

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, October 11, 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, Chuck Battan, Ernie Schmidt, and Sue Clisch. Vice Chairman Dan Germic attended virtually. Also present were Superintendent/Manager Douglas C. Tomasoski P.E., Finance Director Michelle Johnson, HR-PR Administrator Patti Leonoff, Interim Foreman Robert Johnson, Civil Tech Brad Toivonen, Mastodon Twp Supervisor Frank Siewiorek, Shop Foreman Dean Stolberg, and Attorney Mark Tousignant.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

10. (a) Hiring/Personnel

Motion to approve agenda with above addition by Commissioner Schmidt, supported by Battan

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

The following minutes were presented: Audit of September 13, 2022.

A motion by Commissioner Schmidt, supported by Clisch to accept the regular minutes.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

The following minutes were presented: Regular of September 13, 2022.

A motion by Commissioner Battan, supported by Clisch to accept the regular minutes

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

The minutes of the Special meeting of September 28, 2022.

A motion by Commissioner Clisch, supported by Battan to accept the special meeting minutes.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED

The disbursements to be approved included:

a. Payrolls of:	\$ 111,910.70
b. Prepaid Claims of:	723,825.94
c. Accounts Payables of:	337,977.68
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Total:	\$ 1,173,714.32

It was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Clisch to approve the Audit Committee Report dated September 30, 2022, covering the above disbursements.

Roll call vote: Ayes- Schmidt, Clisch, Battan, Frailing
Nays: None
Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Tomasoski then gave his report.

Fuel Tanks Update- Superintendent Tomasoski provided an update, along with Shop Foreman Stolberg: Oss Garage concrete is poured, tank and dispensers are in; wiring is being worked on today. Iron River garage: tank needs to be made and will be about a month out. Installation is still on track for this year.

Sand- Bids for 2023 are being advertised as a one-year contract with optional two-year extensions. Bids are due November 1, 2022

Gravel- Iron River and Crystal Falls/Camp 5 pit testing is complete. Amasa pit looks good with a lot of potential gravel to be dug.

Local Roads-Requests for updated three-year plans made to the Townships. Update on current projects and some discussion regarding the scarification of Andreski Plat. Tomasoski will be putting together information for Twp. Supervisor Oberlin regarding future options for this road. Interim Foreman Johnson also offered input on the state of the road and what is currently being done.

Employment Items- Three out of the four HEOP's hired have started. Employment offered to two potential Mechanics and one Mechanic's Aid. Interviews are scheduled for October 13, 2022, for the Engineering Assistant/ Construction Foreman position.

Bridge Inspections have been completed and the report is expected in October.

Drain Commissioner: Some property disputes between property owners and the diversion of water, which according to Attorney Tousignant, is an issue between the property owners, not the Road Commission. Commissioner Schmidt asked about boards being in on Sunset Lake. Per the recommendations of the prior Drain Commissioner, no boards were installed on Sunset Lake this year.

The Iron County Road Commission was also recently recognized by the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund as having one of the lowest employee injury rates among road commissions in the state.

DELEGATIONS

Mastodon- Frank Siewiorek -thanked the Road Commission for the work on Kalla Walla, Hill Farm and Buck Lake Roads.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports provided. Commissioner Germic is currently attending the Commissioner Seminar in Frankenmuth.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Siewiorek-inquired about the road millage Bates Township has in place and suggested the ICRC talk to the Townships regarding a local road millage levy.

OLD BUSINESS**HIRING/PERSONNEL**

Commissioner Schmidt detailed the interviews that were conducted: Five HEOP interviews were held; four interviewees were hired. Two mechanics and one mechanics aid were also offered a position. The Board previously approved hiring 5 HEOP and 1 Mechanic; because one new hire is qualified for both positions the decision was made to hire 4/2.

Motioned by Commissioner Clisch, supported by Schmidt to approve the filling of a second mechanic position.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS**OPEB APPLICATION FOR WAIVER**

The proposed Resolution and request for waiver was submitted by Finance Director Johnson regarding Defined Benefit Pension Retirement Systems and PA 202 of 2017.

Motion to approve the approve the Resolution and submit the application for waiver was made by Commissioner Schmidt and supported by Clisch.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Clisch requested some research into updated computer and sound equipment for the meeting room for better quality when attending virtually. Superintendent Tomasoski added that the equipment could also be used for presenting safety training.

Commissioner Schmidt recognized David Medovich in his retirement and thanked him for his years of service.

At 9:10 a.m. with no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Commissioner Schmidt supported by Clisch, to adjourn.


Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

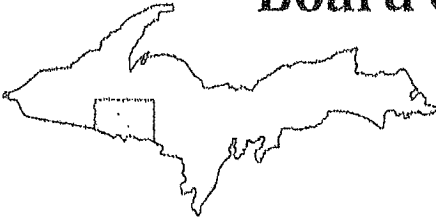


Ron Frailing, Chairman



Michelle Johnson, Clerk

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PUBLIC ACT 202 OF 2017 RESOLUTION FOR WAIVER APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County recognizes the requirements of Public Act 202 of 2017;

WHEREAS, Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County is committed to protecting the security of retirement benefits for its retirees and current employees;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County has completed the Michigan Department of Treasury, Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefit Act Application for Waiver; Retirement Health Benefit Systems and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Iron County Road Commissioners approves and submits the Application for Waiver.

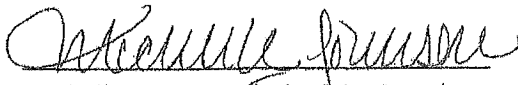
Roll Call Vote: Ayes:

Nays: None

Motion carried

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of part of the minutes of a meeting held on the 11th day of October 2022, by the Board of County Road Commissioners, Iron County, Michigan.


 Michelle Johnson, Clerk of the Board