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 23, 2026, at the road commission offices.

Commissioner present: Douglas Harmon, Lee Fetterley, and John Clark
Staff present: Derek Wawsczyk, Manager and Kerry Hewitt, Clerk
Others present: Kendra Kersten, Walton Contracting and Justin Wilson, Grand River Construction

Motion by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for September 9, 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 25, 2026:
Vendor checks # 66890 - # 66906 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 15639 - # 15670 in the amount of $341,186.46 and Payroll checks # 60692 - # 60710 in the amount of $125,063.16. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Bid Opening: Temporary Cofferdam for Spruce Ave. over Flinton Creek

Cofferdam shall be paid as a lump sum (includes all Labor, Equipment, and Materials). The unit price for cofferdam includes designing, providing, installing, maintaining, dewatering, excavation and placement of Wrapped MDOT 6A in mirafi 140N geotextile or equivalent culvert bedding, and removing sheet pile cofferdam after NCRC culvert construction.

COMPANY	LUMP SUM TOTAL
WALTON CONTRACTING, INC.	**$150,000.00**
THE KING CO., INC.	**$185,000.00**
GRAND RIVER CONSTRUCTION, INC.	**$218,000.00**
MICHIGAN BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, LLC	**$229,700.00**
HARDMAN CONSTRUCTION	**$355,000.00**

Bids are under review by management.

FY27 Budget Hearing: Chairman Harmon opened the FY27 Budget Hearing at 8:05 a.m. Kerry presented the following FY27 budget to the Board and discussions took place:

REVENUE		2027 Budget – Proposed
License and Permits		
	Permits	$100,000
Federal Funding		
	Category D – Rural Primary	
	Surface Transp Program (Reseal) 2026	$1,221,648
	Surface Transp Program (Reseal) 2027	$1,152,000
	USFS Maintenance/non-road projects	$40,000
State Funding		
	Michigan Transportation Fund	
	Engineering	$10,000
	Primary Road	$7,118,066
	Local Road	$5,349,965
	Primary Urban	$49,154
	Local Urban	$15,934
	Snow Removal	$76,283
	Neighborhood Roads Fund	
	Engineering	$10,000
	Primary Road	$2,134,536
	Local Road	$1,739,252
	Primary Urban	$47,434
	Local Urban	$31,623
	State Category D Funds	
	Economic Development Funds: Forest Funds	$101,162
	Other State Sources – MIWB (mitigation site)	$760,000
Contributions from Local Units		
	Townships	$2,000,000
	City/Village	$6,000
	Schools	$1,000
	Other Entities	$5,000
Charges for Services		
	State Trunkline Maint	$1,573,184
	State Trunkline Non-maint	$50,000
	Charges for Fuel	$10,000
	Salvage – non-equipment	$5,000
Interest and Rents		
	Interest	$150,000
Other Revenure		
	Private souce – property damage reimbursement	$5,000
	Private source – Trout Unlimited	$300,000
	Gain/(Loss) on Equipment	$358,303
	Installment Purchase Proceeds (new leases)	$1,230,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	**Total Budget**	**$25,650,543**

EXPENDITURES		2027 Budget - Proposed	
Primary Road			
	Preservation/Structural **Improvement**	$4,000,000	
	Spruce Ave. over Flinton Creek	$300,000	
	Routine and **Preventive Maintenance**	$2,400,000	
	Bridges under 20 ft.	$1,000,000	
Primary Road Structure - bridges over 20 ft.			
Local Road			
	Preservation/Structural **Improvement**	$3,500,000	
	Routine and **Preventive Maintenance**	$5,000,000	includes twp. reseal
	Bridges under 20 ft.	$1,000,000	
Local Road Structure - bridges over 20 ft.			
	Bridges - over 20 ft.	$1,000,000	
State Trunkline			
	State Trunkline Maintenance	$1,573,184	
	State Trunkline Non-Maintenance	$50,000	
	STP - primary reseal 2026 carryover	$1,527,060	
	STP - primary reseal 2027	$1,440,010	
	State D Funds		
Non-road projects			
	Mitigation Site	$760,000	
USFS			
	USFS Maintenance FS roads	$40,000	
	Forest Funds	$101,167	
Equipment Expense "Net			
	Direct	$1,000,000	
	Indirect	$600,000	
	Operating	$600,000	
	Less: Equipment Rentals	($3,100,000)	
Administrative Expense "Net			
	Administrative Expense	$700,000	
	Less: Handling Charges		
	Overhead " State	($125,000)	
Distributive Expenses			
	Fringe Benefits		spread at end of year
	Other - Non Labor		spread at end of year
Capital Outlay "Net			
	Land		
	Building	$250,000	
	Road Equipment	$2,874,558	
	Shop Equipment	$10,000	
	Engineering Equipment	$10,000	
	Office Equipment	$10,000	
	Less: Depreciation Credits	($900,000)	spread at end of year
	Less: Equipment Retirements (returned leases)	($358,303)	
Debt Service			
	Principal Payments	$336,287	
	Interest Expense	$51,581	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		$25,650,543	

Derek presented the board with a quote from MacAllister CAT for a new trailer. Discussion took place. Motion by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to purchase a new Trail King TKT40 LP Tilt Trailer for $43,993 through the Sourcewell program. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the board with historical salt prices.

Kerry informed the board that we received the check from Rangerbid in the amount of $105,245 for the equipment and items Derek put in our last auction.

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

Kerry asked the board if they would like to set board meetings for November - January. Motion by Commissioner Clark and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to meet on November 11, 2026, December 16, 2026, and January 13, 2027. All ayes. Motion carried.

Derek informed the board that he attended the Paul Bunyan Managers luncheon on the 21st. They had great round table conversations about the new funding, how the different road commissions work with their townships, and the recent changes in administration with MCRCSIP.

Discussion took place regarding D&B Brine no longer providing brine services.

Derek reported that the scrap tire collection day was held last Saturday. Derek said the event was flawless and commended Kim for her great organizational skills. Commissioner Harmon relayed Kim's appreciation to Derek and the road commission for the use of the facility and making sure they had everything they needed as well.

Derek informed the board that he will be applying for the MDOT buyout of our fed-aid for 2028 on the 22nd.

Derek reported that the 2026-2031 MDOT maintenance contract is complete.

Derek informed the board that the roadside mowing has been completed for the season.

Derek informed the board that Mike has presented a map to Michigan Pavement Markings for them to complete this season's project of line stripping.

Derek reported that we have installed the historical railroad trestle sign near the White River bridge just south of White Cloud on M-37. They are having the dedication on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Derek informed the board that the fog seal on the township chip seal projects was completed on Friday, September 18th.

Derek provided a construction update.

Derek informed the board that MDOT increased our budget and we have nearly $300,000 to spend in the last month of the fiscal year.

Derek reported that we have been working out at Curtice Pit and the Sherrif's Department have begun to utilize the area.

Commissioner Discussion Items: none

Public Comment: none

With no objections, Chairman Harmon closed the FY27 Budget Hearing at 9:20 a.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Clark to approve the FY27 Budget and Resolution. All ayes. Motion carried.

With no objections, Chairman Harmon adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

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Douglas Harmon, Chairman Kerry Hewitt, Clerk