

**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, April 9, 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
Ed Zmikly – North Road Foreman	

Guests Present:

Ariana Wolf, CPA-Anderson Tackman Co., PLC	Bill Dohm – Little Traverse Twp. Supervisor
Don Mapes – Emmet County Commissioner	Gordon & Edith Kruskie

Guests and Staff Present via Zoom:

William Hutto – Center Twp. Supervisor	David White – Emmet County Commissioner
David Boyer – Emmet County Administrator	

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 Zulski, to approve the regular session and closed session minutes of March 12, 2026.

Ayes: Kargol, Williams, Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

It was moved by Williams, seconded by Kargol, to approve accounts payable vouchers as follows:

Voucher 2612 for checks 61294-61332 and electronic payments in the amount of \$140,952.75
Voucher 2614 for checks 61338-61372 and electronic payments in the amount of \$238,401.06

Ayes: Kargol, Williams, Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

PAYROLL:

It was moved by Zulski, seconded by Williams, to approve payroll as follows:

Voucher 2613 for checks 61333-61337 and electronic deposits/payments of \$188,622.32

Voucher 2615 for checks 61373-61377 and electronic deposits/payments of \$116,626.61

Ayes: Kargol, Williams, Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPOINTMENTS:

- a. Anderson Tackman & Company, PLC, 8:05 a.m. - Ariana Wolf, CPA, presented the 2025 Financial Audit Report delivering an unmodified or clean opinion and stating there were no issues with the audit. She gave a brief overview of current and prior year comparison as well as financial statements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. It was moved by Zulski, seconded by Kargol, to accept the 2025 Audit Report as presented by Anderson Tackman & Company, PLC.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kargol

Ayes: Williams

Ayes: Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. CRASIF Call for Board of Trustee Candidates was discussed.

ENGINEER-MANAGER REPORT: Shank stated interviews are planned next week for a truck driver and summer laborers and discussion ensued on CDL driver applicant availability and future options.

ENGINEER-TECHNICIAN REPORT: Horrocks discussed the following:

- US 31 and Eppler Road culvert lining project began this week.
- Chipseal stone is coming at the end of April or early May; about 45 miles are planned.
- Federal Aid projects, Robinson Road and Anderson Road, preconstruction meetings are scheduled for next Thursday.
- Brutus Road preconstruction meeting is scheduled for mid-May, start date is July 13.
- Click Road Bridge repair project is out to bid.
- MDOT attenuator project on I 75 at the Mackinac Bridge is out to bid.
- PASER ratings have begun on non-federal aid roads, about 120 miles are complete.
- A couple township estimates will begin soon.
- Centerline painting is happening between June 2 and July 31; 72 centerline miles and approximately 30 turning arrows are planned.

PERMIT/CAD TECHNICIAN REPORT: Godzik had nothing to report.**SHOP FOREMAN REPORT:** Shaler discussed the following:

- Summer change over has begun this week.
- Truck & Trailer Specialties has completed the second truck upfitting and should be received soon. Two more trucks are now there for upfitting.
- 644 John Deere Loader will be here Friday for a trial run.
- Radio training has been completed. Once brackets are placed in the vehicles, the old system will no longer be used and we will be live with the new system in a week to 10 days. Shank gave an update on the tower and property for our old radio system.
- At the end of April, the second hoist construction will begin.

ROAD FOREMEN REPORTS: Art Beach was welcomed to his first board meeting as Road Foreman. He stated they have been trying to stay ahead of the water problems, patch potholes, resume ice storm cleanup, and begin seal coat preparation. Gray and Zmiky concurred.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: Kleeman discussed the following:

- Michigan Transportation Funds for February
- CRASIF Safety Summit, Shaler also contributed with comments.
- Annual Report has been mailed to the townships

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

- a. Kargol - Discussed Governor's speech at the CRA Highway Conference.
- b. Williams - None
- c. Zulski - None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Commissioner Zulski recessed the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

Commissioner Zulski reconvened the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

It was moved by Kargol, seconded by Williams to begin closed session to discuss the bargaining unit contract at 8:47 a.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kargol

Ayes: Williams

Ayes: Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

It was moved by Zulski, seconded by Kargol to end closed session and go back into open meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kargol

Ayes: Williams

Ayes: Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

Commissioner Zulski adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

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Lisa Kleeman, Finance Director-Clerk of the Board

Date