

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, September 9, 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 Brisson, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Carey

ABSENT: None

Also present: Jim Harris, Managing Director; Missy Berger, Director of Finance; Lance Malburg, County Engineer; Todd Donaldson, Superintendent of Operations; Katie Davis, Assistant Director of Finance; Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor; Michael Day, Breitung Township Trustee; Lydia Olson, Breitung Township; Guy Livermore, Dickinson County Road Commission and Dave Somers, 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 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, Construction/Maintenance 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 August 12, 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 \$201,754.42. 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 Olson to approve time checks in the amount of \$198,652.34. 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 Bilski to approve material bills in the amount of \$306,395.18. 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 \$706,801.94.

REQUEST FOR COUNTY APPROPRIATION TO ROAD COMMISSION: Managing Director Harris stated that the County Appropriation request from the Road Commission is to be submitted in October. A discussion took place regarding the

amount to request and where to spend the appropriation. The Board decided to contact County Board Liaison Peter Swanson with the initial request and that it will be used for Winter Operations Salt or Local Road Township Project match.

SIB LOAN DISCUSSION: Managing Director Harris and Director of Finance Berger provided the Board with costs to date and estimated future expenses for the Cheese Factory Road Project to determine the loan amount. A brief discussion ensued. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to apply for a SIB Loan in the amount of \$360,000 for the Cheese Factory Road Project. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

FUTURE SMALL URBAN ROAD PROJECT DISCUSSION: Engineer Malburg provided the Board with a map indicating what roads qualify for a Small Urban Road project. A lengthy discussion took place regarding how funds and projects are divided between the City of Iron Mountain, City of Kingsford, City of Norway and the Road Commission and how projects are chosen. Projects provided to the Board were for Chip Sealing and Crush, Shape and Pave. Engineer Malburg stated he is getting conflicting answers regarding whether Chip Sealing is included in the Small Urban Funding. The Board determined that if Chip Sealing is approved that projects on Pine Mountain Road and 3rd Ave/Lincoln Street should be pursued. If a Chip Sealing project is not approved then the County Road 607 project from the Iron Mountain City Limits to US2 Crush, Shape and Pave will be the request.

POSSIBLE STATE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN DISCUSSION: Director of Finance Berger stated that if the State of Michigan shuts down, MTF payments will not be received in November. She provided the Board with information indicating there should be enough cash in the bank until November 30th.

COUNTY BOARD LIAISON: None

TOWNSHIP COMMENTS: Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor stated that the Board should consider the Small Urban project request be included in the County Appropriation request. He then stated that Menominee County Road Commissions recent Chip Seal project was terrible. He then inquired when the Road Millage is to be renewed and that County Board support is needed. He lasty stated that E Bar D project is Breitung Township's priority and the Breen Avenue project can be postponed until next year if needed. Michael Day, Breitung Township Trustee complimented the MowerMax Operator's job done on Wales Drive and that clear vision has been restored.

CITIZENS TIME: None

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE: Engineer Malburg described the difference between Menominee County and Dickinson Counties Chip Sealing process. A brief discussion took place. He then stated that Countywide Line Painting will begin on Monday, he will be attending the Regional Bridge Meeting and the Pavement Preservation Conference.

Managing Director Harris stated Cheese Factory Road project paving is scheduled for September 22nd. He then updated the Board on the progress of the Kramer Drive project and that MDOT will not be fixing the issues at the US141 and Breitung Avenue intersection.

Chairman Carey inquired about the issues at the M95/M69 intersection in Sagola. Superintendent of Operations Donaldson stated the bore samples have not come back yet to determine the problem.

Commissioner Bilski and Commissioner Brisson complimented this year's mowing.

Commission Johnson stated he received calls regarding the grass on Campbell Street/Jackson Street. Managing Director Harris said he would investigate.

Commissioner Olson inquired about Pine Creek Lake Road and Mooses Road. Managing Director Harris stated he would contact the Delta County Road Commission regarding using an AMZ treatment on these roads.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

Jim Carey, Chairman

Missy Berger, Secretary