

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 9, 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 September 25, 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 11, 2024:

Vendor checks # 65559 - # 65589 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 13964 - # 13999 in the amount of \$811,848.90 and Payroll checks # 59897 - # 59911 in the amount of \$111,831.42. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Kerry presented the board with an updated fuel savings through September, cash flow, MVHF comparison, and township project spreadsheets.

Kerry informed the board that she continues to work with the auditor on the FY2022 state trunkline audit.

Kerry presented the board with an abandonment request we received on October 2nd, for Hiawatha Dr. in the plat of Reed's Diamond Lake Park. Discussion took place regarding abandonment in a plat. Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to grant the petition for abandonment and schedule a public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek reported that we have sent Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of Westland a purchase order for two pickups they have in stock. They could be delivered as early as this week.

Derek reported that our Attorney has sent us a letter notifying us of a price increase that will take place on November 1st. The rate will go from \$280 per hour to \$320 per hour.

Derek informed the board that he was contacted by Oscar Reed with the West Shore Snowmobile council regarding the establishment of a new right-of-way agreement in the southwest portion of the county. In 2019, Kelly Smith signed a one-year agreement allowing the usage of 120th St., Pike Ave., 124th St., VanWagoner Ave. and 128th St. for a snowmobile reroute. Commissioner Harmon requested a resolution be drafted for our next board meeting.

Derek informed the board that we have received the Stewardship Report from CRASIF.

Derek reported that he attended the Dragon Trail ribbon cutting ceremony. Derek reported that we were recognized for our work on the ADA section. Derek said that it was a great ceremony that was well attended.

Derek informed the board that the second round of pavement marking has begun and should wrap up this week. Commissioner Gonyon requested that all of Hess Lake Dr. be repainted. Derek will inspect the area.

Derek reported that the Norwich Township crush, shape, and pave project on Cottonwood Ave. was completed last week. This wraps up the 2024 township paving projects.

Derek informed the board that he attended the managers' luncheon on the 7th in Cadillac. Derek said that only seven managers were in attendance, but there were great conversations had.

Derek informed the board that we will hold a local RTF meeting here on the 10th to allocate our 2026-2029 projects. Derek's intentions are to continue to sell our fed aid.

Derek reported that Melissa has gathered prices for high visibility sweatshirts and jackets for the upcoming winter season. The board had no objections on providing them for our employees.

Derek informed the board that the box culvert at Vista Dr. is nearing completion, and the Lake level is near normal. Derek reported that the guardrail has been installed and it is scheduled to be paved today. Commissioner Gonyon thanked Kerry for sending pictures of the project.

Derek informed the board that none of our critical bridge applications were selected.

Derek informed the board that the Forest Service requested us to do some work at Brush Lake, Indian Lake, and at the North Country Trail parking on 40th St. just west of M-37.

Derek reported that the construction crew will move to Beech Ave. between 16th St. and Big Bend Park to start tree removal.

Derek reported on the condition of Comstock Ave. between 72nd St. and 80th St. Sheridan Township had previously requested rough road signs be installed and inquired about pulverizing it. Derek drove it again yesterday and informed the board that it is to the point that we are unable to maintain it. Derek informed the board that we calculated an estimate to crush, shape and pave it. The total estimated project cost is \$236,801.25, with the township share being \$174,600. Derek informed the board that the township supervisor hopes to make a future board meeting to discuss this section of road.

Derek inquired about ordering Meijer gift cards for all our employees again. The board had no objections.

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Harmon presented a package of information regarding the Pettibone Park property transfer for Derek's review.

Commissioner Harmon reported that the first bird sighting trail sign was installed last week at the Newaygo County Welcome Center. The remaining signs will be installed over the next few months. Commissioner Harmon added that it is another positive thing happening in our county.

Public Comment:

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

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk