

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 23, 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
James Kargol – Member

Commissioners Absent:

Wade Williams – Vice Chairman

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

Guests and Staff Present via Zoom:

David White – Emmet County Commissioner	David Boyer – Emmet County Administrator
George Bloomfield – Pleasantview Twp. Trustee	

AGENDA:

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

Ayes: Kargol, Zulski

Nays: None

Absent: Williams

Motion carried

MINUTES:

It was moved by Kargol, seconded by Zulski, to approve the regular session and closed session minutes of April 9, 2026.

Ayes: Kargol, Zulski

Nays: None

Absent: Williams

Motion carried

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

It was moved by Zulski, seconded by Kargol, to approve accounts payable vouchers as follows:
Voucher 2616 for checks 61378-61418 and electronic payments in the amount of \$997,309.62

Voucher 2618 for checks 61425-61426 and electronic payment in the amount of \$67,642.84

Ayes: Kargol, Zulski

Nays: None

Absent: Williams

Motion carried

PAYROLL:

It was moved by Kargol, seconded by Zulski, to approve payroll Voucher 2617 for checks 61419-61424 and electronic deposits/payments of \$114,103.52.

Ayes: Kargol, Zulski

Nays: None

Absent: Williams

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPOINTMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. It was moved by Zulski, seconded by Kargol, to reject the Click Road Bridge repair bids.

Ayes: Kargol, Zulski

Nays: None

Absent: Williams

Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Straits Area Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., Audie's Restaurant in Mackinaw City. Shank and Kargol plan to attend.

ENGINEER-MANAGER REPORT: Shank stated the following:

- Crew did an outstanding job with the recent flooding and there weren't any major washouts on our system. MDOT did experience a major washout on their system.
- Lower Shore Drive is closed for a settlement failure like the original failure from 2004. Shank and Horrocks plan to meet with OHM later today to further evaluate this. Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians may have funding for emergency repair work.
- FEMA funding for the recent flood will not be pursued if there is a national declaration.

ENGINEER-TECHNICIAN REPORT: Horrocks discussed the following:

- Anderson Road project will begin May 3 and should be completed by May 22.

- Robinson Road project will begin May 26 and should be completed by July 1.
- Brutus Road project will begin after July 13.
- Chipseal project should begin the first or second week of May.
- Lower Shore Drive slope failure repair estimate is in progress.
- Little Traverse Township potential projects will be Pennsylvania Avenue and Cedar Lane.

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

- Great Lakes Energy permit request for Blackbird Road has been approved and work will begin next week.
- Traffic counters will begin next week and continue through early October.
- SME has a large soil boring project on the south end of the county for a new DTE pipeline that is proposed for 2027.

SHOP FOREMAN REPORT: Shaler discussed the following:

- Summer equipment changeover is about half-way completed.
- John Deere 644 Loader was here for a demo.
- Safety Day is planned for tomorrow.

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

- Dealing with the flood: water over the road, washouts, and culverts
- Working on gravel roads
- Beginning cleanup again for last year's ice storm
- Preparing for seal coat
- Crew has done a great job handling everything

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: Kleeman had nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

- a. Kargol - None
- b. Williams - None
- c. Zulski - None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. George Bloomfield, Pleasantview Township Trustee – They have state funding and budget money and are considering a project on North Conway Road. Shank will meet with him and discuss options for getting a project set up for this year.

Commissioner Zulski adjourned the meeting at 8:18 a.m.



Lisa Kleeman, Finance Director-Clerk of the Board



Date