

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 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 Bilski, Commissioner Olson, Commissioner Brisson, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Carey.

ABSENT: None

Also present were: Jim Harris, Managing Director; Missy Berger, Director of Finance; Lance Malburg, Engineer; Todd Donaldson, Superintendent of Roads; Henry Wender, County Board Liaison; Mike Cline, Sagola Township Supervisor; Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor; Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township Supervisor; Elaine Pierce, Waucedah Township and Frank Pierce, Waucedah Township.

CITIZEN'S TIME: Frank Pierce, Waucedah Township asked the Board if the Dickinson County Road Commission can take over the Menominee County Road Commission's portion of the County Line Road. A discussion ensued regarding the condition of the road and the original agreement between the Counties and what can be done. Managing Director Harris stated he would look into the matter.

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

APPROVE REPORTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to approve the Managing Director, Director of Finance, Engineer, Superintendent, and Construction Supervisor reports as presented. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES: Commissioner Johnson noted a change from Chairman Carey to Vice Chairman Bilski calling the August 8th meeting to order needs to be made. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 8, 2023 with changes. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVE PAYMENTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve payrolls in the amount of \$273,530.85. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to approve time checks in the amount of \$202,482.87. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye and Chairman Carey. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve material bills in the amount of \$755,037.59. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

The total for the approved was \$1,231,051.31.

SIGN TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT WITH BREITUNG FOR OLD CARNEY LAKE/HAYSTACK VIEW DRIVE: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson sign the Breitung Township Agreement for Old Carney Lake/Haystack View Drive. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye and Chairman Carey – aye.. The motion carried.

SIGN CONTRACT WITH P.K. CONTRACTING FOR COUNTYWIDE LINE PAINTING: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to sign contract with P.K. Contracting at the estimated amount of \$38,937.38 for Countywide Line Painting. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

SIGN CONTRACT WITH PAYNE & DOLAN FOR OLD CARNEY LAKE/HAYSTACK VIEW DRIVE: A motion was made by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to sign contract with Payne & Dolan at the estimated amount of \$328,675.50 for the Old Carney Lake/Haystack View Drive project. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

SIGN CONTRACT WITH BACCO FOR COUNTY ROAD 577 RUBBER TIRE PROJECT: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to sign contract with Bacco at the estimated amount of \$699,324.00 to Bacco Construction for the County Road 577 Rubber Tire Project.. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

APPROVE CREDIT CARD POLICY: Director of Finance Berger stated she would like to have a policy in place for the acceptance of credit card payments and presented the policy to the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adopt Credit Card Policy as presented. Roll call vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye and Chairman Carey – aye.. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON HEALTH INSURANCE FOR NEW HIRES: Managing Director Harris stated he would like to look into offering Health Insurance at the time of hire for new employees. After a brief discussion the Board asked Director of Finance Berger to check with the Health Insurance Provider regarding their wait period policy.

COUNTY BOARD LIAISON: None

TOWNSHIP COMMENTS: None

CITIZENS TIME: None

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE: Chairman Carey inquired about work being done on Beyers Road.

Engineer Malburg showed the Board the innovative materials that are being developed and used on the County Road 577 Projects and gave a brief description of each one. He further informed the Board that he has been invited to the National Pavement Conference.

Director of Finance Berger informed the Board that the Road Commission received a Michigan Pension Protection Plan Grant in the amount of \$1,276,803, and that the money was sent directly to MERS to reach the 60% funded level. She stated that she would like to discontinue the surplus payments in 2024. She then also informed the Board of the status of the request for funding for the Leeman Road.

A brief discussion ensued.

Managing Director Harris informed the Board that Superintendent of Roads Donaldson applied and received grant money in the amount of \$20,000 in 2024 for dust control utilizing soy beans.

Managing Director Harris then stated that he and Engineer Malburg met with UP Engineering regarding the 569 bridge near Browns Lake Road. A discussion took place. He then noted the DCRC crew put in a new office ramp at lower cost than a contractor estimate.

Commissioner Brisson noted that County Road 607 in Randville is in bad shape.

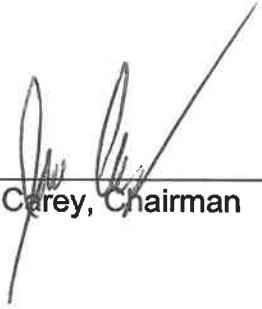
Commissioner Bilski inquired about the brightness of the new reflective signs, and commended the crew on the shouldering done on Upper Pine Creek Road.

Commissioner Johnson stated Roger VanDamme contacted him regarding the recent road rally in Waucedah Township and how pleased they were, especially with the Norway Truck Trail.

Commissioner Olson inquired about shouldering on South Lake Antoine and US 2, by Alfredson Road. He then inquired about the culverts on Ball Road.

Chairman Carey asked about the work being done to the sewer system in Channing and Sagola and the effect on the pavement. Sagola Township Supervisor Cline stated there should be no problems.

A motion was made by Chairman Carey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.



Jim Carey, Chairman



Missy Berger, Secretary