

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, May 8, 2024, 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  
Others present: Kelly Smith, consultant; Gary Timmer, UAW; and Zack Deur, Anlaan Corp.; and Dan Armock, resident

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 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:

**May 9, 2024**

Vendor checks # 65286 - # 65309 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 13547 - # 13588 in the amount of \$206,691.51 and Payroll checks # 59715 - # 59730 in the amount of \$109,022.21.

**Public Comment:** none

**8:01 a.m. - Opened the Public Hearing for upcoming construction project:**

- Clearwater St. in Grant Township: Grub, Crush, Shape and Pave

Derek and Mike explained the upcoming construction project. Dan Armock has concerns with the current drainage. Mike indicated that we plan to put valley gutter in to help alleviate his issues.

**Bid Opening: Temporary Cofferdam for Vista Dr. culvert project**

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>LUMP SUM TOTAL</u>
<b>J.E. KLOOTE CONTRACTING, INC.</b> <i>* Utilities in conflict with our work must be relocated prior to arrival to the site</i>	<b>\$86,400.00</b>
<b>THE KING CO., INC.</b>	<b>\$106,000.00</b>
<b>DAVIS CONSTRUCTION, INC.</b>	<b>\$187,628.12</b>
<b>ANLAAN CORPORATION</b>	<b>\$260,000.00</b>
<b>ANLAAN CORPORATION</b> <i>* Alternate cofferdam option, on file</i>	<b>\$175,000.00</b>

Bids will be reviewed and awarded (if deemed in the best interest of the Newaygo County Road Commission) at a later date.

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, budget reports through April, fuel savings for April, and the MVHF Comparison spreadsheet.

Kerry presented the board with an updated township project spreadsheet.

Kerry presented the following contracts with **Sheridan Township:**

- 56<sup>th</sup> St. between Warner Ave. and Luce Ave., Wedge, and Overlay
- Green Ave. between 72<sup>nd</sup> St. and 80<sup>th</sup> St., Wedge, and Overlay
- Sleeper Ave. between 64<sup>th</sup> St. and 72<sup>nd</sup> St., AMZ, Wedge, and Overlay

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

Kerry presented the following contracts with **Everett Township:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> St. between M-37 and Catalpa Ave., Wedge, and Overlay
- 8<sup>th</sup> St. between Catalpa Ave. and Larch Ave., Wedge, and Overlay
- 20<sup>th</sup> St. between Oak Ave. and Pine Ave., Wedge and Reseal

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

Kerry informed the board that she was contacted by the Brooks Township Clerk requesting reimbursement for brine for the 2023 season. Kerry informed her that we specifically put language in the cost-share letters that get mailed out annually to all township officials, that due to budgetary reasons we are unable to carry over reimbursements. Kerry suggested applying their FY23 cost share reimbursement towards the 84<sup>th</sup> St. project. The board had no objections.

Kerry requested approval to continue the employer contribution to management's 457 retirement plans. Motion made by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to continue the employer contributions as is, for another year. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry asked the board if they had a chance to review the updated and new policies that she provided on a flash drive. The board members are still in the process of reviewing.

Derek reported that he and Mike put together a list of three primary paving projects that he would like to add to the next asphalt bid letting. The estimated cost would be \$550,000. The board had no objections.

Derek reported that he, Mike, and Kelly met with Trout Unlimited to continue discussions regarding the next Bigelow stream crossing on 40th St. Derek informed the board that we are hoping to scale the scope of the project back, specifically reducing the size of the structure. In return, we would have to cost share more.

Derek informed the board that he is working closely with our new contact at Michigan Chloride to nail down the township brine schedule for the season. Michigan Chloride had employee turnover, and we had to educate them on the process of getting roads ready for brine.

Derek reported that Environmental Clean completed the graffiti removal at the White River roadside park. The product needs to set for a few days, and MDOT will be replacing the toilet this week. We should be able to open the park on Monday.

Derek reported that the MDOT street sweeping is complete, and they will be returning in a few weeks to complete the county portion.

Derek informed the board that we have our track steer back with the new engine.

Derek informed the board that our three new pickups should be delivered by the end of the month. Berger is also working on the new cab and chassis unit for the sign truck.

Derek informed the board that asphalt paving with Rieth Riely started last Friday. They were able to pave the small section of 12 Mile Rd. by the Merrill Township transfer station and wedge on Woodland Park Dr. Derek reported that they hope to be back in our county on Friday to do 24<sup>th</sup> St. by Crystal Lake.

Derek provided a construction update.

Derek reported that he has signed the agreement with Fleis and VandenBrink for the continuation of our bi-annual bridge inspections for \$27,600.

**Public Comment:** Kelly reminded Derek of the scour critical bridges.

Gary indicated that he would like to have a meeting with Derek and Kerry soon to go over some proposals and have MERS run a few actuaries.

8:45 a.m. - Closed the public hearing

**Commissioner discussion items:**

Commissioner Fetterley stated that he plans to help with the Hazardous Waste Collection day.

Commissioner Harmon informed the board that the board of public works met recently and discussed the fact that townships have started collecting tires. They decided to allow each township 200 tires and if there is availability after the collection date, to allow townships to drop off more later.

Commissioner Harmon informed the board that at the last parks meeting, Nick praised the road commission for the wonderful tree-removal work that was performed at Sandy Beach Campground. Nick also mentioned his concerns with spending money on the new marina improvements and the fact that Consumers Energy could turn around and sell the dam.

With no objections, Chairman Gonyon adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

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William Gonyon, Chairman

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Kerry Hewitt, Clerk