

**Present:** Commissioners Slusarski, Emery, Brown  
Scott Merillat, Managing Director  
Jason Schnaidt, Director of Operations  
Beth Hunt, Director of Finance & HR  
John Veres, Director of Traffic, Safety and Permits  
Bryan Ramsdell, Fleet and Facilities Manager  
Torin Merillat, SE District Supervisor  
Jeff Juby, Attorney at Law

Commissioner Slusarski called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and led in the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the agenda as amended by Managing Director Merillat. Commissioner Emery seconded. Motion carried.

Attorney Juby discussed monitoring the tree company working at the County Airport to be certain they do not resume work without proper permits and addressing existing road damage. Attorney Juby is working on an easement with property owners at Hollyhock Lane and Walnut Hill Drive. The easement should be completed in the next couple of months.

Commissioner Emery moved that the minutes of the board meeting held March 5, 2026 be approved. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Martis updated the board on county events.

Managing Director provided information for a driveway variance for the Jones driveway on Killarney Hwy. Commissioner Slusarski moved to approve the driveway variance to use the existing driveway location for the Jones driveway on Killarney Hwy. Commissioner Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Southeast District Supervisor Merillat presented the District Supervisors report.

Fleet and Facilities Manager Ramsdell presented his management report.

Commissioner Slusarski moved to approve the following permits:

Permit Number	Permittee	Effective Date	Description of work to be completed	Worksite Address/ County Roads
2026R0036	Consumers Energy	03/04/2026	INSTALLING LONG-SIDE OH ELECTRIC LINE, POSSIBLE SHOULDER CLOSURE.	Weston Rd. near Sand Creek Hwy.
2026R0035	Consumers Energy	03/04/2026	INSTALLING LONG-SIDE OH ELECTRIC LINE, REPLACING POLE, REPLACING OH ELECTRIC TO HOME.	362 Pentecost Hwy
2026R0044	Frontier Communications	03/12/2026	PERMIT REQUIRED TO PLACE FIBER OPTIC CABLE IN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF LENAWEE COUNTY.	NELSON RD. , HUDSON, MI.
2026R0037	Underground Contractors Inc.	03/16/2026	Horizontal bore (1) 2" HDPE conduit with 96 count fiber, approx. 8,217' on W. Horton Rd.	W Horton Rd.
2026R0048	Merit Network	03/16/2026	To install (1) 1.25" HDPE conduit by directional drilling from an existing utility pole	Rouget Rd.
2026R0056	Consumers Energy	03/16/2026	Consumers Energy is proposing to remove existing high voltage cable within the right of way.	Deerfield Rd, Parr Highway

Commissioner Emery seconded. Motion carried.

Director of Traffic, Safety and Permits Veres presented his report.

Commissioner Slusarski moved the approval of the Medina Township projects

264101	Wabash Rd – 2” Limestone	\$75,992.05
264103	Meyerholtz Hwy – 2” Limestone	\$33,903.73
264105	Ingall – Crackfill, Chip Seal and Fog Seal	\$122,729.42
264107	Meyerholtz Hwy – Crackfill, Chip Seal and Fog Seal	\$8,355.04
264109	State Line Hwy – 2” Limestone	\$67,365.58
264111	White Pine Hwy – 2” Limestone	\$17,750.95

for a total of \$326,096.74. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Emery moved the approval of the Seneca Township projects

264201	Terry Hwy – 1” Limestone	\$24,548.22
264203	Wolfe Rd – 1000 ton Limestone per mile	\$66,561.55
264205	Seneca Hwy – Sign Installation	\$645.23
264207	Whaley Hwy – 1000 ton Limestone per mile	\$33,454.86
264209	Any Road – 1000 tons Spot Patch	\$24,245.35
264211	Rice Rd – Crackfill, Chip Seal	\$37,342.18

for a total of \$186,797.39. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved the approval of the Fairfield Township projects

264201	Terry Hwy – 1” Limestone	\$24,548.22
264301	Lyons Hwy – Crackfill and Chip Seal	\$45,565.79
264303	Yankee Rd – 2” Limestone	\$31,823.55
264305	Horton Rd – 2” Limestone	\$35,348.67
264307	Ridgeville Rd – 2” Limestone	\$60,940.73
264309	Any Road – 1000 ton Spot Patch	\$22,405.55

for a total of \$220,632.51. Commissioner Emery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved the approval of the Dover Township projects

263201	Cadmus Rd – Crackfill, Chip Seal and Fog Seal	\$60,664.79
263203	Whig Hwy – 1000 tons Limestone per mile	\$25,295.40
263205	Seneca Hwy – Shoulder Removal and 2” Limestone	\$105,595.85
263207	Sword Hwy – Shoulder Removal and 2” Limestone	\$42,456.70
263209	Railroad St – Shoulder Removal and 2” Limestone	\$13,561.67
263211	Railroad St – Shoulder Removal and Chip Seal	\$7,371.55

for a total of \$254,945.96. Commissioner Slusarski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Slusarski moved the approval of the Macon Township projects

261601	Welch Rd – Shoulder Removal and 2” Limestone	\$108,373.06
261603	Smith Rd – 2” Limestone	\$82,408.24
261605	Milan Rd – 2” Limestone	\$13,266.41
261607	Tangent Rd – Shoulder Removal and 2” Limestone	\$21,700.35

for a total of \$225,748.06. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Operations Manager Schnaidt presented bids for a 2500 4 wheel drive crew cab pickup. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the bid from Greg Bell Chevrolet for a 2026 4 Wheel Drive Crew Cab Pickup for \$59,900.00. Commissioner Slusarski seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Slusarski moved to authorize the purchase of three 2027 Western Start 49X chassis from D & K Truck Company for \$168,751.00 each. Commissioner XXX seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved to authorize the purchase of three tandem Western Star 49X bodies from Truck & Trailer Specialties for \$198,330.00 each. Commissioner Slusarski seconded. Motion carried.

Director of Operations presented bids received for roadside mowing with a recommendation of Quick Mow, Inc.

Commissioner Slusarski moved approval of the March 20, 2026 payroll of \$196,429.10. Commissioner Emery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of the March 19, 2026 payables of \$244,596.90. Commissioner Emery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Emery moved adoption of the following resolution for the purpose for submitting bridges to the Local Bridge Program:

**WHEREAS**, the Lenawee County Road Commission is required under provisions of the Local Bridge Program to review, approve, and state that they are actively seeking participation in certain bridge replacement projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, the staff of the Lenawee County Road Commission has reviewed the bridge system in Lenawee County and found that there is a need for the replacement of the Birnwick Road bridge over Wolf Creek, 0.2 miles east of Tipton Highway, MDOT Bridge Structure Number 5618, to enhance traffic safety and improve the bridge’s structural capacity; and,

WHEREAS, the available funds are insufficient to fund the bridge project submitted while still maintaining and upgrading the remainder of the county road system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lenawee County Board of Road Commissioners hereby seek participation in the Local Bridge Program for the following project and affirm a commitment to provide 10% matching funds in the event the project receives Federal and State bridge funding. The matching funds would come from the road commission.

<u>Bridge and Location</u>	<u>Estimated Total Construction Cost</u>
Birnwick Road bridge over Wolf Creek 0.2 miles east of Tipton Highway	\$ 2,302,000

Motion supported by Commissioner Brown.  
YEAS: Commissioner Slusarski, Brown and Emery  
NAYS:

Motion carried.

