

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, February 11, 2026, at the road commission offices.

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

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for January 14, 2026. 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:

January 30, 2026:

Vendor checks # 66487 - # 66506 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 15082 - # 15119 in the amount of \$297,420.04 and Payroll checks # 60449 - # 60461 in the amount of \$150,891.24.

February 13, 2026:

Vendor checks # 66507 - # 66534 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 15120 - # 15150 in the amount of \$374,649.74 and Payroll checks # 60462 - # 60475 in the amount of \$136,896.47. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

**Bid Opening – Roadside Mowing
 COUNTY ROADSIDE MOWING**

COMPANY	TWO SWATHS WIDE	ONE SWATH WIDE	CLEAR VISION AREAS
S and L Landscape, LLC	\$ 66.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 75.00
Wolf Creek Landscape Services LLC	\$ 100.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 55.00
J. Jablonski and Sons Inc.	\$ 118.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 44.00

STATE HIGHWAY ROADSIDE MOWING

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After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon, to accept management's recommendations and award the county and state roadside mowing to J. Jablonski & Sons, Inc. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bid Opening – Brush Control Spraying

COMPANY: *The Daltons, Inc.*

Material Being Bid
 Roadside Brush Control: per 100 gallons of water:
 Garlon 3A or Triclophyr 3SL: 84 oz.
 Escort XP or MSM 60: 2 oz.
 Improve (Surfactant): 1 pint
 Control (drift control): 4-6 oz.

Estimated 75,000 gallons
Cost per gallon \$ \$1.29
TOTAL BID: \$96,750.00

COMPANY: *DeAngelo Brothers LLC*

Material Being Bid Brush per gallon

Estimated 75,000 gallons
Cost per gallon \$ \$1.67
TOTAL BID: \$125,250.00

COMPANY: *Allen Chase Enterprises, Inc.*

Material Being Bid
 Proposed Herbicide Mix: per 100 gallons of water:
 Garlon 3 (or equal): 128 ounces
 Escort XP (or equal): 4 granular ounces

Estimated 75,000 gallons
Cost per gallon \$ \$1.63
TOTAL BID: \$122,250.00

COMPANY: *Imperial Services*

Material Being Bid	Roadside brush control
<i>Estimated 75,000 gallons</i>	
Cost per gallon \$	\$1.84
TOTAL BID:	\$138,000.00

COMPANY: Chop Tree Service

Material Being Bid	Roadside brush control Garlon and Escort
<i>Estimated 75,000 gallons</i>	
Cost per gallon \$	\$1.86
TOTAL BID:	\$139,500.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to accept management's recommendations and award bid to low bid, The Daltons, Inc. for 2026 Roadside Brush Control and Herbicide Treatment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bid Opening – Tree Trimming/Cutting

BID PRICE = HOURLY RATE

Bidder	60 ft. bucket truck w/operator	Laborer	Chipper	Stump grinder	Skidster to move wood larger trees	2 flaggers
Chop Tree Service	\$80.20	\$48.00	\$10.00	\$70.00	\$140.00	\$96.00
Always There Tree Care LLC	\$95.00	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$180.00	\$55.00	\$90.00
Aggressive Tree Service LLC	\$100.00	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$35.00
Tree Seasons Arbor Care	\$100.00	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$35.00
Alpine Tree Service LLC	\$100.00	\$37.50	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$85.00
JJM Power LLC	\$137.00	\$53.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
New Life Arboricultural Services	\$175.00	\$65.00	\$55.00	\$150.00	\$60.00	\$125.00

Bids will be reviewed and awarded at a later date.

Public Hearing open at 8:15 a.m. to discuss upcoming construction projects:

- Ashland Township: 116th St. from the township line east 1,800 ft. – grub, grade, and gravel.
 - Big Prairie Township: Chestnut Ave. from 36th St. south to the township line – grub, crush, shape, and pave.
 - Croton Township: Chestnut Ave. from 56th St. north to the township line – grub, culverts, and overlay
 - Garfield Township: 56th St. between Ferris Ave. and Bingham Ave. – grub, grade, and dolomite.
- Sign in sheet on file.*

Derek described the scope of each project. Property owners in attendance asked questions pertaining to culverts, tree removal, and road width. Mike and Derek answered questions. The property owners that live on 56th St., are not in favor of the improvements to their road. Two letters were received detailing opposition of the project and put on file.

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, MTF Comparison, and budget reports and fuel savings spreadsheets through January.

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

- Dickinson Ave. between 96th St. and 104th St. – Wedge and Overlay

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

Kerry presented the board with the following resolutions for the Local Bridge Program:

- #NCRC-02-001-26. Resolution to apply for local bridge funding for Baldwin Ave. bridge over the White River.
- #NCRC-02-002-26. Resolution to apply for local bridge funding for 11 Mile Rd. and 13 Mile Rd. bridges over the Pere Marquette River.
- #NCRC-02-003-26. Resolution to apply for local bridge funding for 13 Mile Rd. bridge over the McDuffee Creek.

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve and authorize Chairman Gonyon to sign the above-mentioned resolutions: #NCRC-02-001-26, #NCRC-02-002-26, and #NCRC-02-003-26. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek informed the board that we were notified by MDOT that Dickinson Ave. over the White River has been selected for rehabilitation during the 2027/2028 fiscal year as part of the new Neighborhood Roads Fund.

Kerry informed the board that the State Trunkline Audit for FY23 is complete. We owe MDOT \$59,160, which is a result of adjustments to overhead, the fringe benefit on seasonal employees, and depreciation on the new salt shed.

Kerry reported that the current IRS mileage rate for 2026 increased to 72.5 cents per mile from 70 cents per mile in 2025.

Kerry provided an update on her inquiry regarding raises for our Board of Commissioners. She was informed that since the County Board of Commissioners does not approve the Road Commission Budget, they do not wish to set budgetary parameters for the Road Commission. Furthermore, the request needs to come from the Road Commission Manager.

Derek informed the board that MDOT will be performing all bridge inspections for 2026. We have not heard anything pertaining to this yet. Derek would like Jon with Fleis and Vandenbrink to review these inspections. Derek informed the board that he would like to increase maintenance on the bridge decks and he will work with Jon on a priority list. The board had no objections.

Derek informed the board that weight restrictions will be enforced starting at 6:00 a.m. on Monday, February 16, 2026.

Public Hearing closed at 9:00 a.m.

Derek reported that Greenscape would like to extend their 2025 bid prices for catch basin cleaning for the 2026 season. Derek mentioned that Greenscape does a good job, they are thorough, and communication is great. Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to accept management's recommendation and extend our catch basin contract with Greenscape for 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek informed the board that the Bitely Tower we use for our 2-way radio communication needs equipment updates. Point Broadband currently leases it, and they do not feel like they can justify the cost of the upgrades when NCRC is the only one using the tower. T&W Electronics have agreed to take over the tower lease and perform the upgrades. The board had no objections.

Derek provided an update on the Ford Redding case. Derek signed an affidavit seeking highway by user over Lake Shore Dr. so that Henn's office can seek dismissal of Mr. Redding's claims against the Road Commission for placing the historical marker sign on his property within the Lake Shore Dr. right-of-way.

Commissioner Harmon inquired about the issue with the nails in the road. Derek reported that we have had no further issues since the Sheriff's Department contacted the homeowner.

Derek informed the board that Mike has been working on the certification of mileage and updating the ACT51 maps. Derek reported that we will be submitting them electronically this year, and at our next meeting, Kerry will provide a resolution authorizing Derek to e-sign the coversheet. The board had no objections.

Derek reported that MDOT had a slight change on the 2027 buy-out form. Derek said we should hear by the end of the month for official approval.

Derek informed the board that the Sheriff's Department will be utilizing our building on the 18th for training.

Derek reported that Mike attended the local HMA Road Workshop in Grand Rapid yesterday. Mike also had training last week on Transportation Asset Management, and next week on Paser Training.

Derek informed the board that we had another employee quit. Derek reported that we have two interviews scheduled for this Friday.

Derek reported that he and Mike attended the Garfield Township Road Committee meeting last week. They had questions on estimates that Mike worked on. They also discussed the Felch Ave. hill project. Derek provided an aerial view that LR Cole generated on a proposed shift of the Felch Ave. hill through Kenneth Cronk's property.

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Harmon reported that he is pleased with Jennifer Martin with the HILB Group's efforts in resolving insurance issues. Commissioner Harmon thanked Derek and Kerry for making the change. Commissioner Harmon mentioned having a connection with the Amish community and he felt compelled to speak up during the public hearing. Commissioner Harmon mentioned the solar project in Garfield Township and how it has been met with a lot of opposition. Derek mentioned that we have not moved forward with the road use agreement and will not be without the local support from the township.

Derek informed the board that Mike had contacted Asa, Parks Director letting him know that now would be our best time to move equipment in and remove the docks before weight restrictions are enforced and the water level is still low. Asa informed Mike that the project is on hold. Derek's concern is they will want us to do it later, and we will be too busy with construction projects to accommodate. Commission Harmon thanked Derek for the update.

Commissioner Harmon thanked Kerry for sending him information on Roossinck's private road and our county road specifications.

Commissioner Gonyon mentioned receiving several phone calls from Mr. Parm from Brohman. Derek reported that Mr. Parm had refused to give us a spot to turn around so we were unable to maintain his road. Once he agreed to let us use his driveway, Derek took Truck #68 and helped open it up to make it easier for our plow truck to maintain. This issue appears to be resolved.

Public Comment: none

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

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk