

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Newaygo County was called to order by Chairman Harmon at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at the road commission offices.

Commissioner present: Douglas Harmon, Lee Fetterley, and John Clark
Staff present: Derek Wawczyk, Manager and Kerry Hewitt, Clerk;

Motion by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for August 12, 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

August 27, 2026:
Vendor checks # 66843 - # 66866 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 15573 - # 15600 in the amount of \$569,150.34 and Payroll checks # 60659 - # 60672 in the amount of \$133,146.60. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Bid Opening: Pre-Wetting Material

COMPANY	White Cloud Facility COST PER GALLON	Newaygo Facility COST PER GALLON	
D & B Brine, Inc.	\$0.150	\$0.150	
Michigan Chloride Sales, LLC	\$0.238	\$0.238	*10,000-gallon loads
Michigan Chloride Sales, LLC	\$0.400	\$0.400	*5,000-gallon loads

After discussion about our tank sizes, motion was made by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to accept management recommendations and award to low bid, D&B Brine. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bid Opening: Grader Blades

ITEM	QUANTITY	PRICE PER PIECE	TOTAL PRICE
HEIGHTS MACHINERY INC.			
CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blade	75	\$ 215.14	\$ 16,135.50
alternative: Same as above except CDB	75	\$ 164.99	\$ 12,374.25
CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened	200	\$ 93.11	\$ 18,622.00
FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade trapazoid insert	150	\$ 644.04	\$ 96,606.00
alternative: Same as above except bullnose insert	150	\$ 579.57	\$ 86,935.50

**** 6-8 Weeks ARO. Prices good until 8-31-26**

SHULTS EQUIPMENT, LLC			
CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blade	75	\$ 220.44	\$ 16,533.00
CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened	200	\$ 107.64	\$ 21,528.00
FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade	150	\$ 735.00	\$ 110,250.00

3-4 Weeks after receipt of order. Prices firm for 30 days. Prices based on quantities stated.

MacAllister Machinery			
CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blade	75	no bid	
CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened	200	\$ 102.42	\$ 20,484.00
FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade	150	\$ 1,270.21	\$ 190,531.50

Up to 120-days lead time.

ST. REGIS CULVERT, INC.

CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blade	75	\$ 248.40	\$ 18,630.00
CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened.	200	\$ 115.20	\$ 23,040.00
FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade	150	\$ 774.45	\$ 116,167.50

10-12 Weeks / ARO. Prices firm 15 days from bid date. If separate line items are ordered, additional \$650 freight charge will be added. 9 ft. high wear wing blades = \$1,231.90 each.

WEAR PARTS & EQUIPMENT CO., INC.

CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blade	75	\$ 249.24	\$ 18,693.00
alternative: Double bevel	75	\$ 180.54	\$ 13,540.50
CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened	200	\$ 107.89	\$ 21,578.00
FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade	150	no bid	

Order ships 5 weeks ARO; pricing valid through 9/17/26.

WINTER EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC.

CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blade			
quoting: Single bevel	75	\$ 253.48	\$ 19,011.00
CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened	200	\$ 109.84	\$ 21,968.00
FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade	150	\$ 787.95	\$ 118,192.50

Minimum order value 6,000 no charge freight. 6-weeks ARO. Prices valid for one year, through 8-26-27.

TRUCK & TRAILER SPECIALTIES, INC.

CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blade	75	no bid	
CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened	200	no bid	
FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade	150	no bid	

Bids are currently under review by management.

Bid Opening: 23A Gravel, Barton Township road projects

COMPANY	17 Mile from Beech Ave. to Newcosta Ave. approximately 3,000 tons		Beech Ave. from 17 Mile to 18 Mile approximately 3,230 tons		TOTAL FOR BARTON TOWNSHIP
	Price per ton	Total Bid	Price per ton	Total Bid	
L & D Carey & Sons Trucking	\$14.30	\$42,900.00	\$14.30	\$46,189.00	\$89,089.00
MarJo Construction Services	\$15.10	\$45,300.00	\$14.75	\$47,642.50	\$92,942.50
Yellow Rose Transport	\$20.00	\$60,000.00	\$20.00	\$64,600.00	\$124,600.00
Thunder Transport LLC	\$23.65	\$70,950.00	\$23.65	\$76,389.50	\$147,339.50
Verplank Trucking Co.	\$30.00	\$90,000.00	\$30.00	\$96,900.00	\$186,900.00
High Grade Materials	\$33.50	\$100,500.00	\$33.50	\$108,205.00	\$208,705.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to accept management's recommendation and award bid for 23A Gravel for Barton Township to low bid, L&D Carey, pending testing, availability, and in the best interest of the Newaygo County Road Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, spreadsheet for township projects, and the MTF comparison spreadsheet.

