

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, June 12, 2024, 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: Kelly Smith, Consultant

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 23, 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 # 65332 - # 65353 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 13629 - # 13663 in the amount of \$627,830.65 and Payroll checks # 59749 - # 59765 in the amount of \$122,543.59.

Public Comment: Kelly Smith reported that he and Mike met on-site to discuss how to get rid of the water and deal with the erosion issue on Beech Ave. Kelly indicated there will be a meeting next week with the Big Bend Park Association president. They will coordinate with Consumers Energy. Kelly also reported that Northern Concrete should be able to deliver the culvert to the Vista Dr. project when we need it. We will have to assist with traffic control. We are still on track to close right after Labor Day. We hope to have the project completed within 2-3 weeks. Kelly reported that he attended the Hardy Dam stakeholder meeting regarding the dam closure. Kelly reiterated that there is a road over the dam, which will affect more than just tourism, especially emergency services.

Commissioner Harmon informed the board that the Parks Department is talking about giving up Pettibone Park. They are working with Lilley Township to see if they want it, and then maybe the DNR.

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, updated township project spreadsheet, budget reports through May, and fuel savings spreadsheet through May.

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

- Beech Ave. between 104th St. 98th St., Wedge and Reseal

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

Kerry requested the board's signatures on MDOT form 2044, Engineering Reimbursement for \$10,000 for payments made during the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, to licensed professional engineers retained by the Commission. The board had no objections.

Kerry reported that we received a refund from CRASIF in the amount of \$15,234.32, along with notification that we will also be receiving \$5,750 will be applied to reduce our 2024-2025 premiums.

Kerry informed the board that she will be meeting with Paradigm on Monday to discuss the health insurance coverage and rates that they provide.

Kerry informed the board that our accounting software has the ability for electronic timecards. Management has been utilizing it for a couple of weeks.

Derek reported that he and Mike met with the county parks at the newly acquired marina. We have written an estimate for them and are waiting for a response.

Derek reported that the county administrator asked if the road commission is still interested in cost sharing on Mundy Ave. leading to the Diamond Lake County Park. Discussion took place and the board had no objections cost-sharing on a project if the county and the township are all in agreement.

Derek informed the board that Denver Township is requesting to carry over the project cost of Wedge and Overlay Maple Island Rd. between 3 Mile Rd. and 4 Mile Rd. Derek indicated the estimated township share is \$158,000 and they would be able to reimburse us in 2025. Derek said this would be a good project for Denver Township. The board had no objections.

Derek reported that the work continues with the Hardy Dam plans. Jon Moxey, Fleis & VandenBrink submitted to Consumers Energy what our road service will be at the end of the project and updating the weight restriction to 20-ton. There are no FERC guidelines on what the dam underneath the road will support.

Derek reported that we have taken delivery of the three pickups from Berger Chevy. They are currently being upfitted.

Derek informed the board that we had a bridge deck failure in Barton Township on Elm Ave. just north of 13 Mile Rd. We are working with EGLE and waiting to hear back from them on what they will allow us to install.

Derek informed the board that we have completed the project on Dickinson Ave. north of 17 Mile Rd. for Trout Unlimited. We installed a squash culvert, and it turned out nice.

Derek reported that Mike has submitted the EGLE permit for the 40th St. Bigelow Creek crossing project.

Derek reported that Wayne with KCRC has submitted our 1799 form for the future State D project on Stone Rd. this is for the programmed 2029 project. Derek reported that all the wedging is complete ahead of the chipseal program, including Stone Rd.

Derek informed the board that all the foremen are attending a crash analysis training put on by MCRISIP, and our summer help will be attending traffic control training next week.

Derek reported that our roadside mowing has begun, and our catch basin cleaning will begin soon.

Derek provided the board with a construction update.

Derek received a MCRCSIP ballot with 4 candidates. The board had no preference on selection.

Public Comment: none

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Fetterley received the MCRCSIP newsletter where it discussed first amendment auditors and training. Kerry informed Commissioner Fetterley that we had Charlie Pike with MCRCSIP come in last month and all the employees attended the training.

Commissioner Harmon reported that the tire collection is this Saturday, and that the Drain Commission is looking to apply for additional funding since we already hauled 6 of the 7 trailers the current grant afforded.

Commissioner Harmon reported that County Commissioner Mellema had a concern from a citizen living at 6 Mile Rd. and Green Ave. that the dust control that is applied does not last but more than week. Derek informed him that the brine is completely controlled by the townships. We do offer \$5,000 brine reimbursement to the townships.

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

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk