

**REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, September 13, 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. Also present were Superintendent/Manager Douglas C. Tomaszoski P.E., Finance Director Michelle Johnson, HR-PR Administrator Patti Leonoff, Fill In Foreman Robert Johnson, Civil Tech Brad Toivonen, Mastodon Twp Supervisor Frank Siewiork, Financial Advisor Rick Kinsey (Edward Jones) and Attorney Mark Tousignant.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Accepted the agenda in a motion from Commissioner Schmidt, supported by Clisch.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

The following minutes were presented: Audit of August 9, 2022.

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

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

The following minutes were presented: Regular of August 9, 2022.

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

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

The minutes of the Special meeting of August 30, 2022.

A motion by Commissioner Battan, supported by Schmidt 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:	\$ 193,722.53
b. Prepaid Claims of:	40,306.30
c. Accounts Payables of:	1,066,312.32
Total:	<u>\$ 1,300,341.15</u>

It was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Clisch to approve the Audit Committee Report dated August 31, 2022, covering the above disbursements.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Tomasoski then gave his report.

Fuel Tanks Update- Superintendent Tomasoski was notified by the Fire Marshall that due to restrictions on above ground tanks, Class 1 liquids could not be stored in a 14,000-gallon tank as we had planned. Recommended a change to a 12,000-gallon tank which would also reduce costs by approx. \$6,000.00 Motion to approve size change of tank to 12,000-gallons was made by Commissioner Schmidt, supported by Germic.

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

Gravel-testing was done, reviewing results.

Osterland Rd-maintenance ditching is being done.

Buck Lake Rd/ Baumgartner Rd-waiting on paint marking to be done.

Fleet Equipment-Chassis have a 12-18-month lead time, boxes probably do as well. Additionally, potential rebates that could be used to purchase a complete vehicle from International are set to expire at the end of 2022. Superintendent Tomasoski proposed putting out a request for bids for a chassis and box combination (2023 purchase) and a complete vehicle (2024 purchase) with a timeline of Oct-Dec.

Motion to request bids for the chassis/box and a complete vehicle purchase as detailed above was made by Commissioner Schmidt, supported by Batton.

A question was asked by Commissioner Frailing as to whether Gaastra was on the radar for primary road maintenance next year. As of now the plan is to go from Caspian to City Hall with engineering being done by GEI.

**DELEGATIONS**

Mastodon- Frank Siewiork -question as to whether Kalla Walla Rd. would be striped this year yet. Yes, it is still planned to be done. Inquired whether Buck Lake had any culverts going into it.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Parks and Recreation-(Germic and Clisch) Dan brought information from the most recent meeting he attended, at which there were still not enough members to make a quorum. Decisions could not be made, but a discussion was still held about the Cooks Run property. The committee would like to send suggestions about what to do with it to the DNR.

Commissioner Germic will be attending the Commissioners Seminar Oct 9-11, 2022, in Frankenmuth and Michelle and Patti will be attending the U.P. HR-Finance meeting Oct 19-20, 2022, in Iron Mountain.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS****INVESTMENT INFORMATION**

CD rate options were provided as part of the Board Packet as submitted by Michelle Johnson, Finance Director/Clerk. Local options and Multi Bank Securities rates were provided. Rick Kinsey from Edward Jones was present to provide current rates for bank deposited CD's. Discussion was held regarding the FDIC insurance requirements and PA 20 Investment of Surplus Funds of Political Subdivisions investment compliance. Mr. Kinsey requested a copy of the Road Commissions Investment Policy and a copy of PA 20 to ensure compliance restrictions could be met. Commissioner Frailing requested Michelle supply these documents as well as obtaining current rates from all potential financial institutions in time for the special meeting to be held at the end of the month. Frank Siewiork also discussed mutual funds.

**GRADER ROLLER RENTAL-OPTIONAL PURCHASE**

Superintendent Tomasoski provided a Customer Purchase Order from McCoy Construction & Forestry for review. The IR Foreman and HEOP's are happy with the performance of the grader throughout the rental period, and he is recommending the Road Commission approve the purchase option of \$18,740.00 as per the purchase order. Discussion was held regarding a possible second grader/roller for Oss garage next year. Motion to approve the purchase order amount of \$18,740.00 for the John Deere grader/roller made by Commissioner Schmidt, supported by Battan.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL ISSUES**

Superintendent Tomasoski discussed the Letters of Agreement between the Iron County Road Commission and the General Teamsters Local Union No. 406 for both the Fill-In Foreman and Interim Foreman positions, outlining the differences and responsibilities of both positions. Agenda items 10.C.I (1) and (2) were presented to the Board for approval.

Motion to approve the Letters of Agreement for the Fill-in Foreman and Interim Foreman was made by Commissioner Schmidt, supported by Clisch.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Further discussion held about a future fill-in foreman for Oss garage.

Motion made to name Robert Johnson, current Fill-in Foreman for Oss garage as Interim Foreman by Germic, supported by Schmidt.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SAND-VENDOR REQUEST FOR COST INCREASE**

A request was submitted by MoCorp for a 'cost of production' increase outside of the current three-year contract. An additional one-year extension, based on proposed increase, was also requested. Discussion held.

No action was taken.

Additional discussion held regarding a possible re-bid for sand at end of current contract.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

A tentative date of September 28, 2022, at 3:00 P.M. was set for a special meeting for the purpose of approving an Asset Management Plan and further discussion on investments.

**WINTER SEASONAL ADVERTISING**

Superintendent Tomasoski requested and was given permission to post for winter night patrol and possibly seasonal winter positions, depending on the outcome of the interviews scheduled this week.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**


None.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Germic brought back information from the Great Lakes Meeting on 9/1. Discussion was held about legislative priorities such as Road Commissions Initiating road abandonment, increases in bridge funding and dead animal cleanup. There are also two openings on the MCRCSIP Board.

At 9:28 a.m. with no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Commissioner Schmidt supported by Germic, to adjourn.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

  
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Ron Fralting, Chairman

  
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Michelle Johnson, Clerk