

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, June 9, 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 Bilski, Commissioner Olson, Commissioner Brisson, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Carey

ABSENT: None

Also present: Jim Harris, Managing Director; Missy Berger, Director of Finance; Todd Donaldson, Superintendent of Operations; John McDonald, Shop Supervisor; Michael Day, Breitung Township; Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township; Peter Swanson, County Board Liaison; Lydia Olson, Breitung Township; Steve Bonicatto, Breitung Township and Guy Livermore, Dickinson County Road Commission.

CITIZEN'S TIME: Managing Director Harris introduced newly hired County Engineer Steve Bonicatto to the Board and informed the Board he will be starting June 17th.

APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA: Chairman Carey asked if anyone had 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, Superintendent of Operations, Construction/Maintenance Superintendent and Shop Supervisors reports as presented. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve minutes from the Special Meeting held on May 5, 2026, and the Regular Meeting held on May 12, 2026. 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 \$216,647.37. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – 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 \$200,923.64. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – 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 \$209,057.62. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

The total for the approved was \$626,628.63.

VOTE FOR ONE MCRCSIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Director of Finance Berger stated there is only one incumbent nominee. A motion was made by

Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to vote for Incumbent Brett Laughlin for the MCRCSIP Board of Directors. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

VOTE FOR THREE CRASIF BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Director of Finance Berger stated there are only three nominees. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to vote for Tom Dorty, Beth Hunt and Laurita Humphrey for the CRASIF Board of Trustees. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

SIGN CONTRACTS WITH BACCO CONSTRUCTION FOR LOCAL ROAD PROJECTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to sign contracts with Bacco Construction for Breitung Townships South Van Buren and Menominee/Hydraulic Falls Road projects, Norway Townships Ball Road project, Sagola Townships Lake Ellen project and Waucedah Townships Hupps and Underwood East Road projects. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

SIGN CONTRACT WITH MIDWEST GRAVEL: FOR 23A AGGREGATE: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to sign contract with Midwest Gravel for 23A Aggregate. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

HEAVY TRUCK UPDATE/DISCUSSION: Shop Supervisor John McDonald stated that the first 2026 Western Star Tandem will arrive in July and should be ready for winter operations. The second will arrive in December and be ready for the summer of 2027. He then stated that 2026 has been a rough year for trucks and that there are three trucks out of service, and one that need frame rebuild. He then asked the Board to allow for the purchase of an additional truck that was budgeted for that was put off due to financial concerns. Director of Finance Berger stated that the MTF's have increased and her concerns regarding the budget have eased. She then stated that the budget has not been amended and the purchase can proceed as budgeted.

2027 LOCAL ROAD PROJECT SUBMISSION DEADLINE DISCUSSION: Managing Director Harris stated he would like to request a change the Local Road Project Policy to have the Townships submit their project requests in by August 15th. He went on to state how this will help the Engineering Department design a better road and give the crew time to do prep work. A discussion took place. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to change the Local Road Policy to require Townships to submit project requests by August 15th. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD LIAISON: County Board Liaison Peter Swanson stated the County Board appreciates the work the contractors and crews are doing.

TOWNSHIP COMMENTS: Michael Day, Breitung Township Trustee complimented the Road Commission on the beautiful job done on the Hydraulic Falls Road project. Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township stated he has no complaints about the projects that were done on the Hupps and Underwood East Road projects.

CITIZENS TIME: None

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE: Director of Finance Berger informed the Board that Diane will be retiring in August and that Jodie Peterson has been hired to fill her position. She further stated that the new phone system is up and running and that Starlink was ordered for the Felch garage. A brief discussion took place.

Managing Director Harris updated the Board on the status of the Hydraulic Falls Guardrail installation, pre-con meeting for the Pine Mountain Non-Motorized projects and the County Road 581 project completion. He then stated his concerns regarding the MDOT US2 project on the Northside. Lastly, he stated how pleased and how proud he is with the contractors and road commission crew performance on the Local Road Projects.

Commissioner Brisson inquired about potholes on Bellagomba Road.

Commissioner Bilski asked when the mowing will begin. Managing Director Harris stated mowing would start next week at the south end of the county.

Commissioner Johnson asked when the gravel that was displaced by a semi spinning out would be cleaned up.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Jim Carey, Chairman

Missy Berger, Secretary