it would be expensive, and the data would have to support the reasoning for it.

Commissioner Gonyon thanked Kerry for all her hard work with the golf outing. He thinks opening a scholarship program is a great idea.

Public Comment: none

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

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk