

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in the Road Commission office at 800 W. Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan.

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

Present for the roll call were Chairman Ernie Schmidt, Vice-Chairman Ron Frailing and Commissioners Jim Cihak, Chuck Battan and Dan Germic. Also, present: Superintendent/ Manager Brad Toivonen, Finance Director Michelle Johnson, HR-PR Administrator Emily Bieghler, Bates Twp. Supervisor Mike Stafford, Attorney Mark Tousignant, Brian Schiavo, GEI, and County Commissioner Ean Bruette. Members of the public present: Patti Leonoff.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Supt. Toivonen requested the addition of NB.f, Mower Purchase.

Motion by Commissioner Cihak, support by Frailing, to accept the agenda with the addition.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Germic, supported by Battan, to approve the minutes of November 11, 2025, audit and regular meetings.

Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED

a. Payrolls of:	\$ 148,329.92
b. Prepaid Claims of:	747,438.09
c. Accounts Payables of:	203,467.91
d. VOID Check #1766/ UP.ne	(86.07)
Total:	\$1,099,149.85

Moved by Commissioner Frailing, supported by Germic, to approve the Audit Committee Report dated November 30th, 2025, covering the above disbursements.

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

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Supt. Toivonen reviewed his report:

Building/Inventory:

Salt deliveries to Oss are complete.

Advertisements and bid documents have been sent out for gravel, with a due date of January 6, 2026.

The culvert order arrived last week.

UPEA should have preliminary plans for the Iron River salt shed sent over next week to start review. Without knowing when the construction will be completed, going out for paving bids in February may not work.

There are no township paving projects planned for 2026 at this time, so further planning has to be done.

Primary Roads:

CR 424 PH 8/ Hagerman Lk. Rd. PH 2 (2027)- Buyout has been completed; the check has been received.

CR 424 PH 9/ Hagerman Lk. Rd. PH 3 (2027)- Applications for MDOT Federal Aid exchanges for 2027 are being accepted on a first-come first-served basis, until January 6, 2026. This is a 90% buyout program.

FLAP Grant-Considering a change in projects submitted. Bridges can qualify for funding, and rehabilitating the FH-16 bridges is a higher priority. We would still submit applications to the local area bridge program for these as well.

Local Roads:

Bates Twp: Complaints are again being received about the property owner on Little Finland parking a trailer in the lane. Contact has been made with him.

Fleet / Equipment:

The Equipment Committee put together a list of priority items to be put into the 2026 budget: a pickup truck, used plow truck, new mower, skid steer/excavation attachments, and a portable traffic control light. Spectrum called the office mid-November and informed us that they had purchased Iron River Co-Op, and we need to change phone and internet services to Spectrum in the next two-three weeks or we would lose service. Everything was switched at the office and Iron River garage as of yesterday and is working well so far. Some of the new features will make things more efficient.

Employment Items:

Personnel Committee will schedule a time next week for a Superintendent evaluation.

Bridges:

MDOT has taken over completing bridge inspections and awarded the bid to Ayers to cover the Superior Region; we will no longer have to bid for these ourselves.

Repairs to Snuff Country Rd. bridge are budgeted to be completed by our crew in 2026.

The Pentoga Rd. bridge is scheduled for letting in November 2027, with construction in the summer of 2028. There are currently three proposed options for alignments for this crossing, at various costs. If budget overages occur, 20% would be shared between the towns in the WisDot contract and ICRC.

Misc:

The Treeline Dr. case is officially closed.

CRA- October-December MTF payments will be reduced by 19% as a result of the elimination of the income tax transfer. On Jan 1, the current sales tax will be removed, and the 20-cent increase will begin to be charged. The Neighborhood Roads Funding has three "off the top" allocations, to which dollars flowing into the fund are allocated to first, and in the following order: \$100 million goes to the local bridge program, then \$40 million to the rail grade separation program, then \$100 million for the CTF/infrastructure projects authority. Only after these allocations are funded does the remaining revenue flow to MDOT (20%), counties (52%) and municipalities. If there are less marijuana sales as a result of the new tax, the amount of funding that made it to the county funding level of distribution would be less. And it cannot be distributed until it is collected. The Corporate Income Tax also has to first be collected (quarterly and/or annually), then funnel through the allocations. It is doubtful that anything will be seen by us until late in the year.

Fiber Optic-There were complaints received about the Highline crews in the Bates-Amasa/ Sunset Lake areas. Some winter work will be allowed in this area, including lane closure, with additional safety measures and signage done by Give 'Em A Break, taking into consideration winter road maintenance operations. There are still a couple of culverts that need to be replaced due to damage in the Way Dam area as well.

Iron-Baraga Soil Conservation District-County Commissioner Bruette advised that the elimination of the Iron-Baraga Conservation District participating as the Part 91 Iron County Coordinator will be discussed further at the County Board meeting this evening.

Drain Commissioner:

County Commissioner Bruette will discuss the 2026 requested budget amendment at the meeting tonight, and he requested Supt. Toivonen email the County Administration Office about getting it on the agenda. Commissioner Frailing suggested we get the RFP for the Sunset Lake survey loop started.

DELEGATIONS

Mike Stafford, Bates Twp. Supervisor asked questions about the timeline of fiber optic crews finishing for the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS**RESORT DR. BRIDGE AGREEMENT**

Following brief discussing about the revised agreement from the township, noting that the barricades have to be in such a place to allow non-motorized traffic only, it was moved by Commissioner Cihak, with support from Frailing, to approve the Resort Dr. bridge use agreement between ICRC and Crystal Falls Township. Roll call vote: Ayes- Germic, Battan, Cihak, Frailing, Schmidt. Nays-none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS**UPDATE ON INVESTMENTS**

Finance Director Johnson provided the Board with an update on the MERS Defined Benefit Plan and the MERS Retiree Health Trust for the 3rd quarter and interest revenues for YTD 2025.

SAND BIDS

A bid from Williams Ready-Mix, Inc., was the only bid received on time. Moved by Commissioner Battan, support by Cihak, to accept the bid from Williams Ready-Mix, Inc. as submitted, for 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes- Frailing. Nays-None. Motion carried.

2025 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Supt. Toivonen took questions and comments on the plan as submitted to the Board. Moved by Commissioner Germic, supported by Frailing, to certify the 2025 Transportation Asset Management Plan. Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

FOREST ROAD FUND ALLOCATION

Moved by Commissioner Cihak, supported by Germic, to approve the allocation of forest road funds as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes-Battan, Frailing, Cihak, Germic, Schmidt. Nays-none. Motion carried.

FY2023 STATE TRUNKLINE AUDIT

Finance Director Johnson presented the MDOT Trunkline Audit Report FY2023.

NEW MOWER PURCHASE

Supt. Toivonen explained to the Board that a used mower just came in at Weyers Equipment and would be coming up for sale very soon. We recently lost the machete function of one of our older mowers, which severely limits its use. If, after inspection, it looks like it would benefit the road commission, he would like to purchase it and is requesting a pre-approval of up to \$80,000. Moved by Commissioner Battan, with support from Germic, to approve up to \$80,000 to purchase a used mower from Weyer Equipment. Roll call vote: Ayes- Cihak, Germic, Frailing, Battan, Schmidt. Nays- none. Motion carried.

ATTORNEYS REPORT

None.

RECESS FORM THE REGULAR MEETING INTO THE 2026 BUDGET HEARING

At 10:06 a.m., the regular meeting was recessed and the Budget Hearing followed, with a motion from Commissioner Frailing, support by Cihak.
Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Supt. Toivonen and Finance Director Johnson presented the proposed 2026 budget.

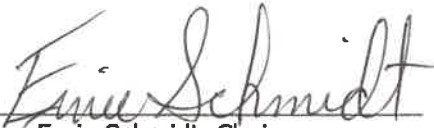
RESUME REGULAR MEETING


Resumed the regular meeting at 10:30 a.m., with a motion from Commissioner Germic, supported by Battan.
Voice vote, all in favor, motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None.

At 10:32 a.m. with no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Germic, supported by Frailing, to adjourn.


Ernie Schmidt, Chairman


Michelle Johnson, Clerk of the Board

2025

FOREST ROAD FUND

12/3/2025

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carryover from 2024
rec'd for 2025

