

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 26, 2023, at the road commission offices.

Commissioners present: William Gonyon, Douglas Harmon, and Lee Fetterley
Staff present: Derek Wawsczyk, Manager and Kerry Hewitt, Clerk
Others present: Gary Timmer, UAW

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 12, 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the following vendor checks, ach vendor payments, and payroll checks:

April 26, 2023:

Vendor checks # 64619 - # 64642 and ACH Vendor checks # elect. 12602 - # 12635 in the amount of \$261,449.58 and Payroll checks # 59275 - # 59289 in the amount of \$100,826.56.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Gary Timmer inquired about the number of people in attendance at the last meeting. Derek informed him that we hold public hearings for upcoming construction projects, especially where tree removal occurs, as a way of communicating with the property owners and answering any questions.

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

Kerry informed the board that the next Paul Bunyan meeting is scheduled for May 18th.

Kerry informed the board that the State Trunkline audit for FY20 is complete and distributed the audit summary to the board members. The auditor was pleased that our adjustment % of reported costs was in the 1% range.

Kerry presented the following contract for approval:

Newaygo County Parks Department:

- Grub, Grade, and Gravel the Dragon Trail Segment 1

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve and sign the above-mentioned contract with the Newaygo County Parks Department. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ashland Township:

- W. Park Meadow Dr. and S. Park Meadow Dr.: AMZ and Reseal
- Austrian Dr. and Arbor Dr.: Overlay
- Wisner Ave. between 124th St. and 136th St.: Wedge

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

Goodwell Township:

- Pine Ave. between Baseline Rd. and 2 Mile Rd.: Wedge and Reseal
- 4 Mile Rd. between Elm Ave. and Cypress Ave.: Grade and Gravel

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

Derek reported that he attended a regional rural task force meeting in Muskegon on the 21st. The 2024/2025 funding will be set aside for various chip seals with the delay in the Hardy Dam project.

Derek informed the board that MCRCSIP has reached a settlement for \$75,000 in the Crouch motorcycle accident case.

Derek reported that he has been working with the Forest Service in securing the proper permits for tree removal for two projects this year. On 40th St. between Croton-Hardy Dr. and Chestnut, a row of red pines will have to be cut and hauled away. The permit fee was \$169. On 32nd St., since we can cut and leave the wood there would be no permit fee.

Derek reported that he visited Truck and Trailer on the 18th to inspect our dump truck that is nearing completion.

Derek informed the board that forward progress continues on the Robinson creek project. Wayne with Kent County Road Commission is working on the bid spec. for a bid letting.

Derek reported that MDOT has asked us to bid out their mill and fill of M-37 between 3 Mile Rd. and 7 Mile Rd. Jim with MDOT worked with Mike on staking the area and quantities. It has been added to our asphalt paving bid opening scheduled for the next meeting.

Derek reported that he met with Dale and Kim at the Drain Commission to nail down how the tire disposal will work this year. They found a company out of Howard City with multiple trailers to leave one trailer until it becomes full and then swap it out. The Drain Commission is working on securing a date for tire collection.

Derek informed the board that we are working on the handicapped accessible section of the Dragon Trail for the parks. What we have done so far looks good and he is excited to be a part of the process.

Derek informed the board that he has demoed a new loader from Michigan CAT to replace our smaller 950 loader which is up in May 2024. Derek mentioned with the lag time of receiving equipment we have to be proactive on ordering. The machine he demoed was a 938, which has smaller tires and counterweight, but the bucket capacity, the lifting height, and engine size are the same as the 950. The board had no objections to management's recommendation.

Derek discussed the Goodwell Township road projects for this year. He commended Goodwell Township for approving the whole 2-mile section of wedging and resealing Pine Ave. from Baseline to 2 Mile Rd. versus doing a 1-mile section this year and the other mile next year. In addition, they approved the grade and gravel of 4 Mile Rd. between Elm Ave. and Cypress Ave. Derek talked to the Goodwell Township Supervisor, Johnny Tow, and they would also like to approve the grade and gravel of Locust Ave. between 4 Mile Rd. and 6 Mile Rd. but have concerns with funding all three road projects. Goodwell Township has inquired about the possibility of the road commission carrying over \$50,000 in township project costs into 2024. The board had no objections.

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to carry over \$50,000 in Goodwell Township project costs into 2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Gonyon inquired about the concerns Cynthia Ferguson has with the riprap along her river frontage. Derek informed the board that he met on-site with the Drain Commission, EGLE, the Township Supervisor, and Mike Brege, NCRC Superintendent. Ms. Ferguson wants us to remove the riprap, but we are certain if it is removed severe erosion would occur. We are taking no action at this time.

Discussion also took place regarding Heather Jereb's concerns with water in her pole barn on Redwood Dr. south of 88th St. The crossroad culvert is working as it should, and there are no issues with the road. Heather Jereb will be working with the Drain Commission on a solution to her water issue.

Public Comment: None

With no objections, Chairman Gonyon adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk