

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Newaygo County was called to order by Clerk, Kerry Hewitt at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at the road commission offices.

Commissioners present: Lee Fetterley, William Gonyon, and Douglas Harmon

Staff present: Derek Wawsczyk, Manager and Kerry Hewitt, Clerk

Others present: Gary Timmer, UAW

Kerry asked for nominations for Road Commission Chairman. Commissioner Harmon made a motion to nominate Commissioner Gonyon for Chairman, supported by Commissioner Fetterley. No other nominations were made for Chairman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry turned the meeting over to Chairman Gonyon. Commissioner Gonyon asked for nominations for Road Commission Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Fetterley made a motion to nominate Commissioner Harmon for Vice-Chairman, supported by Commissioner Gonyon. No other nominations were made for Vice-Chairman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to set the date of the February Board meeting to February 8, 2023, and to hold future board meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month beginning at 8 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 13, 2022. 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:

December 22, 2022:

Vendor checks # 64410 - # 64430 and ACH Vendor checks # elect. 12311 - # 12349 in the amount of \$174,960.79 and Payroll checks # 59142 - # 59155 in the amount of \$140,769.97.

January 6, 2023:

Vendor checks # 64431 - # 64455 and ACH Vendor checks # elect. 12350 - # 12378 in the amount of \$263,308.09 and Payroll checks # 59156 - # 59170 in the amount of \$189,298.05

All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Bid Opening, Aggregate Processing and Stockpiling:

LOCATION AND QUANTITY

BIDDER: Barber Creek Sand & Gravel

14 Mile Rd. and Walnut Ave.

62-03-20-400-013

Approximately 23,000 tons

Pit Run Maintenance Gravel	\$6.42	per ton	TOTAL: \$147,660.00
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Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to award Aggregate Processing & Stockpiling to Barber Creek Sand & Gravel. All ayes. Motion carried

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, MVHF Comparison, fuel savings, and budget reports.

Kerry presented the board with an updated organizational chart. Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to adopt the updated organizational chart as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek reported that Stan VanSingel, Grant Township supervisor was in his office yesterday requesting that we look at overlaying the 6 miles of 120th St. in his township. He also met with Newaygo County requesting additional funding for this project. Derek informed Stan that he would have a hard time justifying the cost of this project on a road that is not failing and in good condition. The board agreed.

Derek reported that he and Kelly attended a meeting at Dale's office regarding the Veenboer Drain on Spruce Ave. south of 136th St. in Grant Township. The Drain Commission will be cleaning the drain and it appears our culvert will need to be upsized and lowered. Derek asked Kent County Road Commission to take some elevation shots before we proceed.

Derek reported that he met with Consumers via zoom regarding the Hardy Dam project. Consumer Energy is working on a letter of understanding for the project. They hope to have it ready to present at our next meeting.

Derek reported that he attended the Physical and Economic Development committee meeting at the county building on Wednesday the 4th.

Derek reported that he attended a manager's meeting in Cadillac on Monday the 9th.

Derek informed the board that he will be attending the Croton Township meeting on the 13th of February and the road committee meeting of Garfield Township in March.

Derek informed the board that the Preconstruction meeting for the 2022 Fed aid chip seal project will be held here on the 12th.

Derek reported that 7 of the 9 Frost Solution cameras are installed and working great.

Derek reported that the work continues on our plow truck at Truck and Trailer, and he plans to see it within 6 weeks. In addition, the second cab and chassis are scheduled to be delivered next week.

Derek discussed with the board his concerns with the 2027 emission regulations on Class A trucks. He was contemplating refurbishing an older truck versus sending it to auction. The board had no objections but would like to know the cost of the refurbishing.

Derek informed the board that we have upgrading to LED lights in the pole barn out back and in the old salt shed where we are now parking equipment.

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Fetterley reported that the county will be switching from 44North to Gallagher for the management of their health insurance plans.

Commissioner Harmon reported that he will be attending the county board meeting after our meeting to be interviewed for the board of public works.

Commissioner Gonyon inquired about the automatic 5% increase in the gas tax scheduled for January 1, 2023, and if we will see an increase in funds.

Public Comment: Gary informed the board of the Muskegon Labor & Management conference around May 10th – 12th. He will get the exact dates and information to us. He also suggested that we invite the union to the MERS Conference.

With no objections, Chairman Gonyon adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk