

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, May 13, 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 Director of Finance Berger 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; Lance Malburg, Engineer; Todd Donaldson, Superintendent of Operations; Katie Davis, Assistant Director of Finance; Ryan Mulder, Sagola Township Supervisor; Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township Supervisor; Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor; Michael Day, Breitung Township Trustee; Lydia Olson, Breitung Township and Guy Livermore, Dickinson County Road Commission.

CITIZEN'S TIME: None

APPOINT CHAIRMAN: Director of Finance Berger called for nominations to appoint a new Chairman. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to appoint Commissioner Cary as Chairman. Director of Finance Berger called three times for other nominations, being none, Commissioner Carey was appointed Chairman. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

APPOINT VICE CHAIRMAN: Chairman Carey called for nominations to appoint a new Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to appoint Commissioner Bilski as Vice Chairman. Chairman Carey called three times for other nominations, being none, Commissioner Bilski was appointed Vice Chairman. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

APPOINT CLERK TO THE BOARD: Commissioner Bilski made a motion and supported by Chairman Carey to appoint Director of Finance Berger as Clerk to the Board. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

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 Johnson to approve the Managing Director, Director of Finance, Engineer, Superintendent of Operations, Maintenance/Construction Superintendent and Shop Supervisor reports as presented. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting

held on April 8, 2025, Special Meeting held on April 28, 2025 and the Public Hearing held on April 1, 2025. 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 \$210,556.97. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – 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 \$359,702.06. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – 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 Johnson to approve material bills in the amount of \$137,511.19. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

The total for the approved was \$707,770.22.

APPROVE CLOSURE OF LANTZ ROAD, CAMP 9 ROAD AND CAMP 3 ROAD FOR THE 2025 NASA HARDWOOD RALLY, JUNE 21, 2025: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to approve the closure of the Lantz Road, Camp 9 Road and Camp 3 Road for the upcoming June 21, 2025 NASA Hardwood Rally provided the necessary insurance and permit requirements are met. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye.

PINE MOUNTAIN ROAD TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER: Managing Director Harris informed the Board that this order is placed every year on Pine Mountain Road adjacent to the soccer fields. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to authorize Chairman Carey to sign the Pine Mountain Traffic Control Order. All ayes, the motion carried.

SIGN CONTRACT WITH MIDWEST GRAVEL FOR 23A GRAVEL: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to sign contract with Midwest Gravel for the production and stockpiling of 23A gravel. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

SIGN CONTRACT WITH BACCO FOR CR573 ECR OVERLAY – STATE GRANT: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to sign contract with Bacco Construction Company for CR 573 ECR Overlay. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

AWARD SWAN PETERSON LOCAL ROAD PROJECT: Managing Director Harris read the bids aloud. He then stated the Breen Township Board needs to meet to discuss which bid to accept. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to accept the bids as presented and award to low bidder Bacco Construction in the amount of \$298,585.00 pending final notification from the Breen Township Board. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

2025 Swan Peterson Rd

				BID TAB			
				Bid Opening	5/6/2025	12:00 Noon	
Swan Peterson Rd				Engineer Estimate		Payne & Dolan	
ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	COST	UNIT PRICE	COST	Bacco
Mobilization	1	LSum	\$24,700.00	\$ 24,700.00	\$23,500.00	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 28,200.00
Culv, Rem, Less Than 24 inch	4	Each	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 373.00
Culv, Rem, 24 inch to 48 inch	2	Each	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 1,156.00
Pulverize Existing Asphalt	9540	Syd.	\$ 1.00	\$ 9,540.00	\$ 0.50	\$ 4,770.00	\$ 7,155.00
Roadway Grading, Special	39	Sta	\$ 450.00	\$ 17,550.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 13,455.00	\$ 15,795.00
18" CSP Culvert, Class A	60	Rt.	\$ 180.00	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 5,676.00
24" CSP Culvert, Class A	120	Rt.	\$ 220.00	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 18,600.00	\$ 16,200.00
22A Gravel base	50	Ton	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,980.00
HMA 4EL	1930	Ton	\$ 95.00	\$183,350.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 179,490.00	\$167,138.00
Curb Sloped, HMA	3300	Rt.	\$ 1.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
HMA Spillway	13	Each	\$ 300.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 3,185.00	\$ 12,012.00
Underdrain, Subbase, 4 inch	1000	Rt.	\$ 15.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 13,600.00
Underdrain, Outlet Ending, 4 inch	2	Each	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,858.00
Erosion Control Silt Fence	180	Rt.	\$ 4.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 540.00
Slope Restoration Type B	1540	Syd.	\$ 10.00	\$ 15,400.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 16,940.00	\$ 14,707.00
Mulch Blanket	1540	Syd.	\$ 6.00	\$ 9,240.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 2,310.00	\$ 2,310.00
RIP Rap	15	Syd.	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,860.00
Traffic Control, Complete	1	LSum	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 4,725.00
As Read						\$ 312,610.00	\$298,585.00
As Calculated				\$332,950.00		\$ 313,785.00	\$298,585.00
Note:				Payne & Dolan-math error on highlighted box			

