

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, October 14, 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 Bilski, Commissioner Olson, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Brisson and Commissioner Carey

ABSENT: None

Also present were: Jim Harris, Managing Director; Katie Davis, Assistant Director of Finance; Lance Malburg, Engineer; Todd Donaldson, Superintendent of Operations; John McDonald, Shop Supervisor; Peter Swanson, County Board Liaison; Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor; Michael Day, Breitung Township Trustee; Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township Supervisor; Debbie Hood, Norway Township; Paul Schultz, Norway Township; Malachi Olson, Breitung Township and Guy Livermore, Dickinson County Road Commission

CITIZEN'S TIME: Paul Schultz, Norway Township stated his mother lives on Oak Crest Drive and that her basement has been flooding in the winter and that her sump pump is running steady during that time. He inquired if the county would be liable for damages. Managing Director Harris stated that the road is acting like a dam to keep the water from the high side of the road running into the lowlands where the home is located. A discussion took place regarding the steps the Road Commission has taken to try to remedy the situation and what could be done in the future. Managing Director Harris stated he would meet with the residents to see what could be done.

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 Johnson to approve the Managing Director, Director of Finance, Engineer, Superintendent of Operations, Shop Supervisor and Construction/Maintenance Superintendent 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 September 9, 2025. 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 \$199,855.75. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – 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 Johnson to approve time checks in the amount of \$188,311.80. 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 Brisson to approve material bills in the amount of \$886,142.12. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

The total for the approved was \$1,274,309.67.

DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT: Shop Supervisor McDonald informed the Board of the issues with various older pieces of equipment. A brief discussion took place regarding the equipment needing disposal and their replacements. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the auction of stated equipment. All ayes, and the motion carried

Equipment to be auctioned off:

Wisconsin Surplus Auction

142- 1999 F550 (cab and frame, runs trans bad)

148-2005 F550 Bucket Truck (trans bad, rough shape)

290- 1989 Mack Tandem (runs, rough shape) has front plow and underbody

241- 2003 Western Star 4900 (quad axle, needs engine overhaul)

451- 1970 John Deere 300 (clutch bad, has bucket loader)

502- 1999 John Deere 200LC (10980 Hrs., fair shape)

COUNTY BOARD APPROPRIATION DISCUSSION: Managing Director Harris stated he had spoke with Commissioner Swanson and Chairman Harrington regarding an appropriation from the County Board in the amount of \$150,000 for salt and up to \$300,000 for Primary and Local Road project match. Commission Swanson stated it

never hurts to ask. Managing Director stated he would send the request to the County Board.

LAKE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE RALLY ROAD CLOSURE OF OCTOBER 18, 2025 (Nature Trail Road, Fire Tower Road/Two-Mile Creek Road, Schwartz Creek Road, Schwartz Creek Road North): Managing Director Harris updated the Board on the slight modification to the course by adding Schwartz Creek Road North, and a portion of Schwartz Creek Road. He further stated that he would be calling residents and contacting the Sheriff to add the information to their app. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to close the Nature Trail Road, Fire Tower Road/Two-Mile Road, Schwartz Creek Road North and Schwartz Creek Road for the Lake Superior Performance Rally Road Race being held on October 18, 2025. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

PUBLIC USE OF DCRC WINTER SAND/SALT DISCUSSION: Managing Director Harris stated that for years people have been taking sand and salt from the Road Commission sheds and his concerns regarding theft and liability. A brief discussion took place. It was determined to install no trespassing signs around the perimeter.

COUNTY BOARD LIAISON: Peter Swanson, County Board Liaison stated the County Board will try and give the Road Commission an appropriation.

TOWNSHIP COMMENTS: Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor commented on the new Road Funding Package. He then stated there is a Township Association Meeting on Monday, October 20th. Michael Day, Breitung Township Trustee stated that the E Bar D Road turned out nice. Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township Supervisor inquired about road painting this year. Managing Director stated the Countywide painting is done for the year and the reasoning why local roads are normally painted the following year.

CITIZENS TIME: None

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE: Engineer Malburg stated the Chip Seal packages were sent to the Townships and would like to know as soon as possible to get the bidding process started. He then commented on issues with Contractors not following the contract. A brief discussion ensued regarding pre-con meetings, timelines and liquidated damages.

Managing Director Harris stated Bacco has requested an extension on four projects for two weeks. He then informed the Board of funding for the bridge on County Road 426 for 2028.

Commissioner Brisson stated the Gus Newberg funds are a nice addition to the budget every year.

Commissioner Bilski thanked Managing Director Harris for attending the Bridge Funding meetings and securing the funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

Jim Carey, Chairman

Katie Davis, Acting Secretary