

Regular Meeting
Tuesday October 17, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 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, Commissioners Ernie Schmidt, Chuck Battan, and Jim Cihak. Also present were Interim Supr./ Mngr. Brad Toivonen, Finance Director Michelle Johnson, HR-PR Administrator Patti Leonoff, Dave Smith, Mastodon Twp. Trustee, Iron County Commissioner Ean Bruette and Attorney Mark Tousignant.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

The following minutes were presented: Audit of September 12, 2023

A motion by Commissioner Cihak, supported by Germic to accept the audit minutes.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following minutes were presented: Regular of September 12, 2023

The motion by Commissioner Schmidt, supported by Battan to accept the regular minutes.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED

The disbursements to be approved included:

a. Payrolls of:	\$ 118,462.67
b. Prepaid Claims of:	63,297.24
c. Accounts Payables of:	321,215.50

Total: \$ 502,975.41

Motion by Commissioner Battan, supported by Schmidt to approve the Audit Committee Report dated September 31, 2023, covering the above disbursements.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Interim Supr. Toivonen then reviewed his report:

Fuel Tank Update- Will be ordering winter blend fuel soon. A mutual extension clause on current fuel contract will be investigated; fuel bids will be put out if current contract is not extended.

Sand- Iron River garage received approximately 8,500 tons and deliveries to Oss are in progress, with the possibility of coming up short again this year. Because we were short approx. 1800 ton in Iron River and 1500 ton at Oss last year, we were able to negotiate those amounts this year at last year's pricing.

Primary Roads:

CR424 PH6-MDOT GI meeting scheduled for October 17, 1pm.

Baumgartner Ph4- Project was let October 6; low bid was Bacco Construction, \$529,777.98.

Brule Mountain Rd.-MDOT GI meeting scheduled for October 17, 1pm.

Pavement Marking- Crosswalks for non-motorized were completed 9/20/23.

Stager Lake Rd./ Stager Lake Park-Signage was installed 10/2; waiting on solar batteries to charge.

Camp 5 Rd- Graveling was completed at the end of September.

Local Roads:

Iron River Twp- Bernhardt Rd. work completed as of October 4th, reviewing quantities for invoicing.

Mastodon Twp- Bara Rd. work is complete, reviewing quantities for invoicing.

Stambaugh Twp- University Rd. work is complete, reviewing quantities for invoicing.

Section 19 Flooding Disaster Relief-Brad and Michelle met with the new Iron Co. Emergency Manager Chris Peterson and MSP's Penny Burger to review project submittals; Barry Rd. was submitted, and all resolutions and application paperwork were handed in.

Fleet/ Equipment Upgrade- We were outbid on the 2008 International Paystar that was approved last month. The bid award letter was sent to U.P Truck Center for the 2025 Western Star chassis that was approved at the September meeting.

Employment- A HEOP from Crystal Falls resigned, effective at the end of November. We will not be filling the full-time HEOP positions but instead will be utilizing four seasonals until spring. The full-time positions will be revisited at that time. Interviews for the Mechanics Aide position are scheduled for October 26, 2023. The job posting with MTU for the Civil Engineer position has been extended until the first of the year.

Bridges:

Idlewild-Fortune Cr- U.P. Engineering began survey work the week of October 2nd.

Resort Drive-Fortune Cr.- Bridge inspection was completed, waiting to receive report.

FH-16 North and South Branches- Ayers recommended some additional paint work which is going to be added to the contract.

Wild Rivers-Iron River- UPEA Engineering plans to start surveying the first week of October, EGLE permitting and designs to follow.

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Biennial bridge inspections were completed mid-September, including the additional scour inspection that is required after a flooding event.

General/Misc:

MCRCSIP-Dean and Michelle are working on updating the fleet and property insurance.

A personnel meeting will be scheduled for December regarding non-union wages and the Superintendent's evaluation.

Drain Commissioner: Boards were removed from the dams on October 17th. Dam inspections were completed, and the report received. Michelle requested and received approval for a \$2,000 budget amendment from the County Board. There was a discussion with Mary Dalpra, County Admin. Assistant, regarding the condition of signage at the dams and the possible replacement of them. An email was sent to County Attorney Steve Tinti requesting some info on returning the drain commission back to the County as an elected position.

DELEGATIONS

Mastodon Township Trustee Dave Smith asked to verify Bara Rd. was complete. Additionally, he inquired about the bump on Rainbow Trl. and relayed resident questions about speed limit signs for McClaren and S. Shore Dr.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

g. Parks and Recreation- Meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

BRULE MOUNTAIN/BAUMGARTER RD RESOLUTION FOR MDOT CONTRACT

The resolution for authorizing signatures on the MDOT contract for Brule Mountain/Baumgartner Rd. PH4 was approved with a motion by Commissioner Schmidt and support from Cihak.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION-PA 202 OF 2017-WAIVER APPLICATION-OPEB

The resolution and waiver were authorized by Commissioner Schmidt and supported by Battan.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT-DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION RECONSTRUCTION FUNDING

The letter presented to the Board in support of the Dickinson County Road Commission obtaining grant funding for the reconstruction and repair of Leeman Rd was discussed and subsequently approved with a motion from Commissioner Cihak and supported by Battan.