AWARD BREEN AVENUE LOCAL ROAD PROJECT: Managing Director Harris read the bids aloud. He then stated Breitung Township recommended to award the bid to Bacco Construction. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to accept the bids and award to low bidder Bacco Construction in the amount of \$280,278.84. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

2025 Breen Ave

				BID TAB			
				Bid Opening	5/6/2025	12:00 Noon	
Breen Ave				Engineer Estimate		Payne & Dolan	
ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	COST	UNIT PRICE	COST	Bacco
Mobilization	1	LSum	\$19,800.00	\$ 19,800.00	\$23,500.00	\$ 23,500.00	\$18,750.00
Pulverize Existing Asphalt	8024	Syd.	\$ 1.00	\$ 8,024.00	\$ 0.52	\$ 4,172.48	\$ 6,900.64
Roadway Grading	29.6	Sta	\$ 450.00	\$ 13,320.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 15,540.00	\$ 18,026.40
Pavt, Rem	390	Syd.	\$ 15.00	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 8.25	\$ 3,217.50	\$ 7,254.00
HMA 4EL	1703	Ton	\$ 95.00	\$161,785.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 154,973.00	\$144,073.80
HMA Approach	190	Ton	\$ 125.00	\$ 23,750.00	\$ 148.00	\$ 28,120.00	\$ 35,150.00
Sloped Curb, HMA	315	Rt.	\$ 1.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 1,575.00
Conc Pavt, Misc, 6 inch Non-Reinforced	320	Syd.	\$ 65.00	\$ 20,800.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 34,560.00
Misc 22A Agg Base	100	Ton	\$ 40.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 4,050.00
Adjust Water Valve	4	Each	\$ 150.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 515.00	\$ 2,060.00	\$ 784.00
Dr Structure, Adj, Case 1	1	Each	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 1,360.00
Railroad Coordination	1	LSum	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Traffic Control, Complete	1	LSum	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,305.00
As Read						\$ 289,372.98	\$280,278.84
As Calculated				\$266,994.00		\$ 289,372.98	\$280,278.84

AWARD UNDERWOOD EAST LOCAL ROAD PROJECT: Managing Director Harris read the bids aloud. Louis Strum, Waucedah Township Supervisor stated the Waucedah Board would like to wait until the bid for the Lake Louise North project is

received before making a decision. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to accept the bids as presented and award bid at the next Regular Monthly Meeting with the Waucesha Township Board recommendation. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

Underwood East

Bid Opening

BID TAB

5/6/2025

12:00 Noon

Underwood East			Engineer Estimate		Payne & Dolan		Bacco	
ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	COST	UNIT PRICE	COST	UNIT PRICE	COST
Mobilization	1	LSum	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Roadway Grading, Special	13	Sq	\$ 450.00	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 727.00	\$ 9,451.00
22A Gravel base	630	Ton	\$ 40.00	\$ 25,200.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 17,010.00	\$ 24.60	\$ 15,498.00
HMA 4EL	430	Ton	\$ 95.00	\$ 40,850.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 37,840.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 48,160.00
Traffic Control, Complete	1	LSum	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 2,725.00	\$ 2,725.00
As Read					\$ 78,800.00		\$ 83,334.00	
As Calculated			\$ 85,800.00		\$ 78,800.00		\$ 83,334.00	

AWARD DUST CONTROL MINERAL WELL BRINE BID: Managing Director Harris stated MJ VanDamme was the only bidder. Superintendent of Operations Donaldson stated the total cost is approximately \$35,000.00. A brief discussion took place. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to accept and award Dust Control Mineral Well Brine bid to MJ VanDamme. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

NON MOTORIZED DISCUSSION: Director of Finance Berger stated she spoke with the Michigan Department of Transportation Audit Division and the Non-Motorized division regarding modifying the 2022 non-motorized agreement to allow postponement of the 2025 budgeted project. She further stated they were in agreement. Engineer Malburg then presented the Board with two 2026 Non-Motorized projects (Pine Mountain shoulders and South Lake Antoine shoulders) that may be eligible for a TAP Grant. A discussion took place. The Board indicated they would like to pursue the Pine Mountain Road Project.