Kerry informed the board that the milage rate on January 1, 2026, increased to 72.5 cents with a mid-year increase to 76 cents on July 1, 2026. Kerry was informed by the County Building that they approved the mid-year increase.

Kerry presented the board with resolution NCRC-08-001-26, a resolution specifying authorized officials to sign State Trunkline Maintenance Contract 2026-0214, October 1, 2026, to September 30, 3031. Derek informed the board that we received a letter of support from CRA regarding the renewal of our MDOT maintenance agreement. Motion by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve resolution NCRC-08-001-26, authorizing Derek Wawsczyk, Manager of the Newaygo County Road Commission authorized to sign State Trunkline Maintenance Contract 2026-0214. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the board with Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement, which would align with the union contract regarding service credit received when employees are on short-term disability, long-term disability, or workers’ compensation. Kerry mentioned, when she was working with the MERS team on her voluntary audit, she discovered that if an employee has any reportable hours, they base their DB contribution on the hours worked, and not the minimum 80 hours required by the contract. Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Clark to authorize Derek Wawsczyk, Manager of the Newaygo County Road Commission to sign the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement, which states that employee contributions will be calculated using formula (hourly rate x SCQ hours x contribution rate) even if wages are paid/reported during the leave of absence. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek informed the board that after meeting with FEMA on August 12th, we have decided to withdrawal our request for public assistance. The majority of our expenses were from fixing county-wide washouts. FEMA’s requested information on washouts is unattainable: GPS coordinates of each washout, dimensions including length, width, and depth of each washout, and photographs of before and after.

Derek reported on the meeting he attended with the boards of Big Prairie and Everett Townships on August 20th. They would like to move forward with a road project on Pine Ave. from Baseline to 20th St. Discussion took place regarding the scope of the project, future projects, and the maintenance costs we incur on Pine Ave. Derek requested the board’s approval to revise the estimate for grubbing, grading, and gravel and split the cost 3-ways: Everett Township, Big Prairie Township, and the Newaygo County Road Commission. The board had no objections.

Derek informed the board that Al Rodden with CRASIF came in on the 19th to give him and Melissa an update and to do a walkthrough of the shop. Al discussed our mod factor, which is at .833. Counties under 1.0 receive recognition. He explained how the mod factor affects rates and how long it takes major claims to drop off. Overall, he was satisfied with his visit.

Derek reported that he attended a zoom meeting with L.R. Cole from Garfield Township and Jon Moxey with F&V regarding Anderson hill. They have surveyed the road with elevation shots and discussed the property Garfield Township is looking at purchasing. Derek mentioned he will meet with the Garfield Township Road Committee in early September to discuss this project along with the road use agreement for the solar project.

Derek informed the board that he, Mandy, and Lee attended the Paul Bunyan meeting at Caberfae on Thursday the 20th. The meeting ran smoothly. We have one more meeting to host in November.

Derek informed the board that he will be meeting the Sheriff’s Dept. at the Curtis Pit to look at berm placement for their operation there.

Derek informed the board that MDOT rail requested our traffic counts at all our crossings; this has been on pause since 2020. However, we have been doing the traffic counts along with all our other traffic counts every other year. Derek was able to provide them right away.

Derek informed the board that the union voted not to accept the letter of understanding that the board signed last meeting. Derek reported he has a meeting tomorrow with the union steward and rep.

Derek provided a construction update.

Derek reported that work continues on the 12 Mile Rd. bridge repairs. The beams were placed, and we have been working on the bridge deck.

Derek informed the board that Jablonski’s have started our 2nd round of mowing. They will be mowing everything again.

Derek informed the board that the Dalton’s will begin our brush control spraying program. Derek provided them with a map of roads in Bridgeton, Grant, Beaver, and some primary roads with good shoulders.

Derek informed the board that Oceana County performed the chip seal portion on our reseal projects. They will be coming back next week to apply the fog seal, weather permitting.

Derek informed the board that the last of the three 2026 Western Star trucks were delivered.

Derek informed the board that the last of our 2026 winter salt was finally delivered this week; 783 tons.

Derek informed the board that it appears we suffered from a lightening strike over the weekend. We discovered the switch that controls our network was damaged, the controller to the fuel facility, led lights over the card reader, the controller to the EPS security cameras, and the radio in the office.

Commissioner Discussion Items:
Commissioner Clark reported that MPSC is hosting a meeting on the 27th, and Consumers is urging people to register to speak. Governor Whitmer wrote a letter opposing the sale of the dams. They vote on the 10th on whether to approve the sale of the dams.

Commissioner Fetterley reported that there is a possibility that D& B Brine will not be brining next year.

Commissioner Harmon mentioned he would like to set up a meeting with the new manager of the City of Fremont.

Public Comment: none

With no objections, Chairman Harmon adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Douglas Harmon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk