

MINUTES
EMMET COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
HARBOR SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

The Emmet County Board of Road Commissioners met in regular session at the office in Harbor Springs, May 7, 2026. Chairman Frank Zulski called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners Present:

Frank Zulski – Chairman Wade Williams – Vice Chairman James Kargol – Member

Staff Present:

Brent Shank – Engineer/Manager James Godzik – Permit/CADD Technician
John Gray & Art Beach – Road Foremen Tony Shaler – Shop Foreman
Lisa Kleeman - Finance Director/Board Clerk Travis Horrocks – Engineer Technician

Guests Present:

Bill Dohm – Little Traverse Twp. Supervisor Gordon & Edith Kruskie
Paul Daugharty – Alta Equipment Co. Don Mapes – Emmet County Commissioner
Dennis Keiser – Bear Creek Twp. Supervisor Garrett Muir–Bear Creek Twp. Deputy Supervisor
Dan Novak - AIS Equipment Scott Redman

Guests and Staff Present via Zoom:

David White – Emmet County Commissioner David Boyer – Emmet County Administrator
William Hutto - Center Twp. Supervisor Chelsea Drayton – Administrative Assistant
Al Welsheimer – Resort/Bear Creek Twp. Fire Chief

AGENDA:

It was moved by Zulski, seconded by Williams, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Kargol, Williams, Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

MINUTES:

It was moved by Kargol, seconded by Williams, to approve the regular session minutes of April 23, 2026.

Ayes: Kargol, Williams, Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

It was moved by Williams, seconded by Zulski, to approve accounts payable Voucher 2619 for checks 61427-61468 and electronic payments in the amount of \$127,404.54.

Ayes: Kargol, Williams, Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

PAYROLL:

It was moved by Williams, seconded by Zulski, to approve payroll Voucher 2620 for checks 61469-61473 and electronic deposits/payments of \$115,767.23.

Ayes: Kargol, Williams, Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Scott Redman – Inquired about a process and schedule for paving Resort Pike Road and the township process for getting this done. Zulski and Shank explained the process and timing of the annual township meeting.

APPOINTMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. It was moved by Zulski, seconded by Williams, to accept the Power Sweeping bids and award to SCA of MI, LLC.

Ayes: Kargol, Williams, Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

- b. It was moved by Williams, seconded by Kargol, to accept the I-75 Attenuator Installation bids and award to Action Traffic Maintenance.

Ayes: Kargol, Williams, Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

- c. It was moved by Zulski, seconded by Kargol, to approve Heacock Road Relocation plan on M-119.

Ayes: Kargol, Williams, Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

- d. It was moved by Zulski, seconded by Kargol, to approve the equipment purchase of a John Deere Front-End Loader from AIS.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Kargol

Aye: Williams

Aye: Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

Pickups and flat rack trucks were discussed for future purchases:

- i. Levering – Two single cab flat racks
- ii. Conway – One ¾-ton pickup with a 4-ton hot patcher trailer

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ENGINEER-MANAGER REPORT: Shank stated the following:

- Straits Area Council Meeting items worth noting:
 - Neighborhood Roads Funds will be released as the State receives the funds and we could see some new funds in August or September.
 - MDOT State Maintenance Trunkline contract negotiations are complete and we will be receiving our new contract soon.
 - Rob Laitinen, Chippewa County Road Commission Manager, sent a letter to the EPA for an exemption on emissions for plow trucks. Congress Bergman also supports this request. Laitinen requested support from other road commissions by submitting a letter and Zulski requested Shank send one.
- CRASIF refund will be used to purchase trailer mounted arrow boards.

ENGINEER-TECHNICIAN REPORT: Horrocks discussed the following:

- Anderson Road project asphalt is in place and recessed pavement markings will happen next week.
- Robinson Road project will begin within two to three weeks.
- Brutus Road project will begin after July 4th.
- Chipseal project should begin close to Memorial Day.
- Eppler Road culvert project on US31 is in progress.
- I75 Fencing project may be pushed until after October 1 due to MDOT's budget.
- PASER ratings on local roads are about 75% complete and federal aid roads will be pushed until the week of June 22.

PERMIT/CAD TECHNICIAN REPORT: Godzik reported on the following:

- SME soil boring update on seven locations and lane closures.
- Great Lakes Energy permit and construction update on Blackbird Road.

SHOP FOREMAN REPORT: Shaler discussed the following:

- Hoist project has been delayed until after Memorial Day.
- Energreen tractor rental is here.
- Our Energreen tractor had a catastrophic breakdown and the company will replace parts and investigate the reason for the breakdown.
- Seven trucks are remaining for summer changeover, the mechanics have been doing well.

ROAD FOREMEN REPORTS: Beach stated they have been doing the following:

- Assisting MDOT in dealing with the flood.
- Working on grading gravel roads in preparation for dust control.
- Mastic crew is prepping the roads for sealcoat.
- Hot patcher crew is prepping the roads for sealcoat.
- Dealing with culvert failures from the flood.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: Kleeman discussed the following:

- Michigan Transportation Funds Report for March.
- Revenue and Expense Report for February.
- CRASIF authorized a \$2 million distribution; \$1.5 million as a refund and \$.5 million as a premium discount. We received a check for \$34,527.13 and a discount on our next invoice of \$8,578.
- \$100 million additional revenue is part of the pending legislative package.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

a. Kargol - None

b. Williams offered the following:

- a. We need to look at a policy for road work and tree clearing with contractor crews. Last winter they created a pretty dangerous and intrusive situation.
- b. Inquired about the US 31 bank failure north of Alanson, near where it had failed before.
- c. Inquired if flooding was documented because there were some water flow characteristics that have never been seen before. He was contacted by some people in Van for assistance. Can something be done so water could get across the highway differently? Zulski stated the box culvert, had it been placed further south on US 31 as requested by the road commission, Van and the airport may not have flooded. Zulski also stated we need to take this up with MDOT to see what can be done. Williams also stated cleaning ditches may have had an impact on the flooding.

c. Zulski - None

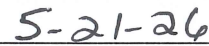
PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Bill Dohm, Little Traverse Township Supervisor – Pennsylvania Avenue project will be addressed at their next meeting and can be scheduled for before Labor Day. He thanked the crew for the high-water response with a culvert issue; they did a really good job. Of all the flooding that we have had, it was an amazing response from our crew. Zulski also stated the crew did an amazing job.

Commissioner Zulski adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.



Lisa Kleeman, Finance Director-Clerk of the Board



Date