

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

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, December 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 Johnson, Commissioner Brisson and Commissioner Carey.

ABSENT:

Also present were: Jim Harris, Managing Director; Missy Berger, Director of Finance; Lance Malburg, Engineer; Todd Donaldson, Superintendent of Roads; Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township Supervisor; Henry Wender, County Board Liaison and Kevin Sullivan, County Board Member Elect.

CITIZEN'S TIME: None

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

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

APPROVE PAYMENTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to approve payrolls in the amount of \$216,899.75. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to approve time checks in the amount of \$527,422.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – 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 material bills in the amount of \$266,950.68. 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 \$1,011,272.43.

SIGN DEAD DEER CONTRACT: A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to sign the Dead Deer Contract with JZ Nuisance the Board approved at the last meeting. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson -aye and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

PRESENT & AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN: Managing Director Harris presented the 2024 Asset Management Plan to the Board. A discussion took place regarding the goals laid out in the Plan. A motion was made by

Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the 2024 Asset Management Plan. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

COUNTY ROAD 569 BRIDGE AT FOSTER CITY CLOSURE DISCUSSION:

Engineer Malburg stated the bridge is in poor condition and recommended it be closed. He went on to show the Board pictures of the deterioration. A discussion took place regarding the 2027 project to replace the bridge and detour routes. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to authorize the bridge closure. Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

RFP FOR 2027 COUNTY ROAD 569 BRIDGE AT FOSTER CITY: Engineer Malburg explained to the Board the need for Engineering Consultants for the project. A discussion ensued regarding the timeline and costs.

RESOLUTION PRESENTATION TO COUNTY BOARD LIAISON: Chairman Carey read aloud the resolution to the audience and then presented the resolution to County Board Liaison Henry Wender. The Board and staff present then thanked Henry for his service.

**RESOLUTION**

*At the Regular Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024, it was unanimously voted that the Dickinson County Board of Road Commissioners enter into a Resolution recognizing the long-time service of Dickinson County Commissioner Henry Wender;*

*Whereas, the Dickinson County Road Commission deems it highly appropriate to express its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Henry Wender for his many years as a loyal and outstanding public servant;*

*And Whereas, Henry Wender, in his years of tenure as Dickinson County Board Road Commission Liaison he has served the Dickinson County Road Commission, employees, and citizens with a commitment to excellence in providing the best roadway system possible as Dickinson County Board Road Commission Liaison;*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dickinson County Road Commission does unanimously, on its behalf and on the behalf of all of the citizens of Dickinson County, express their appreciation to Henry Wender for his dedication and years of service to this institution, and extend their sincerest wishes that his future endeavors be filled with good health and happiness.*

Jim Carey  
Alan Biski  
Dave Brisson  
Dale Johnson  
Quintin Olson

**COUNTY BOARD LIAISON:** County Board Liaison Wender thanked the Board for the resolution. He further stated that he has been on many Committees and the Road Commission has been his favorite to service.

**TOWNSHIP COMMENTS:** None

**CITIZEN'S TIME:** None

**COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:** Engineer Malburg updated the Board on the 2025 Township project estimates. He then informed the Board that the Federal Highway Administration is requiring a Bridge Load Rating Study be implemented by 2026. He went on to explain the costs associated with the study and repercussions if not done.

Managing Director Harris updated the Board on when the guardrail will be installed on the current County Road 569 bridge project and how we are keeping the public updated. He then stated Union Negotiations will begin the following Monday and will keep the Board updated.

Director of Finance Berger stated that the Michigan Department of Treasury Local Retirement division has released the Road Commission from the Corrective Action Plan, and we now can reduce the amount contributed to the MERS Health Insurance Trust to \$5,000.00 a month. She then stated the need to hold a Public Hearing to present and adopt the 2025 Budgets. The Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday December 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M.

Commissioner Bilski thanked County Board Liaison Henry Wender for all his support over the years.

Chairman Carey then acknowledged newly elected County Commissioner Kevin Sullivan.

Commissioner Johnson commented that the Felch Garage Crew enjoyed the Mower Demo.

Commissioner Olson inquired if we get into another guardrail issue like the one on the County Road 569 Bridge that concrete blocks could be placed so people could use the bridge. Engineer Malburg stated that it would be a case-by-case basis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

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Jim Carey, Chairman

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Missy Berger, Secretary