

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 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; Todd Donaldson, Superintendent of Roads; Steve Tinti, Road Commission Attorney; Henry Wender, County Board Liaison; Mike Cline, Sagola Township Supervisor; Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor; Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township Supervisor, Chris Moore, Circle Power; Elise Matz, Circle Power and Guy Livermore, Dickinson County Road Commission

CITIZEN'S TIME: None

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 Johnson 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: A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 13, 2024, and Special Meeting held on August 20, 2024. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVE PAYMENTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to approve payrolls in the amount of \$191,436.38. 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 Johnson to approve time checks in the amount of \$283,311.93. 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 Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve material bills in the amount of \$181,728.86. 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 \$656,477.17.

LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH COPPER COUNTY POWER I, LLC: Attorney Tinti explained to the Board that the License Agreement with Copper Country Power I, LLC is needed for an overhead power line crossing on the Groveland Mine Road. He

further stated that the License Agreement needs to be signed by Managing Director Harris and Clerk to the Board Berger. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to issue the License Agreement with Copper Country Power I, LLC. 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 Johnson to authorize Managing Director Harris and Clerk to the Board Berger to sign the License Agreement with Copper Country Power I, LLC. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

STRUEBING LICENSE AGREEMENT: Managing Director Harris stated per Attorney Tinti's recommendation a License Agreement granting Sheila Struebing a personal, non-transferable, and non-exclusive rights to use the roadway on Road Commission property located at the Felch facility. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to issue the License Agreement with Sheila Struebing and authorize Managing Director Harris and Clerk to the Board Berger to sign the License Agreement. 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 ACTION TRAFFIC FOR THE LAKE LOUISE DRIVE NORTH GUARDRAIL PROJECT: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to sign the contract with Action Traffic for the Lake Louise Drive North Guardrail Project. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

REQUEST FOR COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS TO ROAD COMMISSION: Chairman Carey went over past appropriations the Road Commission has received from the County Board. A discussion took place regarding how much funding to request and what the appropriation would be used for. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to request \$125,000 to aid in the purchase of the Brouillette Property and \$375,000 for match monies for Roads. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

SCHNEIDER/ALTER ABANDONMENT: Attorney Tinti stated the abandonment is extremely complicated due to the number of parcels involved, certifications, deeded roads not matching up with platted roads and title searches. A lengthy discussion took place. Attorney Tinti stated that a Public Hearing will take place at the November meeting.

PURCHASE OF BROUILLETTE PROPERTY DISCUSSION: Director of Finance Berger provided the Board with a breakdown of terms she received from four different local banks. A discussion ensued. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Olson to accept First Banks terms with a 5-year loan in the amount of \$124,900 with 10-year amortization. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – nay, Commissioner Brisson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

BROUILLETTE PROPERTY BALLOON LOAN TERMS

	Northern Interstate Bank	First Bank	FNB of IM	Range Bank
Down Payment %	20%	10%	15%	15%
Interest Rate	5.95%	5.25%	6.50%	6.05%
Term	5 Year	5 Year	5 Year	5 Year
Amortization	5 or 10 Year	5 or 10 Year	10 Year	5, 10 or 15 Year
Pre-Payment Penalty	None	None	None	None
Points	None	None	None	None
Other Requirements	Annual Financials & The borrower agrees to furnish other information as the lender requires	Mortgage Title Ins. Recording fees Appraisal Flood Certification	None Listed	\$500.00 Bank Org. Fee Appraisal, Title Ins., Recording Fees, etc. Annual Financials Attorney letter opinion regarding Tax Exempt Status, Meeting Minutes

COUNTY BOARD LIAISON: Henry Wender, County Board Liaison stated that he will do what he can to aid in the appropriation request.

TOWNSHIP COMMENTS: Mike Cline, Sagola Township Supervisor stated the Township has no match monies for the Lake Ellen Road. Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor inquired about grant funding for Primary Roads. Director of Finance Berger stated that the County Board has provided information regarding grant opportunities. He further inquired about utilizing road commission crews to demolish the Brouillette Building.

CITIZENS TIME: None

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE: Chairman Carey informed the Board of an incident involving a contractor leaving debris on the roadway.

Director of Finance Berger stated that she will be presenting budget amendments at the next meeting.

Managing Director Harris inquired if any Board member would like to accompany him to the appropriations meeting to request funding from the County Board. He further updated the Board regarding Union Negotiations and County Road 573 culvert upgrades. Lastly, he went over the report provided by Engineering Malburg regarding pavement shoving on the Breitung Cut Off Road.

Commission Johnson thanked Superintendent of Roads for his work on the dam.

Commissioner Olson inquired about the issue with ALDI. Managing Director Harris stated he will know more in October.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Jim Carey, Chairman

Missy Berger, Secretary