

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, April 12, 2023, at the road commission offices.

Commissioners present: William Gonyon, Douglas Harmon, and Lee Fetterley
Staff present: Derek Wawsczyk, Manager, Kerry Hewitt, Clerk, and Mike Brege, Superintendent
Others present: on file

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 20, 2023. 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:

March 31, 2023:

Vendor checks # 64575 - # 64596 and ACH Vendor checks # elect. 12540 - # 12572 in the amount of \$223,598.56 and Payroll checks # 59246 - # 59259 in the amount of \$118,819.13.

April 14, 2023:

Vendor checks # 64597 - # 64618 and ACH Vendor checks # elect. 12573 - # 12601 in the amount of \$372,749.89 and Payroll checks # 59260 - # 59274 in the amount of \$105,113.16.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing opened at 8:02 a.m. for the following upcoming construction projects:

Ashland Township: S. Blair Ave. from 100th St. going north for approximately ½ mile.

Sherman Township: 32nd St. between Ferris Ave. and Gordon Ave.

Big Prairie Township: 40th St. between Croton-Hardy Dr. and Chestnut Ave.

Discussion took place regarding the upcoming construction projects. Derek and Mike answered questions from those in attendance.

Public Comment:

Tim Zehr inquired about the right-of-way width of county roads. He also requested material be brought in to help with the deep holes on Bingham Ave. north of 15 Mile Rd.

Gary Timmer noticed a low spot on Ferris Ave. south of 48th St., he thought the drain might be starting to fail.

Kerry presented the board with an updated MVHF comparison, cash flow, and township project spreadsheet.

Kerry presented the following contract for approval:

Norwich Township:

- 8 Mile Rd. and Hickory Dr.: Wedge and Overlay

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve and sign the above-mentioned contract with Norwich Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Grant Township:

- Pavement Marking in various locations within Grant Township
- Centerline Rd. between 128th St. and 136th St.: AMZ, Wedge, and Reseal
- Walnut Ave. south of 120th St.: AMZ, Wedge, and Reseal
- 136th St. from Willow Ave. and going east for approximately 4,700 ft.: Overlay
- 136th St. between Willow Ave. and Centerline Rd.: AMZ and Overlay
- Bittersweet Ave. between 98th St. and 104th St.: Wedge and Overlay

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve and sign the above-mentioned contracts with Grant Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lincoln Township:

- Grand Blvd. north of 3 Mile Rd.: Grub, Grade, and Gravel

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve and sign the above-mentioned contract with Lincoln Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ensley Township:

- 128th St. from Pear Ave. east to Hemlock Ave., north of 124th St., east to Elm Ave.: Grade and Gravel
- Juniper Ave. from 128th St. to 136th St.: Wedge and Overlay
- 120th St. from Butternut Ave. to Newcosta Ave.: Wedge and Overlay
- Beech Ave. from 136th St. to 22 Mile Rd.: Wedge and Reseal
- 120th St. from Cypress Ave. to Butternut Ave.: Wedge and Reseal
- 136th St. from Butternut Ave. to Newcosta Ave.: Wedge and Reseal

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve and sign the above-mentioned contracts with Ensley Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Garfield Township:

- 96th St. from Ferris Ave. to Felch Ave.: Grade and Dolomite
- Wisner Ave. south of 92nd St.: Grub, Grade, and Dolomite
- Bingham Ave. from 56th St. south: AMZ, Wedge, and Reseal
- Bingham Ave. from 72nd St. north: Wedge and Reseal
- Bingham Ave. from 48th St. to 56th St.: AMZ, Wedge, and Reseal

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve and sign the above-mentioned contracts with Garfield Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry asked the board to consider moving the board meeting of Wednesday, May 10th to Monday, May 8th due to the Finance and HR Conference. The board had no objections. Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to move the board meeting of May 10th to May 8th. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek reported on the Highway Conference that he attended with Doug and Kerry in Lansing on March 21st – 23rd.

Derek informed the board that he attended a meeting on March 20th with Trout Unlimited and the Forest Service to discuss the next Bigelow Creek crossing we will be working towards completing. They are in the initial stages of planning.

Derek informed the board that he attended the Township Association meeting held in the county board room on Wednesday April 7th.

Derek reported that we will be holding a local rural task force meeting here at the road commission inviting all local cities, village members, and the COA director on Monday, April 17th. Mike will be attending this meeting on his behalf because Derek has to attend a meeting at the same time regarding the Crouch case.

Derek reported that Mike has been working with Troy at Fahrner Asphalt in preparation of our primary reseal. They are securing locations for stock piling chips.

Derek informed the board that our direct grant State D money for the Robinson Creek crossing on old M-20 is finally moving forward.

Derek informed the board that work continues on gathering information for Vista Dr. and the culvert replacement and reconstruction of the lake control structure of Brooks Lake.

Derek informed the board that the Asset Management plan that Mike had put together and submitted has been accepted. This places us in compliance with the State requirements.

Derek informed the board that he would be submitting a letter of support for the White River Watershed.

Public Hearing closed at 9:40 a.m.

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Harmon reported that the parks department is grateful for the work NCRC did fixing washouts at Sandy Beach. He also reported that on April 28th the parks committee will be escorting Dave Lorenz, from Pure Michigan Campaign, around Newaygo County.

Public Comment:

Kelly Smith reported that he was deposed on Monday, April 17th regarding the Crouch case. He provided Henn's office with our local road construction specifications. He noticed a few minor outdated items in the specs., and he will work with Mike on getting those changed.

Gary Timmer inquired about Trout Unlimited. He also mentioned coming together with the NCRC Union Stewart and NCRC management and attending a future Muskegon Area Labor Conference.

With no objections, Chairman Gonyon adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk