

**2014 BUDGET HEARING**

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County held a Budget Hearing Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 5:20 p.m. in the Road Commission office at 800 West Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan.

The purpose of the hearing was to review the proposed 2014 fiscal year budget.

Chairman Dan Germic called the meeting to order.

Present for the meeting were Vice Chairman Joe Sabol, Members Ernest Schmidt and Charles Battan, Superintendent/Manager Douglas Tomasoski Office Manager/Clerk Darlene Anderson and Attorney Mark Tousignant. Commissioner Christopher Sholander was absent.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2014 fiscal year budget as prepared by the administrative staff. Superintendent Tomasoski and Clerk Anderson explained the road projects scheduled for 2014 and discussed the anticipated revenues and expenditures for the upcoming year.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the gravel crushing policy currently in place. Commissioners Germic and Battan asked if sharing the expense of crushing gravel with the townships is something the road commission should be doing. Superintendent Tomasoski explained that although the pros and cons can be argued both ways, allowing a township to crush gravel forces the road commission to spend money it might not otherwise be planning to spend, and it dictates the work schedule in that township. Tomasoski said the policy also forces the road commission to violate its own local heavy maintenance policy which mandates that the townships pay 100% of the cost of their projects.

Commissioner Schmidt argued that the gravel crushing policy is good for both the road commission and the townships because the road commission is only paying for half of the gravel.

It was agreed that the board will have a decision ready for the December 30 special meeting on the gravel crushing policy.

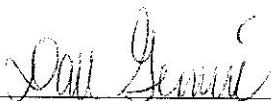
At 6:00 p.m., it was motioned by Commissioner Battan and supported by Commissioner Schmidt to adjourn the Budget Hearing.

Ayes: Battan, Schmidt, Sabol, Germic

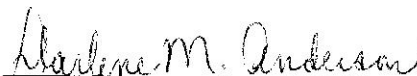
Nays: None

Absent: Sholander

Motion carried.



Chair



Clerk