

CLARE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Clare County, Michigan, hereinafter referred to as the Board, held at its office at 3900 East Mannsiding Road, Harrison, Michigan on April 7, 2026.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson.

Commissioners present: Karen Hulliberger, Bill Simpson, Max Schunk, Merle Harmon, and Dave Coker
Commissioners absent:

Staff present: Dewayne Rogers; Managing Director, Brian Coon; Weighmaster, and Kayla Randle; Finance Director/Board Secretary

Guests present: Pat Adams; Hayes Township Resident, Gabe Ambrozaitis; Clare County Board of Commissioners, Rita Knickerbocker; Hayes Township Resident, and Tyler Watters, Road Commission Auditor

On a motion by Commissioner Schunk, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve the minutes from March 3, 2026, regular meeting as presented.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed.

On a motion by Commissioner Harmon, seconded by Commissioner Coker and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve payments from April 7, 2026: AP (81110-81171), Payroll 3/18 (#54852-54862, #15252-15302), Payroll 4/1 (#54863-54872, #15303-15353), and HRA's totaling \$537,565.40.

Gabe Ambrozaitis, Clare County Board of Commissioners was present to update the next board of commissioners meeting will be April 15, 2026, and the egg hunt at the Harrison airport will be Saturday.

Rita Knickerbocker, Hayes Township Resident was present to read a list of concerns with road maintenance, improper drainage, and a huge hole on Butch Street right of Business Route 27.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township Resident was present to say he learned there is a committee for wrong addresses in the County, and that he expeditiously filled out the paperwork to run for County Road Commissioner in November 2026.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated that the cabinets in the office are in, drains are being poured in the garage, floor in the shop is being poured.

Tyler Watters presented Fiscal Year 25 audit to the Road Commissioners.

On a motion by Commissioner Hulliberger, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve the credit card addendum and agreement.

On a motion by Commissioner Coker, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve the administrative wage increases as presented.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director discussed the letter the Road Commission received regarding the Rural Road Alliance of Michigan. He will be doing some more research on this alliance and encourages the board members to investigate this as well. The discussion will be tabled.

Brian Coon, Weighmaster was present to give an update that frost laws have been lifted as of Monday, April 6th at 6:00am.

Dewayne Rogers, Managing Director updated that they held a pre-construction meeting for Tobacco Drive and could be starting around Memorial Day. Brand Ave project is almost complete, waiting on asphalt plants to open and guardrail. All trees are cut for projects, and the crew is out trying to blade roads from all the rain damage.

Commissioner Schunk heard the meeting at Robbin Harsh went well and had a great turn out.

Commissioner Harmon asked if we could talk to Isabella County about not restricting Tobacco from the highway to Clare County line as it is about a half mile and possibly putting a speed reduction of 35 mph still for that section of road.

Commissioner Simpson reported that Representative Kunse will be at Cops and Donuts April 20, 2026 at 9am, Hamilton Township thanked us and they will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony for their park on June 6th at 11:30am. He's been attending meetings, and the retiree breakfast will be on May 4th at Conlay's in Farwell at 9am.

Commissioner Hulliberger thanked the crew for coming in all weekend and working hard on clearing all the trees that came down across roads.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Kayla Randle, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Karen Hulliberger, Chairperson