

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 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 Johnson, Commissioner Bilski, Commissioner Olson, Commissioner Brisson, and Commissioner Carey

ABSENT: None

Also present: Jim Harris, Managing Director; Missy Berger, Director of Finance; Todd Donaldson, Superintendent of Roads; Peter Swanson, County Board Liaison; Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor; Michael Day, Breitung Township Trustee; Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township Supervisor 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: Director of Finance Berger informed the Board that the material bills amount approved at the January meeting needs to be changed to \$316,630.23 after an accounts payable error was found. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting with the revised material bills amount. 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 \$229,116.85. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – 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 \$186,753.61. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to approve material bills in the amount of \$286,820.63. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

The total for the approved was \$702,691.09.

AUTHORIZE PINE MOUNTAIN LODGE ROAD CLOSURE FOR SKI

TOURNAMENTS: Managing Director Harris informed the Board that the road leading to the Lodge is a county road and for liability reasons we should close the road. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to close the Pine Mountain Lodge Road. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

VOTE FOR (2) CANDIDATES FOR THE CRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Managing Director Harris stated that both candidates are well qualified. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to vote for Rob Laitinen and Dirk Heckman for the CRA Board of Directors. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

ADOPT 2207B PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION FOR GOVERNMENTAL

AGENCIES: Managing Director Harris stated this is the annual application and permit for miscellaneous operations within the State Highway Right-of-Ways as required by MDOT. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to Adopt the 2207B Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

AWARD RFP FOR THE 2027 GROVELAND MINE ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT:

Managing Director Harris read the RFP's aloud. UP Engineering RFP for design and oversite \$44,600 and Coleman Engineering \$31,684. UP Engineering RFP for construction engineering services and design \$54,900 and Coleman Engineering \$53,684. A discussion took place regarding the difference in services rendered of both the RFP's. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to award UP Engineering construction and design RFP in the amount of \$54,900 for the Groveland Mine Road Bridge project. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

AWARD RFP FOR THE 2027 COUNTY ROAD 569 BRIDGE PROJECT:

Managing Director Harris read the RFP's aloud. For construction engineering services and design, UP Engineering 250,945, Coleman Engineering 265,832 and OHM \$457,000. He explained that Colman Engineering will include mussel oversight as well as a possible \$20,000 reduction. He further stated that UP Engineering did not include the mussel oversight. A brief discussion ensued. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to award the RFP for the 2027 County Road 569 Bridge project to Coleman Engineering in the amount of \$265,832. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE SCHNIEDER ABANDONMENT:

Director of Finance Berger informed the Board that the Public Hearing needs to be scheduled at least 40 days from today. A discussion took place. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to set the Public Hearing date for Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

NON-MOTORIZED PROJECT DISCUSSION: Managing Director Harris went over the possible projects that Engineer Malburg had provided. He further stated that he provided the townships with the project list and would like to wait for their input before deciding which project to choose. A discussion took place.

2025 LOCAL ROAD PROJECT DISCUSSION: Managing Director Harris updated the Board on the meeting and thanked Commissioner Brisson and Chairman

Carey for attending. A discussion took place regarding Local Road funding. Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor stated he would like to invite the County Board to the March 17th Township Association Meeting and inquired about the possibility of the Road Commission staff putting together a presentation regarding Road Commission operations and funding. The Board and Managing Director Harris thought this is a good idea and agreed.

COUNTY BOARD LIAISON: Peter Swanson, County Board Liaison inquired about the Carbis road trucking shipments that are sent there as a thru route by Google.

TOWNSHIP COMMENTS: Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township Supervisor asked when the Swede Settlement Road sign will be installed. Managing Director Harris stated he would check into this and get back to him.

CITIZENS TIME: None

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE: Managing Director Harris informed the Board that a meeting was held with Director of Finance Berger and new County Board Liaison Peter Swanson to familiarize him with Road Commission funding, procedures and policies.

Commission Brisson complimented Managing Director Harris on a well run meeting with the Township Supervisors held earlier in the day.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

Jim Carey, Chairman

Missy Berger, Secretary