

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Road Commission Office located at 1107 S. Milwaukee Ave, Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carey and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Commissioner Brisson, Commissioner Harris, Commissioner Carey, Commissioner Bilski, and Commissioner Milbrath

ABSENT: None

Also present were: Superintendent of Operations, Jim Harris Jr.; Sandra Lindholm, Director of Finance; Lance Malburg, County Engineer; Julie LaCost, Attorney; Henry Wender, County Board Liaison; Ted Testolin, Waucedah Township; Ted Jacklovitz, Dickinson County Road Commission; Todd Rowell, Dickinson County Road Commission; Tino Mariucci, Dickinson County Road Commission; Ron Matonich, Norway Township; John Gaudette, Breitung Township; Aaron Harper, Results Broadcasting; and Cecelia & Doug Heath, Felch Township Residents.

CITIZEN'S TIME: Mr. Doug Heath, Felch Township, addressed the Board. He noted they live on a seasonal road and are requesting it be plowed only on a certain portion, and only occasionally to open it up during the winter. After discussion regarding this roadway, it was agreed this could be done. Mr. Heath thanked everyone.

APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA: Chairman Carey asked if anyone had any changes to the agenda. Being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve the agenda. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVED REPORTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve the Superintendent of Operations, Director of Finance, Engineer, Superintendent, and Construction Foremen reports as presented. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVED MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Milbrath to approve the minutes from the Regular Monthly Meeting on December 9, 2014. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVED PAYMENTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Harris and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve payrolls in the amount of \$223,947.34. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Harris - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve time checks in the amount of \$123,788.18. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Harris - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Milbrath to approve material bills in the amount of \$136,712.21. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Harris - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

The total amount approved was \$484,447.73.

DISCUSSION AND SIGNING OF UNION CONTRACT: Chairman Carey asked if there were any other questions or comments. Being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Harris and supported by Commissioner Brisson to sign the union contract. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Harris - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE THE PINE MOUNTAIN ROAD FOR SKI TOURNAMENTS FEBRUARY 20 - 22: A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Harris to authorize the closing of Pine Mountain Road to through traffic for ski tournaments. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Harris - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

SIGN RESOLUTION & CONTRACT FOR KIMBERLY ROAD PROJECT: A motion was made by Commissioner Harris and supported by Commissioner Bilski to sign the resolution and contracts. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Harris - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

VOTE TO PARTICIPATE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON TV6: After discussion regarding if we should participate and the dollar amount, a motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Harris to contribute \$300.00, same as 2014. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Harris - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - nay, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

ADOPT (3) RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS: A motion was made by Commissioner Harris and supported by Commissioner Brisson to adopt the resolutions as presented. All ayes, the motion carried, and the resolutions read as follows:

Whereas, RONALD R. CURRAN is retiring from his employment with the Dickinson County Road Commission, and the Road Commission will sorely miss the services of RONALD R. CURRAN.

Whereas, the Dickinson County Road Commission deems it appropriate to express its sincerest thanks and appreciation to RONALD R. CURRAN for his 42 years and 1 month of dedicated service with the Dickinson County Road Commission as a valued, trusted and extremely worthy employee;

And Whereas, RONALD R. CURRAN, in his years of tenure has served the Dickinson County Road Commission as a heavy equipment operator, carpenter, union president, and has played an integral part in the snowplow safety awareness program in keeping the children of Dickinson County safe with the utmost loyalty and honor;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dickinson County Road Commission does unanimously, on its behalf and on the behalf of all of the citizen's of Dickinson County, express their appreciation to **RONALD R. CURRAN**, and extend their best wishes for many years of pleasurable, happy and healthy retirement along with great tee times.

Whereas, LANE A. GRIMORD is retiring from his employment with the Dickinson County Road Commission, and the Road Commission will sorely miss the services of LANE A. GRIMORD.

Whereas, the Dickinson County Road Commission deems it appropriate to express its sincerest thanks and appreciation to LANE A. GRIMORD for his 31 years and 5 months of dedicated service with the Dickinson County Road Commission as a valued, trusted and extremely worthy employee;

And Whereas, LANE A. GRIMORD, in his years of tenure has served the Dickinson County Road Commission as a welder, truck driver, carpenter and sign technician and has served with the utmost loyalty and honor;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dickinson County Road Commission does unanimously, on its behalf and on the behalf of all of the citizen's of Dickinson County, express their appreciation to **LANE A. GRIMORD**, and extend their best wishes for many years of pleasurable, happy and healthy retirement.

Whereas, ROBERT L. STACHOWICZ is retiring from his employment with the Dickinson County Road Commission, and the Road Commission will sorely miss the services of ROBERT L. STACHOWICZ.

Whereas, the Dickinson County Road Commission deems it appropriate to express its sincerest thanks and appreciation to ROBERT L. STACHOWICZ for his 26 years and 6 months of dedicated service with the Dickinson County Road Commission as a valued, trusted and extremely worthy employee;

And Whereas, ROBERT L. STACHOWICZ, in his years of tenure has served the Dickinson County Road Commission as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator and has played an integral part in maintaining the highways during snow events and keeping the motoring public safe with the utmost loyalty and honor;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dickinson County Road Commission does unanimously, on its behalf and on the behalf of all of the citizen's of Dickinson County, express their appreciation to **ROBERT L. STACHOWICZ**, and extend their best wishes for many years of a pleasurable, happy and healthy retirement.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITH EXISTING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Chairman

Carey read aloud the following affiliations:

Commissioner Brisson - GAD
 Chairman Carey - Carey Logging
 Commissioner Milbrath - Northern Landscaping
 Commissioner Bilski - Bilski Enterprises

A motion was made by Commissioner Harris and supported by Commissioner Bilski to acknowledge the business affiliations as noted above. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Harris - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

STANDARD MANUAL DISCUSSION: After a discussion regarding the need to update this manual, a motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Milbrath to allow Engineer Malburg to update the standards. Discussion further took place regarding the changes. Chairman Carey requested a copy of the old standards and the new be given to the Board so they can see what is changing. The motion made was therefore rescinded until the next monthly meeting when Engineer Malburg presents the Board with more information.

SEASONAL ROAD DISCUSSION: Discussion took place regarding some of the seasonal roads and the fact that some do not appear to even be certified. Examples of roads were discussed, the status of some of the roads listed, and where the Board should go from here. It was determined when the weather breaks that a drive by of these roads be done to establish which roads we may want to get certified, get abandoned, or simply changed from the existing seasonal road listing.

COUNTY BOARD LIAISON: Henry Wender noted the plowing done by the Road Commission at the Lake Antoine Park lot and wanted to say thank you.

CITIZEN'S TIME: None

COMMISSIONERS' PRIVILEGE: Attorney LaCost noted the status of the purchase of Cutter's Cottage and where it stands and everything looks good.

Engineer Malburg noted the APAM Award (paving award) on the Lake Antoine Quinnesec Road. It was agreed this needs to get into the paper, and it was determined this will be further addressed at the next monthly meeting. He also noted the information that went out to the Board for the AID Grant we have been awarded on the Pine Mountain Road and we are the only county road commission nationwide to get one. This will be a recycle in place method which grinds the pavement, processes it in a hopper with additional materials, and runs out the new pavement. It is considered an environmentally green process which is why this project was chosen. Further discussion took place regarding the scope of the project, the matching funds needed, and Engineer Malburg stated once he has more solid final numbers, he'll get back with the Board..

Commissioner Bilski noted he had received a call from a resident on the Upper Pine Creek Road and was very happy with the performance of the Road Commission. Commissioner Brisson had also received a call on this roadway regarding they were happy with the work the Road Commission is doing on this road after it has stormed.

Commissioner Harris commended Engineer Malburg and the rest of the staff for their diligence in finding money for the Road Commission and it has really helped.

Commissioner Brisson stated he wanted to thank the two negotiators and the union employees for getting the union contract done and negotiations were very successful and he hopes the employees are happy too.

Superintendent of Operations Harris noted the U.P. Road Builders meeting in Marquette this week and that the new legislation will be discussed as well as ACT 51 concerns. He also noted the substantial amount of material we have gone through so far this winter season because winter came so early with many winter events so far. He noted we are waiting for estimates to get data for computers over to Cutter's Cottage for the Engineering Dept. He lastly noted the fact we have six part-time employees who come in only for storms, but what he is looking to do is get more call-in people on

board. Discussion took place regarding why we have a hard time finding these kind of people and conversation ensued.

Chairman Carey asked if there is any discussion regarding standardizing overweight permits. Engineer Malburg stated there is a committee addressing this issue as we try to get uniformity across the county lines. Chairman Carey noted what he has to pay in an adjacent county to move his equipment which gets very expensive.

Superintendent of Operations Harris went over the meeting attendance for the month of February.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Chairman Carey to adjourn. All ayes, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Jim Carey, Chairman

Sandra Lindholm, Secretary