

**EMMET COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 4, 2026
Meeting held at 9:30 a.m.
Emmet County Drop-Off Center
7363 Pleasantview Rd. Harbor Springs, MI.**

Members Present: D. Keiser, Chairperson; B. Dohm, Vice Chairperson; D. Fuller, Secretary; D. Mapes; B. Gutowski; A. Bawkey;
Members Absent: J. Kargol
Members of Public:
Staff Members: J. Steffel; A. McMurry

Call to Order

D. Keiser called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Approval of Agenda

D. Fuller motioned to amend and approve the agenda for June 4th, 2026; A. Bawkey supported. All present voted in favor. Cheboygan Recycling Agreement was added to the agenda.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 7th, 2026 DPW meeting were reviewed by J. Steffel. B. Gutowski motioned to approve the May 7th Minutes; B. Dohm supported. All present voted in favor.

Financials

The April financial report was reviewed by J. Steffel. D. Mapes motioned to approve the April financials; Supported by B. Gutowski. All present voted in favor.

Operations Update (OLD BUSINESS)

Personnel: Emmet County DPW is currently fully staffed. Craig Devalasco recently joined the team as an attendant, and his training has progressed very well. He is expected to excel in the gatehouse, with a strong focus on customer service. James Baker began working on the processing side two weeks ago. While he initially experienced motion sickness, he is adapting well and continuing to improve.

Part 115: Currently working with the MMPC to approve goals. Planning to pause meetings for the remainder of the summer to allow time to develop a first draft, which will be presented to the committee in September. Following that, meetings with townships will begin.

Compactor Project: DPW anticipates having both compactors operational by Tuesday, June 9, pending completion of concrete curing. Speedtech is scheduled to be onsite Monday to perform maintenance on Side 2, including repairs to an oil leak.

Tip Wall Repairs: Repairs to the tip wall have been postponed until the fall.

Traffic Flow: Traffic flow remains the top priority and requires immediate attention. An RFP will be developed to address entrance traffic, followed by an assessment of the remaining components of the overall study. A meeting with Dave Anolik is scheduled for Friday.

OTHER BUSINESS (NEW BUSINESS):

Roll-Off Container RFP: Recommendation to award the contract to Universal Handling in the amount of \$53,180.00. Wastequip did not meet specifications, and Plum Creek provided a quote for only two bins rather than the required four. A. Bawkey motioned to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to award the Roll-Off Container bid to Universal Handling for \$53,180.00. Supported by B. Gutowski; All present voted in favor.

Geocycle Contract: Geocycle currently does not have an outlet for tires and is working with EGLE to resolve the issue. The contract rate will increase from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per trailer. D. Mapes motioned to approve a one-year contract extension with Geocycle. Supported by A. Bawkey; All present voted in favor.

Cheboygan Recycle Processing: A. Bawkey motioned to approve the new three-year recycling contract with Cheboygan County. Supported by B. Gutowski; All present voted in favor.

July 2nd Meeting: The July meeting has been canceled.

Public Comments

None.

Round Table Discussion

None.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:05 AM.

Next Meeting: Thursday August 6th, at 8:30 am, at the Emmet County Drop Off Center, 7363 Pleasantview Rd. Harbor Spring.

X Douglas Fuller