

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, November 13, 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 October 23, 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:

November 8, 2024:

Vendor checks # 65618 - # 65647 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 14040 - # 14084 in the amount of \$504,247.30 and Payroll checks # 59927 - # 59942 in the amount of \$110,695.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, MVHF Comparison, and fuel savings through October.

Kerry reported that the workers comp audit that was recently completed, which resulted in a refund of \$14,038 credited towards future premiums and a check in the amount of \$2,098.

Kerry reported that the state trunkline audit for FY22 has been completed. We owe MDOT \$45,431.13, which is down significantly from the last audit.

Kerry informed the board that Derek Hall, Senior Audit with the Department of Treasury contacted her yesterday in preparation for FY24 audit. The state has a new system to upload requested files and documents. Derek plans on starting our audit in the middle of December.

Bridgeton Township:

112th St. west of Warner Ave. for approximately 6,940 ft.: Grub, Grade, Gravel, and Pave

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 asked the board if they would like to set the January board meeting now or wait until next month. Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to set the January board meeting for January 15, 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek informed the board that we purchased a cab and chassis to start the project of replacing the sign truck.

8:15 a.m. Public Hearing opened for the proposed abandonment of Hiawatha Dr.
There was nobody present for the public hearing.

Derek reported that the work we wanted to complete on the Beech Ave. project for Big Prairie Township before winter was completed. It should be ready for asphalt before Memorial Day.

Derek informed the board that the work had begun to replace the beams on the 12 Mile bridge west of Oak Ave. Derek reported that we had beams at Guthrie Pit, concrete has been poured, and lumber was purchased from Big L Lumber. We should be able to put the deck back on next week and open it back up to traffic. Jon Moxey with Fleis and Vandenbrink will inspect the bridge after completion.

Derek reported that we have received quotes from MHK Equipment Services for a crusher, screener, excavator, and stacker that will help clean up Guthrie pit and produce usable materials. The total monthly rental cost would be \$65,000. Discussions took place. Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to authorize the manager to rent the equipment from MHK Equipment Services as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek informed the board that he had done his research on the JPRO software that he had mentioned a couple months ago. He would really like to move forward with purchasing the diagnostic software that will help with all trucks, regardless of make and model. Derek informed the board that the upfront cost would be \$11,107 with an annual cost of \$2,200. The board had no objections to moving forward with the purchase of the diagnostic software that would enable us to be more efficient overall.

Derek reported that he has a telephone conference today at 10 a.m. with Trout Unlimited and the US Forest Service to discuss the next Bigelow Creek crossing project on 40th St. Derek will provide an update at our next meeting.

Derek informed the board that the 2 new Western Star cab and chassis units will be delivered next week. They will be stored at the Newaygo facility until Truck and Trailer is ready for them to be upfitted.

Derek reported that we were contacted by Holly Vickers with the Michigan Wetland Banks about a possible wetland mitigation site here in the county. Derek has not been able to connect with Holly, but once he does, he will find out more information and report back at our next meeting.

Derek reported that we have been contacted by MDOT rail safety regarding railroad crossing deficiencies. They requested stop bars and cross bars be painted on the road before each crossing. We were able to contact Michigan Pavement Marking and they completed them this week.

Derek reported that he and Mike completed a survey for MDOT regarding maintenance and what MDOT could do to help in the winter.

Derek informed the board that Brass Marr replaced the bladder tank and then we were without water a few times afterwards. Brass Marr came back and pulled the well pump for emergency repairs. Everything is up and running now.

Derek reported that Kyle Knoop, MDOT Maintenance Coordinator, submitted our annual winter patrol maintenance agreement. Derek informed the board that our 2nd shift will start on December 2nd.

Derek reported that Michigan Pavement Marking submitted a letter offering to extend their prices into the 2025 season. Derek is impressed with their attentiveness to our requests for pavement markings and has been great to work with. However, Derek would like to monitor how long the regular dry paint lasts that they applied this year. Derek also mentioned increasing the number of miles we paint next year. Derek will provide more information at our next board meeting.

Public Comment: none

Public Hearing closed at 8:55 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to adopt resolution NCRC-11-001-24, a resolution vacating and abandoning all of Hiawatha Dr. (previously referenced as approximately 200 ft. and .04 mile) commencing at Mohawk Trail and going to the north. Part of Reed's Diamond Lake Park. Section 13, Lincoln Township T14N R13W Newaygo County. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Harmon informed the board that there has been no forward activity with the marina project at this time. Commissioner Gonyon thought he remembered a mitigation bank in the area north of Baseline near Spruce Ave.

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

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk