

**SPECIAL MEETING
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025**

A Special Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 4:15 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 Carey, Commissioner Olson, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Brisson

ABSENT: Commissioner Bilski (Excused)

Also present: Jim Harris, Managing Director; Missy Berger, Director of Finance; Katie Davis, Assistant Director of Finance; Nick Blagec, Kiwanis Ski Club President and Pete Monette, Kiwanis Ski Club

CITIZEN'S TIME: Kiwanis Ski Club members Nick Blagec and Pete Monette presented the Board with a replica of the Pine Mine Ski Jump made with wood from the old jump along with a historic picture. A brief presentation on the costs of the new jump, how the wood from the old jump was repurposed and stressed the need for new members. They went on to thank the Board for the guardrail installed next to the new jump structure and the Road Commission's cooperation over the years.

A. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2026 BUDGETS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to enter into a Public Hearing for the 2026 Proposed Budgets. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion was carried, and the meeting went into a Public Hearing at 4:35 P.M.

Chairman Carey then asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. Being none, Director of Finance Berger detailed key components of the proposed 2026 Budgets. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to enter back into Regular Session. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion was carried and exited out of the Public Hearing at 5:10 P.M.

B. Citizens Time: None

2026 APPROPRIATION ACT: A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and supported by Commissioner Olson to adopt the Program Budgets as presented. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

**PROGRAM HISTORICAL
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
2026 REVENUE BUDGET**

	2024 ACTUAL	2025 After Amend #1	2026 ESTIMATED
MTF - Engineering	10,000	10,000	10,000
MTF - Primary Roads	3,873,493	3,944,000	4,730,000
MTF - Primary Urban	351,833	348,000	418,300
MTF - Local Roads	1,361,832	1,362,000	1,672,600
MTF - Local Urban	128,781	116,000	138,488
MTF - Snow Removal	27,863	20,000	20,000
Total Michigan Transportation Funds	5,751,772	5,830,000	7,060,000
High Priority Funding	0	0	0
STP			823,811
Forest Acre Funds	122,900	122,900	122,900
D Funds	67,463		
Other Contributions (EGLE & TECH)	498,787	203	
Federal Aid Buyout	446,883		240,000
Urban Funding			
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Other State Grants	20,000	1,000,000	
Safety	4,038		
Critical Bridge	1,749,840	120,887	
State Bridge	218,730	15,111	
SIB Loan		360,000	
TAP Grant			872,688
Primary Roads - Township Match			
Final Acct. - Prior Years		6	
City of Kingsford		0	34,714
Other State and Federal Funds	3,129,851	1,619,108	2,083,805
Countywide Misc Procees	275,312	292,241	275,000
Local Stabilization Fund	115,582	121,584	118,600
County Board			
Permitting Fees	3,890	3,000	3,500
State Turnpike Maintenance Revenue	1,363,840	982,132	1,841,849
State Non Maintenance Revenue	817,881	842,898	80,000
Township Contributions	378,289	402,663	900,000
City/Village Contributions			
Other Contributions - Gus Newberg Trust	78,528	70,000	75,000
MI Pension Grant			
Abandonments		785	
Scrap and Salvage Sales	13,233	8,000	5,000
Interest Earned	10,300	9,000	8,000
Refunds and Rebates	856	10,282	
Proceeds Borrowing or Leases	242,486	325,483	
Commission Audit		135,920	
Sale of Fixed Assets			
Trade in Allowance		0	0
Gain on Disposals	75,658	279,803	0
Heavy Maint. Services - Other Government	0	874	
Subtotal	3,176,433	3,484,323	2,476,049
TOTAL REVENUES	12,066,466	10,943,429	11,539,854

**PROGRAM HISTORICAL
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
2026 EXPENDITURE BUDGET**

	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGETED After Amendment #1	2026 ESTIMATED
Primary Road - Construction	1,018,857	951,871	1,477,959
Primary Road - Maintenance	1,901,363	1,750,000	1,750,000
Total Primary Roads	2,920,220	2,701,871	3,227,959
Local Road - Heavy Maintenance	520,559	476,756	1,200,000
Local Road - Maintenance	1,622,874	1,500,000	1,700,000
Total Local Roads	2,143,433	1,976,756	2,900,000
Primary Structures - Heavy Maintenance	2,315,872	272,520	200,000
Primary Structures - Maintenance	11,141	12,500	2,000
Total Primary Structures	2,326,813	285,020	202,000
Local Structures - Heavy Maintenance	0	0	0
Local Structures - Maintenance	11,985	12,500	2,000
Total Local Structures	11,985	12,500	2,000
Non Motorized	154,901	0	1,100,000
State Trunkline Maintenance	1,311,275	892,132	1,841,349
State Trunkline Non Maintenance	617,660	842,871	50,000
Total State Trunkline	1,928,935	1,735,003	1,891,349
Equipment Expense - Direct	1,282,019	1,000,000	1,050,000
Equipment Expense - Indirect	559,926	925,000	600,000
Equipment Expense - Operating	384,554	400,000	350,000
Less: Equipment Rentals	(2,846,113)	(2,658,658)	(2,600,000)
Net Equipment Expense	(429,614)	(733,658)	(600,000)
Interest Expense	59,330	51,519	353,379
Long Term Debt Payment	324,751	235,039	94,952
Total Debt Service	384,081	286,558	448,322
Distributive Expense	2,500,052	2,578,334	2,855,250
Administrative Expense	361,818	313,126	350,000
Less: Overhead	(179,481)	(124,834)	(120,000)
Less: Purchase Discounts	0	0	0
Net Administrative Expense	182,335	188,292	230,000
Capital Outlay	527,385	727,740	325,000
Less: Depreciation	(517,946)	(460,000)	(475,000)
Less: Equipment Retirements	(22,854)		
Net Capital Outlay	(13,415)	277,740	(149,999)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,108,108	9,405,218	11,277,560
NET EXCESS REVENUE OVER (UNDER)	(51,800)	765,000	282,274
AVAILABLE OPERATING FUNDS	1,875,048	2,840,048	2,922,323

APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA: Chairman Carey asked if anyone had any additions or amendments to the agenda, being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and supported by Commissioner Brisson to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, and the motion carried.

LOCAL ROAD ESTIMATES DISCUSSION: Managing Director Harris presented the Board with estimates that Engineer Malburg compiled for 2026 Township Road projects and stated he will be sending them to the Townships soon. A discussion took place.

TOWNSHIP COMMENTS: None

CITIZENS TIME: None

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE: Managing Director Harris informed the Board of two Railroad crossing grants that were secured by Superintendent of Operations Donaldson for 2026.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Jim Carey, Chairman

Missy Berger, Secretary