

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 8, 2025, 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 September 24, 2025. 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 10, 2025:

Vendor checks # 66284 - # 66314 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 14811 - # 14846 in the amount of \$815,448.78 and Payroll checks # 60324 - # 60339 in the amount of \$124,602.07. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, MTF Comparison spreadsheet, updated township project spreadsheet, and fuel savings spreadsheet through September.

Kerry informed the board that CRA sent out an email yesterday regarding their thoughts on the 2025 transportation package. There are a lot of unknown factors. CRA indicated that MDOT promised a webinar in early November when more details are known.

Derek informed the board that he attended the Small Urban Task Force meeting yesterday. The reason for the meeting was a call for 2028 projects. The committee approved Lake Dr. from Green Ave. to 64th St. Commission on Aging also submitted a \$20,000 request for software. Derek informed the board that the call for projects happens every other year. For 2026, the City of Fremont will have projects on Connie and Lake Dr.

Derek informed the board that Hardy Dam will be closed for a week starting on October 16th. We have posted an advance warning on social media. Derek has also talked with Abby at Emergency Services, the Big Prairie Township Fire Department, and Consumers Energy.

Derek reported on the SAM conference he attended last week. He talked to a lot of vendors at the equipment/road show. Truck and Trailer informed him that the sign truck equipment would be delivered this week, and it was.

Derek provided a construction update.

Derek reported that the Rural Task Force meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday. Derek will reallocate 2026 funds from a buyout with Oakland County to reseal projects.

Derek informed the board that we will be buying the oil tank equipment we currently rent from Lyden Oil; this includes the tank, reels, guns, and pipping. If we own the equipment, we can compare oil prices with different vendors to ensure we are receiving the best prices. The board had no objections.

Derek informed the board that he had an enjoyable conversation with Dan at Stoops, regarding the transmissions on the new trucks. Derek noted that Allison transmissions have quite a delay. Derek mentioned that Dan is working with Cummins and Allison to resolve this issue. Derek mentioned that we can still get in line for 2026 trucks. Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to order two Western Star cab and chassis units through the Sourcewell program. All ayes, motion carried.

Derek reported that he also had good conversations with Steve Bush with International. He mentioned that he has 7-9 trucks going out to local road commissions soon. Derek mentioned that he is open to look at International trucks in the future.

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Harmon reported on the visit he had with Mr. and Mrs. Randy Town at 4726 W. 48th St. Randy was hoping the road commission would reimburse him for the work he had done. Commissioner Harmon stated that it is not our policy to reimburse for work performed by a private contractor. Commissioner Harmon mentioned that the issue could reoccur if not enough clay or material surrounding the culvert was removed and replaced with gravel. Commissioner Harmon informed the Town's that if the issue reoccurs, he should contact Derek or himself, and we will revisit the issue. The visit was pleasant, positive, and ended with good mutual understanding.

Commissioner Harmon mentioned that Rich Wheeler published another article in the Indicator this week regarding the 40th St. project. Mr. Wheeler appreciated the invitation to the work site.

Commissioner Harmon mentioned that he ran into Joe DuBois last week and he relayed his gratitude for our attendance at the Sheridan Township board meeting last month. Commissioner Harmon mentioned that we still have not seen a signed contract for Rhonda Dr.

Commissioner Harmon took a moment to thank Derek, Kerry, and the other board members for having such a great working relationship. Commissioner Harmon appreciates the fact that we work well together and can openly communicate about issues with respect and integrity.

Commissioner Harmon inquired about the issue at 76th and Ash. Derek mentioned that it has quieted down, and we have had no more issues out there.

Commissioner Gonyon mentioned the concern he received on E. Washington about a hidden driveway. Derek will have the sign shop perform a sight inspection to see if it meets criteria for a hidden drive sign.

Commissioner Fetterley mentioned that Undersheriff, Chad Palmiter had mentioned to County Administrator Wren about building their own shooting range. Commissioner Fetterley mentioned to Derek that they may contact him in the future regarding possible locations.

Public Comment: none

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

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk