

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the Road Commission office at 800 W. Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan.

Present for the roll call were, Chairman Chris Sholander, Vice-Chairman Ernest Schmidt, Commissioners Charles Battan, Dan Germic, and Susan K. Clisch along with Superintendent/Manager Douglas C. Tomasoski, Finance Director/Clerk Lisa M. Powell and Attorney Mark Tousignant.

Chairman Sholander led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

10(b)Beaver policy

In a motion by Battan and supported by Germic these items were added.

All Ayes

No Nays

Motion carried.

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

The following minutes were presented:

- Audit and Regular Meetings of September 18, 2018.

It was motioned by Clisch, supported by Schmidt, to approve the above regular meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Germic, Clisch, Schmidt, Battan and Sholander

Nays: None

Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED

The disbursements to be approved included Payrolls of \$91,415.77 Prepaid Claims of 369,340.17, and Accounts Payables of \$330,430.71 for a total of \$791,187.19.

It was motioned by Schmidt supported by Battan to approve the Audit Committee Report dated September 30, 2018 covering the aforementioned disbursements.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Battan, Schmidt, Clisch, Germic and Sholander

Nays: None

Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent presented his report with these highlights:

CR424 to go forward for 2019, both projects are slated for completion next summer

Five of the seven township plans are in

Pentoga road entrance is half the County's and half the Township project. Needs to be a 20 foot road with trees taken out.

DELEGATIONS

Bates-Jon Oberlin would like support for Larson road upgrade that will create jobs and economic development. The Superintendent is talking to them about the grant and matching funds.

Crystal Falls- Township Supervisor Tom Lesandrini thanks the crew for the ditching done.

Mastodon-Frank Siewiork- Questions on Polifca culvert.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

OSS ROAD LAND AND TIMBER SALE SWAP WITH COUNTY

Tabled by Commissioner Clisch for more legal investigation, with support from Germic.

All Ayes

No Nays

Motion carried.

FUEL TANKS

Shop Foreman Stolberg is continuing to research adding our own fuel tanks and gas suppliers.

NEW BUSINESS

SB 396 RESOLUTION

The Summer UPRB meeting had voted in a unanimous request for a letter to oppose Sen. Casperson's bill for removing seasonal restrictions for logging operations throughout the state. Great Lake Council voted to put out public service announcements for further education. Other municipalities are sending in letters to oppose this bill to keep seasonal restrictions under the local decision making authority. The Superintendent introduced a resolution opposing the SB 396. Commissioner Schmidt made a motion to support this resolution with a copy to be forwarded to Senator Casperson, The Senate Minority Chair Ananich and Governor Snyder, with a second from Clisch. The resolution is attached to the minutes.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Germic, Clisch, Schmidt, Battan and Sholander

Nays: None

Motion carried.

BEAVER POLICY

A motion to change the reimbursement per beaver to \$50 to garner more interest from trappers was made by Commissioner Schmidt with support from Germic. The previous rate was \$25 per beaver.

All Ayes

No Nays

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Lesandrini had some comments on the professional alliances that had been in place and used previously with the County offices that now seem to be missing and this results in the waste of time and money.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Nothing else to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

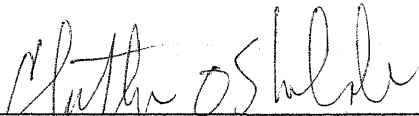
Commissioner Schmidt supports the opposition of SB396 from within the timber industry where he works.

At 10:02 a.m. with no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Schmidt supported by Germic, to adjourn the regular meeting.

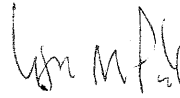
Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.



Chris Sholander, Chairman



Lisa M. Powell, Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF IRON COUNTY
SENATE BILL 396 RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, roads are the backbone to the social, cultural and economic stability of Iron County and the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 396 (S-5) passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018 allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (aka "frost laws") to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and

WHEREAS, it is a fact in Iron County and throughout the northern states that roads become soft in the spring and applying unrestricted 164,000-pound truck loading on soft roads is unwise and a law allowing such is poor public policy; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 WILL result in damage to the public road system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 WILL negatively impact the traveling public accessing the road system, resulting in burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer costs to maintain the public road system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions in SB 396 and subsequent impacts to the local road system WILL negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Iron County residents and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Iron County Road Commission and the other road commissions throughout the Upper Peninsula work closely with the logging industry to keep the economic vitality of the County and the Upper Peninsula moving by continuously monitoring road conditions and permitting the logging industry to move equipment and material on roads when the roads can structurally support such loading without negatively impacting the road system and the traveling public;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County hereby **STRONGLY** opposes SB 396, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Casperson, the Senate Minority Chair Ananich and Governor Snyder.


On a roll call vote;

Ayes- Commissioners Germic, Clisch, Schmidt, Battan and Chairman Sholander

Nays-none

Motion carried

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution offered and duly adopted by the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County at the meeting held this 9th day of October 2018.

Signed: 

Lisa M. Powell, CPA Finance Director/Clerk