

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Road Commission office at 800 W. Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan and available by Zoom Attendance.

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

Present for the roll call were Chairman Ernie Schmidt, Vice-Chairman Chuck Battan, Sue Clisch, Dan Germic and Ron Frailing along with Superintendent/Manager Douglas C. Tomasoski and the Finance Director/Clerk Lisa M. Powell. Attorney Mark Tousignant attended by Zoom, Brad Toivonen, Civil Tech ran the Zoom meeting.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

10(d) MERS

9(a) Drain Commissioner

A motion was made to add these above items to the agenda by Commissioner Sue Clisch and supported by Commissioner Ron Frailing

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

The following minutes were presented:

The minutes of the Audit and Regular meeting of February 9, 2021 and the Special Meeting of February 22, 2021.

A motion by Commissioner Chuck Battan, support by Clisch to accept the above minutes.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED

The disbursements to be approved included:

a. Payrolls of:	\$ 138,229.87
b. Prepaid Claims of:	45,695.51
c. Accounts Payables of:	182,272.40

Total: \$ 366,197.78

It was motioned by Commissioner Frailing supported by Clisch to approve the Audit Committee Report dated February 28, 2021 covering the above disbursements.

Roll call vote: Ayes- Germic, Clisch, Frailing, Battan and Schmidt

Nays: None

Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent presented his report.

CR 424 phase V is scheduled for 2022, Ottawa 2 phases this summer, Buck Lake Road and Baumgartner are coming along. MIOSHA released the final report on the fatal accident and had no findings for us. Summer seasonal hires are being advertised. Full time HEOP to begin the process of hiring for Oss Garage. Biennial bridge inspections discussion, Larson Road update, getting prices on arrow boards.

A motion by Commissioner Battan to advertise to hire a full time HEOP with union benefits with support by Frailing.

Roll call vote: Ayes- Battan, Frailing, Clish, Germic and Schmidt

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Another motion by Frailing to hire 6-12 full time summer seasonal positions and 2 HEOPS. This was supported by Battan.

Roll call vote: Ayes- Germic, Clisch, Frailing, Battan and Schmidt

Nays: None

Motion carried.

DELEGATIONS

Mastodon-Frank Siewiork had a permit question on a logging truck in his township, Carney Dam Road and a discussion took place about platting and maintenance.

Jeff Ofsdahl introduced himself as the County Liaison. And a Parks and Rec question from Frank, which seems to be on hold with COVID.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS**DRAIN COMMISSIONER**

The Board collectively is the Drain Commission. Questions were run by MCRCSIP and CRASIF for insurance and WC answers in trying to determine whether it should be a contracted position or employee. Follow up is needed with them. There are court ordered lake levels for Stager, Fortune and Sunset lakes. Those court orders need to be obtained and examined. There are violations of drainages and permits to be considered. Dams were inspected in 2020, 2 need minor work, Sunset needs work. Questions on using personal vehicle. Access needs to be addressed as there are not easements to the Dams. Special assessment districts need to be set up for planning and large maintenance expenditures. Time is billed back to the County. Jeff Ofsdahl waded into the discussion and expressed an interest in taking it back to the Board as it sounds like it may be a County responsibility.

NEW BUSINESS**2021 CRA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

The Priorities were presented to the Commissioners with a motion by Commissioner Frailing to approve them as presented. Support was given by Germic.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

CRA F&HR MEETING THAT WILL DISCUSS THE COUNTY TREASURER ON MARCH 16TH VIA ZOOM

This statewide Committee has this on its agenda to address the variations in duties and their lawfulness. Discussing producing a whitepaper and approaching the Attorney General for an opinion on the more overreaching patterns of County Treasurers and County billing us for doing their "services".

LOCAL HEAVY MAINTENANCE PROJECT BIDS

The local projects were presented and discussed. A motion to accept low bidders for our ICRC projects and to forward bids to the Townships for agreements was made by Commissioner Germic and supported by Frailing.

Roll call vote: Ayes- Germic, Clisch, Frailing, Battan and Schmidt

Nays: None

Motion carried.

MERS

Information from the year end Statement of Fiduciary Net Position statement was presented by the Finance Director. Many unknowns as to how the new determinates would affect the liability side.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The process with the Treasurers office seems to be working, the difficulties were noted, the ownership of the CD will be resolved in the future as there is a conflict in interpretation.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND AWARD PRESENTED TO BRADLEY TOIVONEN

Plaque presented to Brad Toivonen, Civil Engineering Tech with a "2020 Award of Merit for ICRC - For providing the people of Michigan the highest quality asphalt pavement CR-424, Iron County. Presented by Asphalt Pavement Assn of MI and Michigan Dept of Transportation." (This is an awesome recognition for ICRC and Bradley Toivonen)

Fuel freezing problem at Oss discussed. Additives discussed. The contract with Krist will be looked at.

At 10:07 a.m. with no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Clisch supported by Germic, to adjourn.

Ayes: All

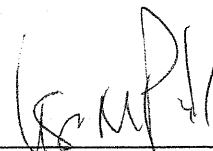
Nays: None

Motion carried.



~~Ernie Schmidt~~, Chairman

Charles Battan



Lisa M. Powell, Clerk

Iron County Road Commission
2021 Local Road Projects - Various Locations (as-read)

	site #		<u>Bacco</u>	<u>FA Industries</u>	<u>Payne & Dolan</u>
<u>BATES / STAMBAUGH</u>					
Kofmehl Road	1	C&S/Agg/Bit	\$314,028.50	---	\$281,181.26
<u>BATES</u>					
Bates Twp boat launch	2	Grade/HMA	\$37,215.00	---	\$31,675.00
<u>CRYSTAL FALLS</u>					
Long Lake Road - PH 2	3	Grade/HMA	\$154,616.35	---	\$162,849.15
Long Lake Road - PH 3	4	Drainage/ Grade/Agg	\$225,981.40	\$160,991.20	\$169,814.25
<u>IRON RIVER</u>					
Old Beechwood Road	5	C&S/Agg/HMA	\$299,312.19	\$296,848.67	\$274,927.65
<u>MANSFIELD</u>					
South County Line Road	9	Grade/Agg/HMA	\$70,969.00	---	\$71,218.95
Wright Road	10	Drainage/C&S/ Grade/HMA	\$113,994.65	---	\$115,563.40
<u>STAMBAUGH</u>					
University	6	Clear/Drainage/ Grade/Agg	\$287,380.20	\$229,775.40	\$234,366.00
<u>Iron County Road Commission</u>					
CR-424 / overlay	7	C&S/HMA	\$48,885.00	---	\$47,180.00
Osterlund Road / overlay	8	C&S/HMA	\$95,325.00	---	\$87,000.00