

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, January 13, 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.

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

**ABSENT:** None

Also present: Jim Harris, Managing Director; Missy Berger, Director of Finance; Todd Donaldson, Superintendent of Operations; John McDoanld, Shop Supervisor; Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township Supervisor; Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor; Michael Day, Breitung Township Trustee; Peter Swanson, County Board Liaison, 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 Olson 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 Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes from December 9, 2025, Regular Meeting and the December 18, 2025, Special Meeting. All ayes and the motion carried.

**APPROVE PAYMENTS:** A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to approve payrolls in the amount of \$387,986.88. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, 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 Johnson to approve time checks in the amount of \$193,269.04. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – 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 Brisson to approve material bills in the amount of \$221,989.52. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

The total for the approved was \$803,245.44.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED WITH EXISTING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION (Bilski Enterprises,**

Johnson Farms, Carey Logging and Quintin Olson Enterprises, LLC.): Director of Finance Berger stated the need to be acknowledged in the minutes. All members acknowledged.

APPROVE BID DATES AND AUTHORIZE LET BIDS FOR 2026: Director of Finance Berger explained the annual Authorization of Let Bids and Bid Dates. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to Approve Bid Dates and Authorized Let Bids for 2026. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

APPROVE MEETING DATES FOR 2026: Director of Finance Berger stated that the meetings will continue to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to Approve Meeting Dates as presented. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

AUTHORIZE CLOSING OF PINE MOUNTAIN ROAD AND PINE MOUNTAIN LODGE ROAD FOR SKI TOURNAMENTS: Managing Director Harris stated this is the annual closure, and that he has been in contact with Tournament Officials. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to Authorize the Closing of Pine Mountain Road and Pine Mountain Lodge Road for Ski Jump Tournaments being held on February 20<sup>th</sup> through February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN COVER SHEET FOR THE PINE MOUNTAIN NON-MOTORIZED ROAD PROJECT: Director of Finance Berger stated the Cover Sheet for the Pine Mountain Non-Motorized Road Project need to be signed by the Chairman and then forwarded to the City of Kingsford for their signature for the project to move forward. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to authorize the Chairman to sign the Cover Sheet for the Pine Mountain Non-Motorized Road Project. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

2027 FEDERAL AID SALE TO HOUGHTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Managing Director Harris stated the Houghton County Road Commission would like to buy our Federal Aid again for 2027. A brief discussion took place. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to sign agreement to sell Federal Aid to Houghton County Road Commission for .80 cents on the dollar. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

DISCUSS ROAD PROJECT'S CONTRIBUTION POLICY PROPOSED REVISIONS: Managing Director Harris updated the Board on the policy committee meeting held with Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Olson regarding Road Contribution Policy. He further stated he will be seeking input from the Townships and will report back to the Board in February.

DISCUSS SNOWMOBILE/ORV TRAIL POLICY AND TRAIL LICENSE AGREEMENT: Managing Director Harris stated MCRCSIP is recommending Road Commissions adopt a Snowmobile/ORV Trail policy and License Agreement. A discussion took place regarding the Boards numerous concerns. Managing Director Harris stated he would like to meet with the DNR, MCRCSIP and Snowmobile clubs for additional information.

EQUIPMENT SALE PROCEEDS/RECOMMENDED PURCHASES: Managing Director Harris provided a list of items to purchase with the proceeds received from the sale of used equipment in 2025. A discussion ensued. A motion was made by

Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve purchases as presented. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – nay. The motion carried.

MARKER AND SPRINKLER IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY DISCUSSION: Managing Director Harris informed the Board of problems arising from markers and sprinklers in the right-of-way that the plow drivers are encountering. A discussion took place regarding rights-of-way, ditches and road maintenance. It was decided that Managing Director Harris and Superintendent of Operations Donaldson will put together a policy regarding this issue and present it to the Board at a later date.

COUNTY BOARD LIAISON: County Board Liaison Swanson stated that four Board Members may be recalled and would appreciate the support from the Road Commission.

TOWNSHIP COMMENTS: Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor stated he is in full support of a good common sense right-of-way policy and that residents filling in ditches is not good for the roads. Louis Sturm, Waucesha Township Supervisor inquired about the status of the lawsuit regarding the new road funding. A brief discussion took place.

CITIZENS TIME: None

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE: Superintendent of Operations Donaldson stated the road crew is working hard.

Director of Finance Berger shared with the Board the amount that the MTF has decreased in the last couple of months, but stated the revenues exceeded expenditures for 2025.

Managing Director Harris updated the Board on the following:

MDOT looking into the manhole covers on US2

Sagola Township will be purchasing new street signs for the Channing Area and would like the Road Commission to help with the installation.

Equipment Committee will be meeting soon.

The Policy Committee is working well.

Pickup purchases for the new year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

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Jim Carey, Chairman

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Missy Berger, Secretary