Ayes: All.
Nays: None
Motion carried.

2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT #4

Finance Director Johnson presented the fourth budget amendments for 2023.
Motion by Commissioner Battan, supported by Cihak to accept the amendments as presented.
Roll call vote: Schmidt, Cihak, Germic, Battan, Frailing
Nays: None
Motion carried.

2011 FREIGHTLINER-USED TANDEM PURCHASE

Specs and photographs of the 2011 Freightliner M2 106 for sale at Wolverine Freightliner Eastside, Inc were presented and discussed.

Motion by Commissioner Battan, supported by Schmidt, to authorize the purchase of the used 2011 Freightliner M2 106 from Wolverine Freightliner Eastside, Inc for \$57,500.

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

INVESTMENTS-CD'S

Current rates obtained from multiple financial institutions were presented by Finance Director Johnson.

Motion by Commissioner Cihak, supported by Schmidt to authorize Finance Director Johnson to determine which banking institutions would provide the best return for the Road Commission going forward and reinvest the \$250,000 accordingly.

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

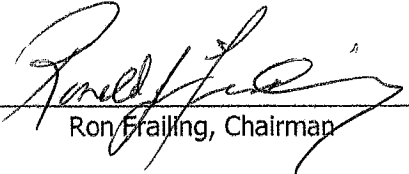
ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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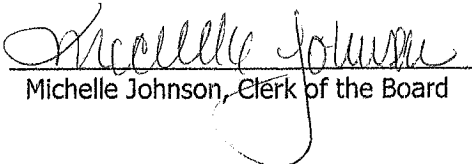
COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Battan noted that he believed we could place yellow speed limit signs, however they are unenforceable.

At 9:36 a.m. with no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Schmidt supported by Battan to adjourn.

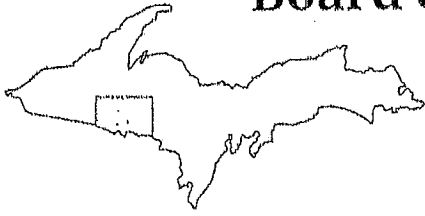


Ron Frailing, Chairman



Michelle Johnson, Clerk of the Board

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Michigan Department of Transportation
Development Services Division, 2nd Floor
P. O. Box 30050
Lansing, MI 48909
Attn: MDOT Agreements Staff

Commissioner Schmidt offered the following resolution which was supported by Commissioner Cihak and duly adopted:

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON, STATE OF MICHIGAN has received the following Michigan Department of Transportation contract:

Control Section	STL 36000
Job Number	207487CON
Project Number	23A0817
CAFD No	20.205(Highway Research Planning & Construction)
Contract No	23-5379
Location	Brule Mountain/Baumgartner Rd.

And WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON, STATE OF MICHIGAN desires to contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for:

Hot mix asphalt base crushing, shaping and resurfacing along Brule Mountain/ Baumgartner Road from Eden Drive to southerly approximately 1.45 miles, including aggregate base, shoulders, permanent signing and pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON, STATE OF MICHIGAN hereby authorizes Interim Superintendent/Manager Bradley Toivonen and Finance Director/Clerk Michelle Johnson to sign the above referenced contract.

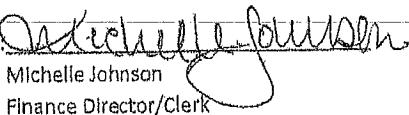
On a roll call vote- Ayes-Commissioners Germic, Schmidt, Cihak, Battan, Frailing

Nays - None

Motion carried

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution offered and duly adopted by the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Iron at a regular meeting held this 17th day of October 2023.

Signed:


Michelle Johnson
Finance Director/Clerk

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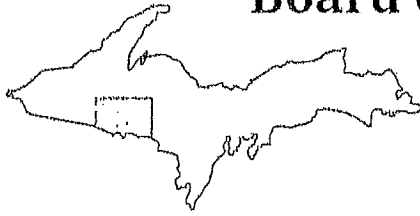
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PUBLIC ACT 202 OF 2017 RESOLUTION FOR WAIVER APPLICATION

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;

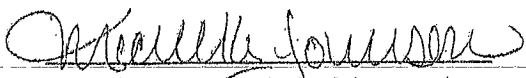
WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County has completed the Michigan Department of Treasury, Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefit Act Application for Waiver, Retirement Health Benefit Systems and

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

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Commissioners Cihak, Battan, Germic, Schmidt, Fralling
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 17th day of October 22, 2023 by the Board of County Road Commissioners, Iron County, Michigan.


Michelle Johnson, Clerk of the Board