

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, September 09, 2026, at the road commission offices.

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

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Clark to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for August 26, 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:

September 10, 2026:
Vendor checks # 66867 - # 66889 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 15601 - # 15638 in the amount of \$1,074,458.79 and Payroll checks # 60673 - # 60691 in the amount of \$124,942.11. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Award Bid: Grader Blades
After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to accept management’s recommendations and award the following bid to Heights Machinery Inc.:

CSB 3/4" x 8" x 84" (5/8" bolt hole) hardened reversed curved counter punched on convex side wing blade, qty = 75 @ \$215.14 each for a total of \$16,135.50
CDB 3/4" x 6" x 72" (5/8" bolt hole) thru hardened, qty = 200 @ \$93.11 each for a total of \$18,622
FSB 7/8" x 5" x 48" (5/8" bolt hole) carbide insert winter blade bullnose insert, qty = 150 @ \$579.57 for a total of \$86,935.50

All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the board with an updated cash flow, spreadsheet for township projects, and fuel savings through August.

Kerry informed the board that we received our first Neighborhood Roads Fund distribution. Derek indicated that with this new funding he would like to look at bridge repairs/replacements and equipment upgrades.

Kerry reported that she is working on the FY27 budget, and she hopes to have the budget packet emailed out next week.

Kerry presented the board with resolution NCRC-09-001-26. Discussion took place. Motion by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve resolution NCRC-09-001-26, a resolution in support of the Snow Plow Act. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry provided an update on the insurance renewal and carrier changes.

Derek informed the board that we received an abandonment packet for Centerline north of 8 Mile Rd. Discussion took place regarding this section of decertified road. Derek suggested we move forward with the abandonment process. The board had no objections.

Derek informed the board that we received the approval letter from MDOT for our Act51 certification maps .

Derek informed the board that Henn’s office responded to the Deur abandonment of State Rd. in the Shady Beach Plat. With no objection from MDOT and reserving an easement for utilities, we have no objections either.

Derek reported that he has a 10 a.m. meeting with Sylvan Solar to move forward with the road use agreement.

Derek reported that we will be going back to normal hours on Monday, September 14th.

Derek provided an update on Spruce Ave. over the Flinton Creek culvert replacement project with Trout Unlimited. The project will take place in 2027 when the EGLE permit allows. Trout Unlimited’s funding is secured.

Derek informed the board that the 12 Mile Rd. bridge west of Oak Ave. is repaired and back open. Derek mentioned we will look at plans to replace these 2 bridges in the future.

Derek provided a construction update.

Derek reported that he met yesterday with the Sheriff’s Department at the property at Walnut Ave. and 16 Mile Rd. and discussed the property layout.

Derek reported that the Dalton’s are spraying and it looks good at what they have done so far. It is a suitable time to brush control spray.

Derek reported that Jablonski is still working on our 2nd round of mowing.

Derek informed the board that he met with Michigan CAT regarding a few leases we have expiring. They are working on the figures to replace the 335 large excavator and the backhoe. Derek discussed the buy-back option on the backhoe. Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Clark to proceed with the buyback option of the backhoe for \$58,000 and proceed with new leases for a backhoe and large excavator. All ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Discussion Items:
Commissioner Clark mentioned Consumers Energy requested a 60-day extension on the final decision regarding the sale of the dams.

Commissioner Harmon read an email he received from Charles Chandler. Mr. Chandler asked about the road commission helping with sand build up and shallow water at the boat ramp at Henning Park. Derek said we could probably do the work, but permits would have to be pulled, and the requirements might be unfeasible. Derek mentioned the permit process could be lengthy.

Public Comment: none

With no objections, Chairman Harmon adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.