

**REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. in the Road Commission office at 800 W. Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan.

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

Present for the roll call were Chairman Ron Frailing, Vice-Chairman Dan Germic, Chuck Battan, Ernie Schmidt, and Sue Clisch. Superintendent/Manager Douglas C. Tomazoski P.E., Interim Clerk Patti Leonoff, Garage Foreman Dean Stolberg, and Attorney Mark Tousignant were present.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

10(a) Larry Leonarduzzi bench

A motion was made to add the above item to the agenda by Commissioner Schmidt, supported by Germic.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

The following minutes were presented:

The minutes of the Audit and Regular meetings of May 10, 2022.

A motion by Commissioner Germic, support by Clisch to accept the regular minutes.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED**

The disbursements to be approved included:

a. Payrolls of:	\$ 120,641.97
b. Prepaid Claims of:	48,371.98
c. Accounts Payables of:	227,348.13

Total:	\$ 396,362.08
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It was motioned by Commissioner Schmidt supported by Battan to approve the Audit Committee Report dated May 10, 2022, covering the above disbursements.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Timber sale-actively working. First payment should be coming soon. Work on Buck Lake Road and Baumgartner will be starting right after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. University Road project is starting today. Fahrner is moving up chip seal work to start next Monday. Wild River Road-Betty Premo had a conference with another funding source. There is a non-competitive funding program available. Work would not be this year. DNR is providing part of the funding, and DNR will be adding this to their project, so work is progressing! Task force meeting in Ontonagon. A decision will be made for a split of Covid funds for entities that are eligible. Lisa has already done work on the split. We have time to decide. Drain commission- all is good with the boards—so far—Question about City of Gaastra doing their portion of 424. As of this time, they are still planning to do it in 2023. Question about Andreski Plat. Scarifying will be done after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There is an option of scarifying certain sections as chloride is coming by June 27. There is also a possibility of getting the scarifying done earlier. There will be a conversation with John Oberlin about it. Grader roller is being used and all are pleased with the results. Question about River Ave. in Hematite Township. We are keeping an eye on it. Interviews will start next Tuesday and Wednesday for the Finance Director position. Also advertising for a HEOP for the Iron River Garage. There is a possibility of another HEOP retiring, as well as a Foreman retiring September 1. Discussion of the possibility of the addition of one more mechanic. Will be added to the July meeting agenda. May possibly not need a CDL for the position. Superintendent/Manager will also be retiring within the next year, probably June of 2023. Will start advertising for that position in July. Unofficial quote of \$62,200 was received for a new Broom. A quote was not received for a new pressure washer, but the Garage foreman said he was told it would be approximately \$3500. There is \$100,000 budgeted for an excavator. A question was asked, if we advertise for bids, and nothing is acceptable, can we look ourselves? Attorney Tousignant said yes. Bids will be put out for the July meeting. CRA is proposing removing the Fed and State fuel taxes at the moment, but the question has not been answered as to how road funding will continue if fuel taxes are removed.

### **DELEGATIONS**

Mastodon- Frank Siewiork said the Stager Lake Association is concerned about speeding through the park and is wondering if speed bumps being installed could be an option. Superintendent will check with MCRSIP on liability issues, if there are no issues, a speed bump ahead sign would possibly be installed, and Frank said he believes the Township board would probably pay the cost of the speed bumps. A motion was made by Schmidt and supported by Germic to get speed bumps for summer. Frank also suggested we may want to get with the schools, to educate students about HEOP jobs, or to get information to the Chamber about HEOP positions.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Building and Grounds- Frailing and Germic will be getting updates on where the tanks will be installed at both garages. Markings have been set at both garages.

Parks and Rec- The Iron CRC is on the today's County meeting agenda about payment for our representative.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Anderson of Sunset Lake Road looking for guidance on an issue with his property. Neighbors yard has been excavated, making water drain into Jim's property, which is flooding his yard. He will discuss it further with Superintendent Tomasoski.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**LARRY LEONARDUZZI BENCH**

Jeff Swenski is making a bench in memory of Larry Leonarduzzi and is asking the board what they would like engraved on the bench. Suggestions were provided. Superintendent Tomasoski also made mention that the court case with the motorist involved in the accident has been postponed -again- until fall.

**NEW BUSINESS****MCRCSIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOTS**

Ballot information was received from MCRCSIP asking for elections for two positions for the Board of Directors UP Representatives. A motion made by Germic, and support by Schmidt for Dennis Stanek and Joseph Valente.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

Ballot information for an election of a Board of Directors At-Large representative was received. Lester Livermore was the only nominee on the ballot. A motion made by Schmidt, supported by Battan to nominate Livermore.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried

**FILL IN FOREMAN WAGES**

Superintendent Tomasoski explained that he would like to see the amount the fill in foreman is paid to be an amount halfway between the difference in rate of pay from the HEOP position and the Foreman position. In a motion made by Germic and supported by Clisch, those employees that are selected to fill the fill in foreman position while working as foreman, will receive an amount halfway between the difference between the HEOP wage and the Foreman wage, with union approval.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**HAGERMAN LAKE PATCHES**

Bacco will be asked to bid on grader patches or paver patches for eight locations on Hagerman Lake Road. If the bid comes in at no more than \$115 per ton, a 2" overlay would be done on those eight locations. This would be done at the same time of the West Brule Lake Road project.

Motioned by Schmidt, Supported by Chuck.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

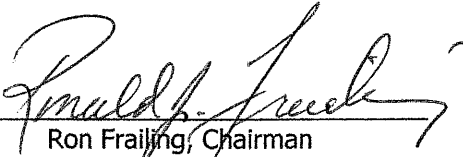
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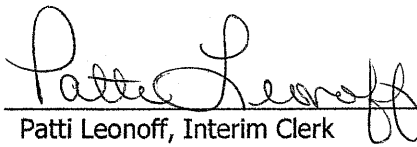
**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

None

At 10:13 a.m. with no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Commissioner Schmidt supported by Battan, to adjourn.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

  
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Ron Frailing, Chairman

  
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Patti Leonoff, Interim Clerk