

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, September 11, 2024, at the road commission offices.

Commissioners present: William Gonyon, Douglas Harmon, and Lee Fetterley  
Staff present: Derek Wawczyk, Manager and Kerry Hewitt, Clerk  
Others present: Dale Twing, Drain Commissioner and Gary Timmer

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 28, 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:

**September 12, 2024:**

Vendor checks # 65517 - # 65536 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 13885 - # 13917 in the amount of \$749,144.67 and Payroll checks # 59865 - # 59881 in the amount of \$117,538.81. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Dale Twing asked if we knew where the spoil or ground up asphalt is coming from that Rieth-Riley has been hauling into the City of Fremont. He also thanked the road commission for the help with the Wheeler Drain repairs. Dale said Vista Dr. looks like we are making good progress. Dale informed the board of the EGLE mandates on the lake levels and informed the board that he will be in court next week regarding the same. Dale informed the board that he is contemplating getting out of recycling, including the tire collection, all together. He indicated a lack of support from the administration, and it adds a lot of extra work for his office staff. The tire grant application is now available and at this point he is not planning to apply for it.

Gary informed the board that he keeps hearing compliments on the pavement markings throughout Garfield Township. He also appreciates the repairs that were done at the intersection of M-82 and Felch Ave. Gary wondered if NCRESA or the township would step up and take over the tire recycling program.

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, budget reports and fuel savings spreadsheet through August, and an updated township project spreadsheet.

Kerry reported that we have completed our required portion of our Asset Management plan, and it is ready to be submitted to the Transportation Asset Management Council (TASC). Discussion and review of the plans took place regarding the Transportation, Pavement, and Bridge Asset Management plans. Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley, to comply with Public Act 325, being a local road-owning agency with 100 certified roads or more, that we developed an asset management plan for the road, bridge, and culvert assets and we approve and agree to submit the Transportation Asset Management Plans (TAMP) as required. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry reported that she provided information for the Worker's Comp. audit as well as the State Trunkline audit. She is waiting to hear if they have any questions or need additional information.

Derek reported that the work has started on the Vista Dr. project. The sheet piling will be completed today. Tomorrow they will start excavating inside the piling, and we will haul the material to prep the site for the box culvert installation next week. Kloote installed a vibration monitoring system that will alert if the vibration exceeds the acceptable rate.

Derek informed the board that in working with the railroad, we plan to mill and pave in between the tracks at Green Ave. and Lake Dr. this week.

Derek informed the board that he contacted Winberg Construction to discuss a timeline for the Salt Shed repair. Winberg has been busy working in Muskegon County doing storm damage repairs. Derek noted that the repairs to our shed need to be done before we start using the building this winter.

Derek informed the board that the forest service has reached out and asked us to address some issues on a couple of roads and parking areas. We performed work on the M-20 trailhead, Shelly Lake, and Hungerford Lake Dr. by the horse camp.

Derek reported that he has been in contact with Todd Wenzel in Westland about the two new pickups. Derek reported that he has also contacted local dealerships to see what they have in stock for work trucks.

Derek reported that he has the specifications ready to put out a bid for a completely new sign truck. Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to accept management's recommendation and bid out a complete sign truck. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek informed the board that Michigan Pavement Marking and MDOT have completed the new lane design in White Cloud on M-37.

Derek informed the board that the roadside mowing continues, and it should be wrapped up by the end of next week.

Derek reported that we will move back to our winter hours of working 5 days a week on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The construction crews may work late to complete projects as needed.

Derek reported that Sam with CRASIF will be here tomorrow to perform on-site visits to some of our job sites.

Derek reported that MCRCSIP is holding a snowplow rodeo, where new employees drive through obstacle courses. Derek plans to send our two newest employees.

Derek provided a construction update.

**Commissioner discussion items:**

Commissioner Fetterley saw the new brush hog on Baseline and stated that the machine does an excellent job.

Commissioner Gonyon inquired about the pavement marking and if the contractor will be back in our county. Derek reported that Mike gave them a map for a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of marking. Commissioner Gonyon said he received a few phone calls from residents that indicated they were not notified of the Vista Dr. project/closure or that they were under the impression it would only be closed for one weekend.

Kerry asked the board if they would like to set our meeting dates for November and December. Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to meet on November 13<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Dale Twing inquired about Oceana County, he indicated that they do not have an APA for soil erosion. Derek mentioned that Mark has done some great things since being hired at the road commission. Derek mentioned that they normally reseal about 100 miles annually of their own roads, but they had some machine issues this summer. Derek reported that they have also bonded for asphalt, which is one of the reasons Rieth-Riley has been working a lot over there.

Gary informed the board that his position was posted internally. His last day was August 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

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William Gonyon, Chairman

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Kerry Hewitt, Clerk