

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 28, 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 August 14, 2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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Vendor checks # 65496 - # 65516 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 13850 - # 13884 in the amount of \$738,725.90 and Payroll checks # 59850 - # 59864 in the amount of \$113,881.51.

Public Comment:

Annette Anderson and Melinda Kristof addressed their concerns and asked questions regarding the Felch Ave. hill. Derek mentioned that Felch Ave. is a dead end, local gravel road. It tends to get more maintenance because of the intense incline and curvature of the hill; the campground at the end, and the public access. The township would have to initiate an improvement project, which at current prices would be around \$500,000 at best guess. The Road Commission would support and cost-share a portion if a project came to board level.

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, MVHF Comparison spreadsheet, and an updated township project spreadsheet.

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

- 116th St. at Sandy Creek Crossing, pave

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

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

- Maple Island Rd. between 3 Mile Rd. and 4 Mile Rd., wedge and overlay

Kerry informed the board that with the signed contract with Denver Township, we received special meeting minutes from Newfield Township Board. Newfield Township and Denver Township will be splitting the project cost, and the split could be carried forward for two years. Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve and sign the above-mentioned contract with Denver Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the following contract with **Village of Hesperia**:

- Placement of a 48" arched CMP x 30 ft. extension of the existing East Enders Drain that crosses Adams St.

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

Derek informed the board that we held a preconstruction meeting at the Vista Dr. project on Tuesday the 27th. It was a terrific opportunity to have all involved entities on-site. The timeline of the project remains untouched, but the delivery of the structure has been pushed back a week to allow JE Kloote enough time to set the sheet piling and get the area prepped for the structure to be set in place.

Derek reported that we took part in a demonstration of JPRO, a new diagnostic tool that can diagnose any of our heavy-duty equipment. It also gives us 24/7 access to support for any code. Derek would like to do more research before he moves forward with purchasing.

Derek reported that the S.A.M. conference will be held Oct. 2nd - 4th in Traverse City this year. He will be sending Mike, Mark, and Justin.

Derek reported that the work continues in planning for the Elm Ave. bridge replacement in Barton Township. Derek has contacted the USFS to determine if they are interested in cost-sharing. If the bridge becomes unrestricted it could help with a potential timber sale on Elm Ave. north of 14 Mile Rd. Derek will continue to reach out to other entities too. Derek mentioned that Barton Township inquired if they would be asked to cost-share, but Derek said he would rather they spend their funds on road improvement projects that we wrote estimates for.

Derek informed the board that the roadside spraying is complete. We continue to have The Dalton's do more of a spot-spraying on the recently brush hogged areas.

Derek informed the board that Jablonski's had started the second round of mowing. They should have the highways done this week. They will be mowing everything in the southern half of the county and the primary routes in the northern half of the county.

Derek reported that we are renting an asphalt roller from MHK in Grant. Derek informed the board that he is also getting a quote from them for a crusher for Guthrie pit. There is a pile of miscellaneous debris that could be crushed, and we could utilize the material.

Derek provided a construction update.

Derek reported that we recently had three pickups out of our fleet experience failures beyond fixing. Discussion took place regarding putting a bid package together or looking at stock at local dealerships. Motion made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to authorize the Manager to move forward with the purchasing of two new pickups. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek informed the board that we received a drain redistricting package from the Newaygo County Drain Commission.

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Gonyon received praise from Cory Nelson, Brooks Township Supervisor for Mike's assistance on Catalpa Ave. He was pleased with the quick response.

Commissioner Gonyon was questioned by an acquaintance on the last time the Board of County Road Commissioners received a raise. He could not answer this. Kerry has the information and will forward it to Derek.

Public Comment: none

With no objections, Chairman Gonyon adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk