

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

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Bilski (Excused)

Also present were: Jim Harris, Managing Director; Katie Davis, Assistant Director of Finance; Todd Donaldson, Superintendent of Roads; Lance Malburg, Engineer; Guy Livermore, Dickinson County Road Commission; Michael Day, Breitung Township; Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township; Denny Olson, Breitung Township; Lydia Olson, Resident; Gary Jacobson, Resident; Scott Morin, Resident; Larry Smith, Resident.

CITIZEN'S TIME: Gary Jacobson addressed his concerns regarding the lengthy timeframe it is taking for his abandonment request to be processed on property across from Four Season's Beer Distributing. He is looking for any help the Road Commission can provide in expediting the process. Scott Morin and Larry Smith addressed the board with the same issue and would like to have the process completed in the next few months as they have all been waiting for almost 2 years. Managing Director Harris read a response from Attorney Steve Tinti regarding their concerns. Commissioner Brisson recommended providing contact information for MDOT to all parties to reach out in hopes to complete the abandonment requests.

APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA: A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVE REPORTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Managing Director, Director of Finance, Engineer, Superintendent of Operations, and Construction/Maintenance Superintendent reports as presented. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes held on November 20, 2025. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVE PAYMENTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Olson to approve payrolls in the amount of \$238,257.67. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve time checks in the amount of \$1,007,267.50. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Olson to approve material bills in the amount of \$1,085,136.84. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

The total for the approved was \$2,330,662.01.

**MOWING DISCUSSION:** Managing Director Harris stated his concerns regarding the current mowing bid document. He suggested the current start dates on the MDOT system be changed to June 15 – July 1 and the County system be July 1 – 15 with a 14-day completion window. The recommendation of adding strobe & headlights as a requirement was also suggested as well as the Road Commission handling all clear vision intersections on both MDOT and County systems. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to authorize the suggested changes to the Mowing Bid Documents and with a February bid opening. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

**COUNTY BOARD LIAISON:** None

**TOWNSHIP COMMENTS:** Denny Olson – Breitung Township stated he was upset over the delay in payment to Bacco for the projects completed for 2025. He was advised there was no delay, but exact dates would be given to him the next day. Louis Sturm – Waucedah Township inquired about the Road Commission knowledge of Payne & Dolan building a batch plant near the Loretto pit.

**CITIZENS TIME:** None

**COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:** Engineer Malburg advised the board a notice he received stating that funding would be delayed for Hydraulic Falls due to MDOT not knowing how to code the project. Funding from federal aid buyout funds from Houghton County may be withdrawn, more details to come. Lastly, Township project estimates are coming soon, working through final details.

Managing Director Harris advised that he was contacted by the DNR requesting snowmobiles detour over the box culvert including .6 miles on County Rd 569 due to not being able to pass over the Hancock Creek Dam for a year. Policy Meeting is scheduled for December 18, following the Special Meeting.

Commissioner Brisson suggested a bid be put out for the demo of the Brouillette Building to include the asbestos removal. He also inquired what it would take to resolve the manhole covers on US2 by Pomp's Tire.

Commissioner Carey stated that the Cheese Factory Road project looks excellent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and supported by Commissioner Olson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 P.M.

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Jim Carey, Chairman

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Katie Davis, Acting Secretary