

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, November 11, 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: Jim Harris, Managing Director; Missy Berger, Director of Finance; Lance Malburg, Engineer; Todd Donaldson, Superintendent of Operations; Michael Day, Breitung Township Trustee; Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township Supervisor; Ryan Mulder, Sagola Township Supervisor; Dave Somers, Dickinson County Road Commission and Guy Livermore, 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 Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski 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 Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 14, 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 \$213,632.21. 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 Olson to approve time checks in the amount of \$185,959.76. 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 \$184,606.63. 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 \$584,198.60.

PROGRAM BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Director of Finance Berger stated the revenue increased by \$1,414,391 and the expense increased by \$535,328 and then went over the highlights with the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Budget Amendments as

presented. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

**PROGRAM REVENUE BUDGET AMENDMENT #1**

Presented to the Board  
On November 14, 2025

	Budget	Budget Adjustments	Actual	Variance Dollar
MTF - ENGINEERING	10,000		10,000	0
MTF - PRIMARY ROADS	3,944,000		2,967,091	(976,909)
MTF - PRIMARY URBAN	348,000		286,466	(61,534)
MTF - LOCAL ROADS	1,392,000		1,049,520	(342,480)
MTF - LOCAL URBAN	116,000		101,300	(14,700)
MTF - SNOW	20,000			(20,000)
FOREST ACRE FUNDS	122,900		122,900	0
CR573 - STATE GRANT	1,000,000		1,000,000	0
CR581 - 2025	499,000	(499,000)		0
CHEESE FACTORY ROAD - SIB LOAN		360,000		(360,000)
SAGOLA - OLD 69/HERZOG				0
CR577 HANBURY - 2024		203	203	0
CR569 BRIDGE FEDERAL - 2024		120,866	120,866	0
CR569 BRIDGE STATE - 2024		15,110	15,110	0
FINAL ACCOUNTING PRIOR YRS		5	5	0
COUNTYWIDE MILLAGE	275,000	17,241	292,241	0
LOCAL STABILIZATION	115,000	6,583	121,583	0
PERMITS	3,000		4,090	1,090
STATE TRUNKLINE	992,132		952,018	(40,114)
STATE NON-MAINTENANCE	50,000	792,695	842,695	0
COMMISSION AUDIT	40,000	95,920	135,920	0
TOWNSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS	195,000	(195,000)		0
BREEN - SWAN PETERSON				0
BRETTUNG - BREEN AVE				0
BRETTUNG - E BAR D		402,653		(402,653)
NORWAY - OAKCREST				0
WAUCEDAH - LAKE LOUISE N				0
CONTRIBUTIONS - OTHER GOV		873	873	0
GUS NEWBERT	70,000		63,245	(6,755)
REFUNDS		10,262	10,262	0
SCRAP & SALVAGE SALES	8,000		4,459	(3,541)
INTEREST INCOME	9,000		9,220	220
PROCEEDS ON BORROWING	320,000	5,403	325,403	0
GAIN ON DISPOSALS		279,802	279,802	0
ABANDONMENT FEES		755	755	0
<b>Revenue Total:</b>	<b>9,529,032</b>	<b>1,414,391</b>	<b>8,716,047</b>	<b>(2,227,376)</b>

**PROGRAM EXPENSE BUDGET AMENDMENT #1**

Presented to the Board  
On November 14, 2025

	Budget	Budget Adjustments	Actual	Variance Dollar
CR 573 STATE GRANT	1,000,030	(67,645)	932,385	0
CR 581 - 2025	650,000	(640,762)	9,238	0
OLD 69/HERZOG			13,020	13,020
CHEESE FACTORY ROAD			382,871	382,871
PRIOR YEARS HEAVY MAINT		3,313	3,313	0
PRE-ENG FUTURE PRIMARY PROJECTS		6,735	6,735	0
PRIMARY ROAD MAINTENANCE	1,750,000		1,231,744	(518,256)
CR569 BRIDGE 2027 PROJECT	80,000		30,382	(49,618)
CR569 BRIDGE - 2024		165,958	165,958	0
CR577 BRIDGE - 2023		10,859	10,859	0
GROVELAND MINE CULVERT - 2027		15,703	15,703	0
PRIMARY BRIDGE MANT	12,500		7,229	(5,271)
LOCAL ROAD PROJECTS - 2025	260,000	(260,000)		0
BREEN - SWAN PETERSON			29,740	29,740
BREITUNG - BREEN AVE.			14,316	14,316
BREITUNG - E BAR D		462,874	462,874	0
NORWAY - OAKCREST			13,050	13,050
WALCEDAH - LAKE LOUISE NORTH			31,045	31,045
RESTORATION OF DRAINAGE LOCAL		965	965	0
PRE-ENG FUTURE LOCAL PROJECTS		12,917	12,917	0
LOCAL ROAD MAINTENANCE	1,500,000		1,293,844	(206,156)
LOCAL BRIDGE MAINT	12,500		4,039	(8,461)
NON MOTORIZED	225,000	(225,000)		0
STATE TRUNKLINE EXPENSE	992,132		1,014,391	22,259
STATE NON-MAINTENANCE	50,000	792,871	842,871	0
EQUIPMENT EXPENSE DIRECT	1,000,000		800,271	(199,729)
INDIRECT EXPENSE	525,000		490,499	(34,501)
OPERATING EXPENSE	400,000		258,216	(141,784)
EQUIPMENT RENTALS	(2,658,658)		(2,199,878)	458,780
INTEREST EXPENSE	51,519		51,188	(331)
LONG TERM DEBT PRINCIPAL	235,039		229,634	(5,405)
DISTRIBUTIVE EXPENSE	2,578,334		2,018,702	(559,632)
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	313,126		293,660	(19,466)
OVERHEAD - TRUNKLINE	(124,834)		(168,360)	(43,526)
CAPITAL OUTLAY	471,200	756,540	727,740	0
DEPRECIATION	(450,000)			450,000
<b>Expense Total:</b>	<b>8,872,888</b>	<b>535,328</b>	<b>9,031,461</b>	<b>(376,755)</b>

**BALER ROAD DISCUSSION:** Engineer Malburg explained to the Board the reasoning behind changing the Baler Road to a primary road from a local road. A brief discussion took place regarding the funding benefits of the change and the steps that need to be taken. A motion was made by Commission Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to classify the Baler Road from the current Local Road designation in the Michigan Act 51 System to a Primary Road. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

November 11, 2025

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Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Supported by \_\_\_\_\_, to classify the following current Local Roads in the Michigan ACT 51 System as PRIMARY roads:

Baler Road, from US-2 to end of the constructed right of way in Section 4 of T39N – R30W and Section 33 of T40N-R30W, a distance of 2800 feet.

Centerline description: Starting at the N-NE 1/16 corner of section 4, T39N, R30W, thence S 01-26-13 E a distance of 936.03 ft, thence N 86-15-36 E a distance of 50 ft to a point of beginning. Thence along a route N 01-26-13 W a distance of 580.20 ft, then along a curve to the right, radius 318.31 ft with the arc length of 418.81, thence N73-56-54E a distance of 284.65 ft, thence along a curve to the left radius 520.87 ft with the arc length of 1103.02 ft, thence N 47-23-03 W a distance of 174 ft to the point of ending, a total distance of 2800 ft.

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
\_\_\_\_\_, Vice Chairman  
\_\_\_\_\_, Member  
\_\_\_\_\_, Member  
\_\_\_\_\_, Member

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

All ayes and the motion carried.

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Missy Berger, Secretary

A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to classify the Baler Road from the current Local Road in the National Functional Classification System as a Major Collector Road. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson - aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

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Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Supported by \_\_\_\_\_, to classify the following current Local Roads in the National Functional Classification System as a MAJOR COLLECTOR road:

Baler Road, from US-2 to end of the constructed right of way in Section 4 of T39N – R30W and Section 33 of T40N-R30W, a distance of 2800 feet.

Centerline description: Starting at the N-NE 1/16 corner of section 4, T39N, R30W, thence S 01-26-13 E a distance of 936.03 ft, thence N 86-15-36 E a distance of 50 ft to a point of beginning. Thence along a route N 01-26-13 W a distance of 580.20 ft, then along a curve to the right, radius 318.31 ft with the arc length of 418.81, thence N73-56-54E a distance of 284.65 ft, thence along a curve to the left radius 520.87 ft with the arc length of 1103.02 ft, thence N 47-23-03 W a distance of 174 ft to the point of ending, a total distance of 2800 ft

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
\_\_\_\_\_, Vice Chairman  
\_\_\_\_\_, Member  
\_\_\_\_\_, Member  
\_\_\_\_\_, Member

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

All ayes and the motion carried.

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Missy Berger, Secretary

A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to request the Baler Road to become TEDF as "F" eligible road. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Olson - ay,e and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

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Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Supported by \_\_\_\_\_, to request the following Primary Roads to become TEDF as "F" eligible roads.

Baler Road, from US-2 to end of the constructed right of way in Section 4 of T39N – R30W and Section 33 of T40N-R30W, a distance of 2800 feet.

Centerline description: Starting at the N-NE 1/16 corner of section 4, T39N, R30W, thence S 01-26-13 E a distance of 936.03 ft, thence N 86-15-36 E a distance of 50 ft to a point of beginning. Thence along a route N 01-26-13 W a distance of 580.20 ft, then along a curve to the right, radius 318.31 ft with the arc length of 418.81, thence N73-56-54E a distance of 284.65 ft, thence along a curve to the left radius 520.87 ft with the arc length of 1103.02 ft, thence N 47-23-03 W a distance of 174 ft to the point of ending, a total distance of 2800 ft.

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
\_\_\_\_\_, Vice Chairman  
\_\_\_\_\_, Member  
\_\_\_\_\_, Member  
\_\_\_\_\_, Member

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

All ayes and the motion carried.

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Missy Berger, Secretary

**RUBBERIZED PAVEMENT PRESENTATION:** Engineer Malburg showed the Board and the audience the rubberized pavement presentation that he will be giving at the next NACE conference. The presentation showed the many innovative projects the Dickinson County Road Commission has done over the past few years and how they are holding up. A discussion took place on projects the Road Commission could do in the future utilizing proven processes to improve pavement performance and longevity.

**LSPR RALLY RACE INVOICE:** Managing Director Harris informed the Board of the damage done to the Aimone Loop and Schwartz Creek North during the last rally race that the race association agreed to reimburse for the repairs.

**AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN HYDRAULIC FALLS PROJECT COVER SHEETS:** Engineer Malburg stated the cover sheets need to be signed by the Chairman for MDOT to proceed with approval of the project. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to authorize Chairman Carey to sign the Hydraulic Falls Project Cover Sheets. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Olson - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MANAGING DIRECTOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH MDOT FOR THE CHEESE FACTORY SIB LOAN:** Director of Finance Berger stated the resolution is to authorize the Managing Director to sign the contract that will finalize the SIB loan for the Cheese Factory Road project. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adopt the resolution authorizing Managing Director Harris to sign the contract with MDOT for the Cheese Factory Road SIB loan. Roll call vote: Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Olson - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

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The following was offered by: \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by: \_\_\_\_\_ to enter into a contract for the following project authorizing Managing Director Jim Harris to sign MDOT Contract Number 2026-0072:

The contract is for a loan through the State Infrastructure Bank for the transportation infrastructure improvements for the Cheese Factory Road relocation project in the amount of \$360,00.00. This is a five year loan with an interest rate of 3.25%.

**PRESENT:**

- \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman
- \_\_\_\_\_, Vice-Chairman
- \_\_\_\_\_, Member
- \_\_\_\_\_, Member
- \_\_\_\_\_, Member

**ABSENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

All ayes and the motion carried.

**ATTEST BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

Missy Berger, Secretary

**COUNTY BOARD LIAISON:** None

**TOWNSHIP COMMENTS:** Ryan Mulder, Sagola Township Supervisor stated the Leeman Road would be a good candidate for a Rubberized Chip Seal project in the future. Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township Supervisor stated he would like project work to start earlier.

**CITIZENS TIME:** None

**COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:** Chairman Carey stated he along with Commissioner Johnson and Director of Finance Berger attended the County Board Appropriations meeting and is doubtful of any funding from the County Board.

Engineer Malburg agreed with Louis Sturm, Waucesha Township Supervisor regarding the construction issues. He then updated the Board on issues with MDOT on the Hydraulic Falls road project and the reopening of Federal Aid buyouts in 2027 by MDOT.

Managing Director Harris stated he presided over the Great Lakes Council Meeting last week there was discussion regarding forming a Rural Road Alliance and he received an email from the Delta County Road Commission opposing the idea. A brief discussion took place, and no decision was made. He then informed the Board he is looking into the speed limits on Breitung Avenue.

Commissioner Bilski complimented Engineer Malburg on the very informative Rubberized Pavement Presentation.

Commissioner Johnson asked if a chip seal project was done on the Leeman Road what the width would be. A brief discussion took place.

Commissioner Olson inquired about the speed and traffic issues on US 2 near Walmart. Managing Director Harris stated MDOT has no funding available at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

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Jim Carey, Chairman

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Missy Berger, Secretary