

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, May 12, 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 were Jim Harris, Managing Director; Lance Malburg, Engineer; Todd Donaldson, Superintendent of Operations; Peter Swanson, County Board Liaison; Ryan Mulder, Sagola Township Supervisor; Louis Sturm, Waucedah Township Supervisor; Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor; Michael Day, Breitung Township Trustee; Malachi Olson, Breitung Township; Jediah Olson, Breitung Township; Mike Pohlson, Dickinson County Road Commission, and Guy Livermore, Dickinson County Road Commission.

CITIZEN'S TIME: None

APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA: Chairman Carey asked to add 2026 STP funding to the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda with the addition of 2026 STP funding as item 5a. 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, Maintenance/Construction 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 the Regular Meeting held on April 14, 2026. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVE PAYMENTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to approve payrolls in the amount of \$212,498.34. 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 Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to approve time checks in the amount of \$344,215.95. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – 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 material bills in the amount of \$156,410.78. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

The total for the approved was \$713,125.07.

**APPROVE CLOSURE OF CAMP 3, CAMP 9 AND LANTZ ROAD FOR THE JUNE 19 & JUNE 20 NASA RALLY SPORT RACE:** Managing Director Harris stated is the same race route as previous years. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the closure of the Camp 3 Road, Camp 9 Road and Lantz Road for the upcoming June 19 & 20, 2026 NASA Rally Sport Race. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye.

**PINE MOUNTAIN ROAD TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER:** Managing Director Harris informed the Board that this order is placed every year on Pine Mountain Road adjacent to the soccer fields. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Johnson to authorize Chairman Carey to sign the Pine Mountain Traffic Control Order. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

**ACCEPT AND AWARD PICKUP BIDS :** Managing Director Harris read the bids aloud. A brief discussion took place. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Olson to award Pickup bid to ERA Chevrolet in the amount of \$51,645.00 Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

### **2026 One Ton Trucks**

#### **Holz Motors**

<b>2026 Chevy Silverado 3500 WT Model</b> (No Remote Start)	<b>\$ 52,360.20</b>
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<b>2026 Chevy Silverado 3500 LT</b> (Remote Start)	<b>\$ 57,017.30</b>
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#### **Era Chevrolet**

<b>2026 Chevy Silverado 3500 WT Model</b> (After Market Remote Start Included)	<b>\$ 51,645.00</b>
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**ACCEPT AND AWARD 23A GRAVEL BID:** Managing Director Harris read the bids aloud. A discussion took place. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to award 23A Gravel bid to Midwest Asphalt Gravel to be picked up at Denny Olson pit, Quantity amount 13,333 tons in the amount of \$80,000.00 . Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – abstain, Commissioner Johnson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

**23A Gravel Bid Tab**

<b>Iron City Enterprises</b>				
Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
23A Picked Up At Pit	12,800	Ton	\$ 6.25	\$80,000
Pit Location	Fleetwood Pit			
* Complete				
Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
23A Delivered to Felch Garage	7,804	Ton	\$ 10.50	\$80,000
* Complete				

<b>Midwest Asphalt &amp; Gravel</b>				
Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
23A Picked Up At Pit	13,333	Ton	\$ 6.00	\$80,000
Pit Location	Dennis Olson Pit			
Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
23A Delivered to Felch Garage	9,500	Ton	\$150/Hr	\$80,000

Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
23A Picked Up At Pit	12,300	Ton	\$ 6.50	\$80,000
Pit Location	Spread Eagle Pit			
Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
23A Delivered to Felch Garage	9,500	Ton	\$150/Hr	\$80,000

<b>Payne &amp; Dolan</b>				
Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
23A Picked Up At Pit	11,034.48	Ton	\$ 7.25	\$80,000
Pit Location	Camp 5 Pit			
Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total
23A Delivered to Felch Garage	5,614	Ton	\$ 14.25	\$80,000

**AWARD LAKE ELLEN BUYOUT PROJECT:** Managing Director Harris indicated the bids were already accepted at the April meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to award to low bidder Bacco Construction in the amount of \$371,938.0. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried

**AWARD 2026 TOWNSHIP PROJECTS:** Managing Director Harris stated the bids for the projects were already accepted at the April meeting and the bids were for both Crumb Rubber and Traditional HMA methods. He went on the state that he had met with the Townships, and they preferred the Traditional HMA as the bid price was lower but would approve of the Crumb Rubber method if the Road Commission increased our contribution. A discussion took place regarding the increase costs to the Road Commission, savings in 2026 from other projects, the better quality of materials, longevity of the roads, and the decrease in maintenance in the long run. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to go with the Crumb Rubber method and award the bid to Bacco Construction in the amount of \$1,412,099.40. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

**DISCUSS PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES:** Engineer Malburg stated the RFP is for the bridge on County Road 426 that involves preventative maintenance, guardrail and approaches. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to accept and award the RFP for Engineering services for the upcoming 2028 County Road 426 bridge project to UP Engineering in the amount of \$33,700.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commission Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

**DISCUSS ADDITIONAL PROJECT FOR 2026 USING STP FUNDS:** Engineer Malburg stated the City of Norway turned down \$207,000.00 STP funding for 2026 and MDOT contacted him to see if we had a project that could utilize the funds. He went on to state that paving County Road 607 from US2 to previous paving or stripping on NFC eligible roads. A discussion took place. It was determined that paving County Road 607 would be preferred if the project can be pushed to 2027 due to budgeting concerns. If the paving project cannot be pushed to 2027, we would use the funds for stripping in 2026. Engineer Malburg stated he will ask MDOT and inform the Board on their decision.

**CITIZENS TIME:** None

**COUNTY BOARD LIAISON:** Peter Swanson, County Board Liaison stated he could not say enough about the Road Commission and to keep up the good work.


**TOWNSHIP COMMENTS:** Ryan Mulder, Sagola Township Supervisor, thanked the Board for using the Rubberized method on projects this year. Denny Olson, Breitung Township Supervisor stated the base of the roads are more important than the paving material used. He also stated that ditching, shouldering and maintenance are just as important.

**COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:** Engineer Malburg stated he attended a meeting in Marquette. The contractors at the meeting stressed they do not want bid openings on Mondays and would like to send in bids electronically and email bids. Options were discussed. The contractors also stated that they would like the bids to be sent to them between December and March for the best prices. Lastly, Engineer Malburg addressed the Board about his resignation and new position with Sols & Structures but would stay on as a consultant through his new job, and he has enjoyed the last 15 years. The Board thanked him for all he did for the Road Commission.

Managing Director Harris received a call regarding the Jacobson abandonment. He then thanked Engineer Malburg for everything he had done. Lastly, he stated that Bacco would like to start the projects next week.

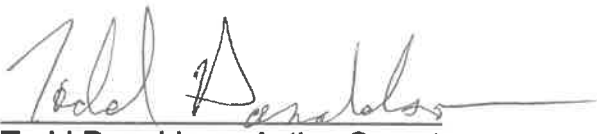
Commissioner Brisson asked when the Brouillette Building will be taken down.  
Commissioner Olson inquired about the potholes on Lake Antoine Road/South  
Lake Antoine Road intersection.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner  
Johnson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:04  
P.M.



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Jim Carey, Chairman



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Todd Donaldson, Acting Secretary