

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 27, 2025, 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 August 13, 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:
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Vendor checks # 66206 - # 66234 and ACH Vendor checks elect. #14709 - #14742 in the amount of \$1,112,181.84 and Payroll checks # 60273 - # 60289 in the amount of \$129,355.90.
All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment – none

Award Bid: Grader Blades
After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to accept management's recommendation and award the CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened grader blades and the FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade to low bid, MacAllister Machinery, and to not award the CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blades at this time. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry provided the board with an updated cash flow, MTF Comparison, and township project spreadsheet.

Kerry informed the board that she has been working on the insurance changes and hopes to finish working on the FY26 budget next week.

Derek presented the board with an updated Letter of Agreement. The board had no objections, and Chairman Gonyon signed the LOA.

Derek informed the board that he received a letter from the Whispering Woods Condominium Association in Sheridan Township. They would like the road commission to take over their roads. Derek did provide them with a copy of our Subdivision Control Procedure. After discussion, Derek will inform them that they should first seek approval from the township, because they would be local, township roads. In addition, the recorded Master Deed for the Condominium would have to be changed to reflect the dedication and maintenance of the roads.

Derek informed the board that he is working with Michigan Cat on the replacement of our leased mini excavator that expires at the end of this year.

Derek reported that our three new Western Star Cab & Chassis Units have arrived at Stoops and will be heading to Truck and Trailer for upfit.

Derek informed the board that we should receive the equipment to finish the new sign truck next week.

Derek reported on the Paul Bunyan meeting that he attended last week. Derek mentioned that the main topic of discussion continues to be road funding; however, a new topic was brought forward regarding the hard caps related to PA152. It was mentioned that the percentage increase on the hard caps is not keeping up with the insurance rate increases. The group hopes this could be a legislative priority for next year.

Derek reported that he met with Dave Jaunese and Jake Lubera with the USFS to talk about maintenance on their roads and possible future projects. They mentioned that a few surrounding counties have taken advantage of FLAP, a grant for road improvement projects leading to USFS day-use areas. Derek mentioned that Alger Ave. leading into Mini Pond could be a candidate, and he will be doing more research on this grant.

Derek mentioned that he attended the Sheridan Township board meeting on August 19th. The Sheridan Township board wanted Derek to attend to discuss and answer questions regarding Rhonda Dr. Commission Harmon commended Derek for representing himself and the road commission in a professional manner and explaining the previous estimates written for the township on different improvement options. Derek reported that the township board approved the contract for the addition of gravel to Rhonda Dr.

Derek informed the board that the auction through Rangerbid is complete. Derek reported that everything listed sold, our items received over a million views, and the items brought in \$122,924.

Derek informed the board that Oceana County started the reseal projects in our county yesterday. They should be done with the chip seal this week and will fog seal next week if weather allows.

Derek provided a construction update.

Derek reported that MCRCSIP notified us that we will be getting an award again, because of our modification factor is under 1.

Public Comment: none

Commissioner discussion items:
Commissioner Fetterley acknowledged that the last few weeks have been stressful for Derek and Kerry with the changes with the insurance and the LOA with the union, and he wanted to extend his appreciation. Commissioner Harmon mentioned that he too would like to show his appreciation to Derek and Kerry.

With no objections, Chairman Gonyon adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk