

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, October 23, 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 9, 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:

October 25, 2024:

Vendor checks # 65590 - # 65617 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 14000 - # 14039 in the amount of \$462,693.79 and Payroll checks # 59912 - # 59926 in the amount of \$105,372.31. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow.

Kerry informed the board that the next Paul Bunyan meeting is Thursday, November 21, 2024.

Kerry presented the board with a resolution to enter into an agreement with the West Shore Snowmobile Council for the usage of county roads for their trail system. Motion by Commissioner Harmon and seconded by Commissioner Fetterley to adopt resolution NCRC-10-001-24. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the board with a Quit Claim Deed for lots 78, 79, and the westerly 40 ft. of lot 80 of Pettibone Park in Lilley Township. There was a Quit Claim deed dated June 11, 1986, that was lost. This deed will officially complete the transaction of putting the parcel in the County of Newaygo's name. The board had no objections and authorized the Chairman of the Board and the Manager of the Road Commission to sign the Quit Claim Deed.

Derek reported that we have been contacted by MDOT after a random inspection of two bridges on 12 Mile Rd. west of Oak Ave. over McDuffee Creek. MDOT performed a quality insurance check and discovered holes in the I-beams. The bridges have a 6-ton weight limit. They were both inspected this summer by Fleis & Vandenbrink. Derek informed the board that he removed the load limit sign and replaced it with no truck signs. He also requested Fleis & Vandenbrink reinspect it. Derek informed the board that he plans to remove the deck and replace the I-beams to get the load limit reestablished.

Derek reported that Mike attended the fall MDOT maintenance meeting in Ottawa County. The focus was more geared towards winter maintenance, pretreating material, and techniques. MDOT keeps mentioning initiating a region-wide guardrail contract. Derek would prefer that we maintain our own so that the repairs happen quickly.

Derek provided an update on the local RTF meeting that was held here last week. Derek plans to keep selling our Fed Aid, and Joel with WMSRDC agreed that is the best practice. Commission on Aging provided a few items on their wish list. Derek asked Kasey with the City of Grant to see if any of the cities or villages had any interest in chip sealing any of their Fed. Aid eligible roads.

Derek reported that MCRISIP provided us with the new "stay back 200 feet law" on the back of laminated emergency vehicle statue cards. They have been placed in all our plow trucks.

Derek reported on the two Western Star trucks that were ordered 10-18-23. They have been built and should be shipped to Truck and Trailer to be upfitted in the next month or two. Derek will put together another bid package for two more trucks.

Derek informed the board that we have a demo tracksteer from MI CAT to compare the size to the model we currently have.

Derek informed the board that he will be attending the last Muskegon River dam meeting put on by Consumers Energy's consultant on Nov. 1st.

Derek reported that Mike and Mandy will be attending a communication workshop put on by CRA on the 28th.

Derek informed the board that the construction crew is grubbing on Beech Ave. at 16th St. for Big Prairie Township. In addition, we are alleviating a water issue on the inside curve of Main St. and Cleveland Dr. in Lilley Township.

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Harmon mentioned his term is up at the end of this year. Kerry informed him that the county would mail the paperwork directly to him. Commissioner Harmon mentioned how well the ADA section of the Dragon Trail is holding up and he provided a Marina update.

Commissioner Gonyon thanked Derek for painting the centerline around Hess Lake. Derek informed the board that the contractor ran out of white regular dry paint. He will be coming back to paint the edge lines.

Public Comment:

With no objections, Chairman Gonyon adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk