

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 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.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Henry Wender, long-time County Commissioner and Road Commission Board Liaison.

PRESENT: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Bilski, Commissioner Olson, and Commissioner Carey

ABSENT: Commissioner Brisson – Excused

Also present: Jim Harris, Managing Director; Missy Berger, Director of Finance; Lance Malburg, Engineer; Todd Donaldson, Superintendent of Operations; Steve Tinti, Road Commission Attorney; Peter Swanson, County Board Liaison; Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor; Michael Day, Breitung Township Trustee; Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township Supervisor; Ryan Mulder, Sagola Township Supervisor; Malachi Olson, Breitung Township; Jay Davis, Breitung Township; Katie Davis, 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 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, 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 January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting. 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 \$234,494.11. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – 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 \$193,257.50. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve material bills in the amount of \$214,317.71. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

The total for the approved was \$642,069.32.

UPDATE ALL-SEASONS ROAD LIST: Managing Director Harris notified the Board of changes made to the All-Seasons Road List. The Cheese Factory/Nurse Carlson Road has been changed to Cheese Factory/Finntown Road and the Baler Road was reclassified from Local to Primary.

VOTE FOR (1) CANDIDATE FOR THE CRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 4 YEAR TERM – UP ROAD BUILDERS SEAT: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to vote for Robert Lindbeck for the CRA Board of Directors 4 Year term – UP Road Builders Seat. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ACT 51 MAP CERTIFICATION: Engineer Malburg stated the Baler Road was changed to a Primary Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to authorize the Chairman to sign the Act 51 Map Certification. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

APPROVE MILLAGE LANGUAGE AND SIGN MILLAGE RESOLUTION: Director of Finance Berger stated the Road Millage is up for renewal. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve Millage Language and sign Millage Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD MILLAGE REQUEST

Shall the voters of Dickinson County be assessed 0.5 mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) over and above the rate of taxation now in effect, to be levied for a period of (5) years from 2027 to 2031 inclusive, for the purpose of operations, maintenance, and improvements to the public roads of Dickinson County and the city streets in cities of Iron Mountain, Kingsford, and Norway within Dickinson County, and for no other purpose? The estimated amount of revenue that will be collected if approved and levied in the first calendar year is approximately \$587,037.00. These funds will be distributed among the Road Commission and Cities. This is a renewal.

YES/NO



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RESOLUTION FOR ROAD MILLAGE, DICKINSON COUNTY

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR A MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROADWAYS OF DICKINSON COUNTY AND TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSAL TO THE ELECTORATE AT THE AUGUST 4, 2026 ELECTION.

Section 20b of the general highway law, being MCL 224.20b, expressly authorizes the Board of Commissioners for the County of Dickinson to submit to the electorate of the county the question of tax levy for highway, road and street purposes.

- A. The County of Dickinson desires to submit to the electorate of the county the question of a tax levy for highway, road and street purposes within the county.
- B. The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners, therefore, desires to obtain voter approval for up to 0.5 mill to provide funds for road maintenance and repairs within the county.
- C. Because a county-wide election is scheduled on August 4, 2026 the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners finds it appropriate to submit this millage proposition to the electorate at this election.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, THE DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES that:

1. The following proposal, the language of which is hereby approved by the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners and certified to the Dickinson County Clerk, shall be submitted to the electors of Dickinson County for a vote at the August 4, 2026 election.

This proposal will permit the County to levy up to 0.5 mill for the purpose of providing funds for the purpose of operations, maintenance, and improvements to the roadways of Dickinson County in the years 2027 - 2031 inclusive.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson - Aye, Commissioner Bilski - Aye, Commissioner Johnson - Aye, Commissioner Brisson - Aye, and Chairman Carey - Aye. The motion carried.

ADOPT AND SIGN RESOLUTION FOR SALE OF FEDERAL AID TO HOUGHTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION : A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to adopt and sign Resolution for the sale of Federal Aid to the Houghton County Road Commission: Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.



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**DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
FEDERAL-AID PROGRAM**

At the Dickinson County Road Commission's regular monthly meeting held on February 10, 2026, the following resolution was presented to the Board:


WHEREAS, county road agencies may transfer federal highway aid available to them to other county road agencies for certain purposes subject to approval by Michigan Department of Transportation ("MDOT") and Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA"), 23 U.S.C. 126; and

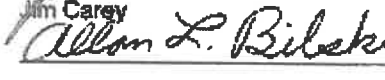
WHEREAS, Dickinson has identified the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Houghton ("Houghton") as a county road agency it is interested in selling the federal aid to in fiscal year 2027; and

WHEREAS, Dickinson would agree to sell an estimated 517,800.00 of STP funds available in fiscal year 2027 in exchange for non-federal transportation dollars to Houghton at a set rate of exchange at \$.80 of non-federal funds for each \$1.00 of STP funds; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dickinson, by adoption of this resolution, may proceed and develop an agreement with Houghton that would allow for said exchange to occur.


This resolution is to take effect immediately.



Jim Carey


Allan Bilski

Dave Brisson


Dale Johnson


Quintin Olson

RENEW APPRENTICE PROGRAM – LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING EXPIRING ON MARCH 13, 2026: Managing Director Harris updated the Board on minor changes to the Apprentice Program that is set the expire on March 13, 2026. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve changes and renew the Apprentice Program for a period of up to three years at signing. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

AWARD MOWING BID: Managing Director Harris read the mowing bids aloud. A brief discussion took place. A motion was made by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to award mower bid to Livermore Mowing. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

AS READ BID TAB - 2026 ROADSIDE MOWING

BID OPENING: FEBRUARY 2, 2026

PINE CREEK EXCAVATING	MDOT	\$ 13,917.92	ADDER	\$ 12,000.00
	COUNTY	\$ 15,923.45	ADDER	\$ 24,000.00
Addendum #1 included				
Reference Included				

LIVERMORE MOWING	MDOT	\$ 15,046.40	ADDER	\$ 2,500.00
	COUNTY	\$ 15,256.00	ADDER	\$ 2,500.00
Addendum #1 included				
Reference Included				

S & S MOWING	MDOT	\$ 19,072.64	ADDER	\$ 13,000.00
	COUNTY	\$ 19,832.80	ADDER	\$ 18,000.00
No Addendum #1 included				
No Reference included				

DISCUSSION TO DEED PROPERTY TO SAGOLA TOWNSHIP: Attorney Tinti stated the Road Commission owns a strip of land that was never developed into a public roadway in Sagola Township. Ryan Mulder, Sagola Township Supervisor stated they want to have legal access to a proposed sledding hill and parking lot. A discussion took place. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to transfer the property to Sagola Township. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Olson - aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

HEAVY TRUCK PURCHASE DISCUSSION: Managing Director Harris updated the Board on the Equipment Committee meeting recently held and the need for additional Heavy Trucks. A discussion took place regarding the need for two or three trucks, 2027 emission requirements, costs annual payments beginning 2027, and build timelines. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to order two trucks. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

2026 PROPOSED PROJECT DISCUSSION: Managing Director Harris provided the Board with a list of projects the Townships would like to have done this year and went over the roads with the Board. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the projects, Rubber vs. HMA,, bidding process, timelines of when projects should be presented to the Board and completion dates.

ABANDONMENT UPDATES: Attorney Tinti updated the Board on the Breitung Avenue Right-Of-Way clearance issue. He explained moving forward the need to have the Right-Of-Way before a project starts. He then suggested the Board increase the Abandonment Fee. A discussion regarding the Abandonment Process took place.

COUNTY BOARD LIAISON: - None

TOWNSHIP COMMENTS: Ryan Mulder, Sagola Township Supervisor asked if the September 15th project completion date would increase bid amounts. He went on to state that he is receiving compliments on the good winter driving conditions in Dickinson County. Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor, echoed Sagola Townships concern with the project completion date of September 15th.

CITIZENS TIME: None

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE: Engineer Malburg updated the Board on the Primary Road Projects for 2026.

Managing Director Harris stated he is working with Engineer Malburg to get out bids for Township Projects.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Jim Carey, Chairman

Missy Berger, Secretary