Commissioner Slusarski moved adoption of the following resolution for the purpose for submitting bridges to the Local Bridge Program:

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Road Commission is required under provisions of the Local Bridge Program to review, approve, and state that they are actively seeking participation in certain bridge replacement projects; and,

WHEREAS, the staff of the Lenawee County Road Commission has reviewed the bridge system in Lenawee County and found that there is a need for the replacement of the Staib Road bridge over N. Branch Raisin River, 0.1 miles east of Newburg Highway, MDOT Bridge Structure Number 5578, to enhance traffic safety and improve the bridge's structural capacity; and,

WHEREAS, the available funds are insufficient to fund the bridge project submitted while still maintaining and upgrading the remainder of the county road system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lenawee County Board of Road Commissioners hereby seek participation in the Local Bridge Program for the following project and affirm a commitment to provide 10% matching funds in the event the project receives Federal and State bridge funding. The matching funds would come from the road commission.

<u>Bridge and Location</u>	<u>Estimated Total Construction Cost</u>
Staib Road bridge over N. Branch Raisin River	\$ 4,659,000

0.1 miles east of Newburg Highway

Motion supported by Commissioner Brown.

YEAS: Commissioner Slusarski, Brown and Emery

NAYS:

Motion carried.

Commissioner Brown moved adoption of the following resolution for the purpose for submitting bridges to the Local Bridge Program:

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Road Commission is required under provisions of the Local Bridge Program to review, approve, and state that they are actively seeking participation in certain bridge replacement projects; and,

WHEREAS, the staff of the Lenawee County Road Commission has reviewed the bridge system in Lenawee County and found that there is a need for the replacement of the Raisin Center Highway bridge over River Raisin, 0.4 miles south of Sutton Road, MDOT Bridge Structure Number 5685, to enhance traffic safety and improve the bridge's structural capacity; and,

WHEREAS, the available funds are insufficient to fund the bridge project submitted while still maintaining and upgrading the remainder of the county road system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lenawee County Board of Road Commissioners hereby seek participation in the Local Bridge Program for the following project and affirm a commitment to provide 10% matching funds in the event the project receives Federal and State bridge funding. The matching funds would come from the road commission.

<u>Bridge and Location</u>	<u>Estimated Total Construction Cost</u>
Raisin Center Highway bridge over River Raisin 0.4 miles south of Sutton Road	\$ 5,424,000

Motion supported by Commissioner Emery.

YEAS: Commissioner Slusarski, Brown and Emery

NAYS:

Motion carried.

Commissioner Emery moved that the Managing Director, Scott Merillat be authorized to sign the Act 51 Certification Maps for the year ending December 31, 2025 which certifies

that all of the roads on which lengths have been entered along the road bands of the attached township and enlarge section maps are under the jurisdiction of the Lenawee County Road Commission

and

are normally open to automobile traffic during the months of May through October

and

further shows the mileage as:

<u>489.28</u>	Primary Miles
<u>1043.83</u>	Local Miles
<u>31.90</u>	Urban Primary Miles
<u>73.74</u>	Urban Local Miles

for a total of 1533.11 Miles.

Commissioner Brown seconded the motion.

Roll call – YEAS: Commissioner Brown, Emery, and Slusarski

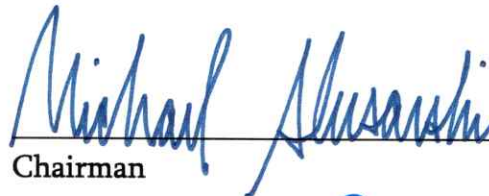
NAYS:None

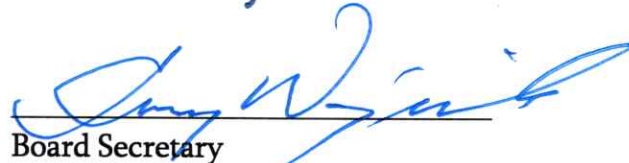
Motion carried.

Managing Director Merillat presented:

- 1) January Cash Management Report
- 2) February Cash Management Report
- 3) MDOT March Bid Letting results for Occidental and Valley Road Roundabout
- 4) Seneca Township Road Agreement

Commissioner Emery moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:24 a.m. Commissioner Brown seconded. Motion carried.

  
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 Chairman

  
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 Board Secretary