AUTHORIZE CLERK TO SIGN SCHNEIDER ABANDONMENT RESOLUTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to authorize Clerk to the Board Berger to sign the Schneider Abandonment Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD
COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DICKINSON
ABANDONING OF A PORTION OF UNDEVELOPED PLAT
ROADS, LOCATED IN THE FIRST AND SECOND ADDITION TO
EAST BREITUNG ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLATS
THEREOF**

WHEREAS the BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DICKINSON has received a request from PATRICIA A. SCHNEIDER to absolutely abandon, discontinue and relinquish a portion of a roadways located in the Township of Breitung, County of Dickinson and State of Michigan, described as:

Second Addition to East Breitung according to the recorded plat thereof, and First Addition to East Breitung, according to the recorded plat thereof, Township of Breitung, County of Dickinson and State of Michigan:

1. Undeveloped portion of plat street known as Headley Avenue lying East of presently developed State Street and lying West of undeveloped plat street known as East-End Court;
2. Undeveloped portion of plat street known as Madison Court lying East of presently developed State Street and lying West of undeveloped plat street known as East-End Court;
3. Undeveloped portion of plat street known as Coolidge Avenue that lies West of presently developed State Street and lying East of undeveloped plat street known as State Street;
4. Undeveloped portion of plat street known as Coolidge Avenue that lies East of presently developed State Street and lying West of undeveloped plat street known as East-End Court;
5. Undeveloped portion of plat street known as Santa Street that lies South of presently developed State Street and lying North of the undeveloped plat street known as Menominee Avenue;
6. Undeveloped portion of plat street known as Superior Avenue which lies East of Menominee and Lake Superior Railroad right-of-way and West of presently developed State Street;

7. Undeveloped portion of plat street known as Michigan Avenue which lies East of undeveloped plat street known as State Street and West of undeveloped plat street known as South Jackson Street; and
8. Undeveloped portion of plat street known as Menominee Avenue lying East of Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad right-of-way and West of the plat street known as Van Buren Street (hereinafter collectively "street").

WHEREAS the street does not border upon, cross over, adjoin or end at a lake or course of a stream or river; and

WHEREAS due public notice, posting, mailings and publication of the street abandonment request was provided and a public hearing was held on the request on April 1, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is determined that it is in the best interest of the public that the street is hereby absolutely, abandoned, discontinued and relinquished in accordance with law, reserving only easements for the existing Township of Breitung water utilities, other existing electrical, telephone and other utilities, if any, and a water easement for the future construction, installation, operation and repair of a water main upon that portion of the plat street known as Coolidge Avenue which lies East of the presently developed State Street and lying West of the plat street known as East-End Court;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this abandonment, discontinuance and relinquishment resolution be provided to the Michigan State Transportation Commission within 30 days of adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this abandonment, discontinuance and relinquishment resolution be recorded at to The Dickinson County, Michigan Register of Deeds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this abandonment, discontinuance and relinquishment be published in The Daily News of Iron Mountain, Michigan once per week for three successive weeks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this abandonment, discontinuance and relinquishment be sent by first class mail to the Township of Breitung.

Roll call Yeas: 6
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Absent: 0

This resolution adopted this 13th day of May, 2025.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution of the action of the BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DICKINSON dated the 13th day of May, 2025.

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BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD
 COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF
 DICKINSON, a Michigan body
 Corporation

By: Missy Berger
 Missy Berger
 Its Clerk

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COUNTY ROAD 581 LETTER DISCUSSION: Managing Director Harris informed the Board that the County Road 581 Cold In Place Project Bid has been delayed by the MDOT Local Agency Program. The delay is due to the specifications on the density testing of the cold in place recycled asphalt. Engineer Malburg stated MDOT has approved several CIP projects to local agencies in the past with similar specifications, including 2 in the last 5 years in Gogebic County which basically used our prior CIP project specifications. A lengthy discussion took place, and a letter was authorized by the Board to be sent to the MDOT Director Bradley C. Wieferich regarding this matter.

CITIZENS TIME: Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township inquired if MDOT is considering doing anything about the lighting on US2 by Culvers. Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor stated he is working with MDOT and the City of Iron Mountain to see what can be done.

TOWNSHIP COMMENTS: Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor introduced his granddaughter and Commissioner Olson's daughter Lydia Olson. He further stated the Township Association Meeting will be held at Breitung Township on Monday, May 19th. Michael Day, Breitung Township Trustee agreed lighting is an issue on US2.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE: Managing Director Harris stated that all remaining road restrictions will be lifted Friday, May 16th. He then informed the Board that the SIB loan for the Cheese Factory project may not be needed as monies budgeted for the Non-Motorized project can be redirected. He then stated he is giving a presentation to students of Norway High School regarding Road Commission Operations.

Commissioner Brisson asked about the Brouillette Building abatement. Superintendent of Operations Donaldson stated the cost quoted is approximately \$42,000. Managing Director Harris stated that he would like to wait until 2026 to demolish the building as this expenditure is not in the 2025 budget.

Commissioner Bilski asked if the curbs could be painted on US2. Engineer Malburg stated the paint would probably wash off.

Commissioner Johnson complemented the crew on the good job they did on shouldering in the northern part of the county.

Commissioner Olson asked if the shoulders on US2 from Norway to Quinnesec could be checked for debris buildup and that there was a washout on US141.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Jim Carey, Chairman

Missy Berger, Secretary