\$0.00
\$213,427.68
\$213,427.68

project	available	allocated	running total	Forest Rd Fund by Twp						
				CF	IR	IR	Hematite	CF	Mans	Stambo
Rock Crusher - Gravel	all	100.00%	\$20,147.88	\$20,147.88	\$20,147.88					
Homer Rd - Emerg Culvert	all	100.00%	\$31,127.70	\$31,127.70	\$51,275.58					
Homer Rd - Engr EGLE Permit	all	100.00%	\$14,471.40	\$14,471.40	\$65,746.98					
Baumgartner Rd - Emerg Culvert	all	100.00%	\$23,474.89	\$23,474.89	\$89,221.87					
Trybom Dr - Lg Culvert Reple - Partial	Part	100.00%	\$83,041.01	\$83,041.01	\$172,262.88					
Iron Lk Rd - Engr EGLE Permit	all	100.00%	\$13,055.00	\$13,055.00	\$185,317.88					
CR 424 - Blue Lk Pk to Rysberg Hill CE	all	100.00%	\$7,541.20	\$7,541.20	\$192,859.08					
Hagerman Lk - Ottawa to Storti CE	all	100.00%	\$6,281.20	\$6,281.20	\$199,140.28					
Chicago Mine Rd - CE	all	100.00%	\$3,427.40	\$3,427.40	\$202,567.68					
Wagner Lk Rd - CE	all	100.00%	\$3,587.40	\$3,587.40	\$206,155.08					
Kalla Walla Rd - Ph 2 - CE	all	100.00%	\$4,031.00	\$4,031.00	\$210,186.08					
Armstrong Lk Rd - CE	all	100.00%	\$436.20	\$436.20	\$210,622.28					
West Brule Lk Rd - Ph 3 - CE	all	100.00%	\$2,805.40	\$2,805.40	\$213,427.68					
				Forest Rd Fund by Twp						
				Bates	CF	IR	Hematite	CF	Mans	Stambo
PRIMARY				\$0.00	\$20,147.88		\$0.00	\$45,599.10	\$0.00	\$29,756.09
local				\$90,055.81	\$0.00	\$13,055.00	\$0.00	\$13,055.00	\$0.00	\$2,805.40
				\$90,055.81	\$20,147.88	\$58,654.10	\$0.00	\$12,008.40	\$0.00	\$32,561.49
local =				\$110,383.41						
primary =							\$103,044.27			
total =										\$213,427.68

Iron County Road Commission
FY 2026 Road Fund Program
Budget Revenues

	2024	9/13/2025	2025	2026
	Actual	2025	Actual	Proposed
		Amended		
EOM 11/30/25				
401.403 MILLAGE	256,823.60	283,915.00	284,394.39	294,836.92
TOTAL MILLAGE	256,823.60	283,915.00	284,394.39	294,836.92
PRIMARY ROAD - HEAVY MAINT.				
501.510 BAUMGARTNER ROAD PH4	408,516.16			
501.510 BRULE MOUNTAIN RD	304,023.37			
539.551 CR 424 PH6 BL LK HILL TO BLU LK PIT-STATE "D"	93,219.83			
501.510 CR 424 PH6 BL LK HILL TO BLU LK PIT-STATE-STP	344,021.43			
539.551 CR 424 PH7 BLU LK PT TO RYSBERG HILL-STATE "D"		131,000.00	131,000.00	
501.530 FEDERAL GRANTS				
SITE 1 BASSWOOD RD	0.00	158,813.00	157,815.58	1,800.00
SITE 2 BATES-AMASA RD	0.00	68,423.00	28,477.00	1,800.00
SITE 3 BAUMGARTNER RD	0.00	138,947.00	119,739.79	1,800.00
SITE 9 PONOZZO RD	0.00	81,621.00	24,745.97	1,800.00
SITE 10 SMOKEY LK. RD	0.00	285,598.00	2,051.20	1,800.00
SITE 14 WARNER MINE RD	0.00	94,449.00	42,476.46	1,800.00
FEDERAL GRANTS-FHWA P.E. 80%	74,100.00	1,900.00	1,899.97	
TOTAL PRIMARY RD. HEAVY MAINT.	1,223,880.79	960,751.00	508,205.97	10,800.00
539.555 STATE-FUNDED IR SALT SHED REPLACEMENT		60,000.00	60,000.00	3,000,000.00
539.556 SECTION 19 EMERGENCY MGMNT. GRANT		250,000.00	195,530.00	
539.569 OTHER STATE GRANTS-PROT.MI GRANT				
	0.00	310,000.00	255,530.00	3,000,000.00
546 MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND				
546.01 MTF ENGINEERING	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
546.02 MTF PRIMARY ROADS	3,089,330.68	3,160,632.00	2,545,106.99	3,260,970.00
546.03 MTF LOCAL ROADS	1,350,650.91	1,383,963.00	1,119,227.44	1,397,559.00
546.06 MTF SNOW REMOVAL	184,184.00	175,000.00	188,136.25	175,500.00
TOTAL MTF	4,634,165.59	4,729,595.00	3,862,470.68	4,844,029.00
548 FOREST ROAD FUNDS	213,419.01	213,420.00		298,000.00
TOTAL FOREST ROAD FUNDS	213,419.01	213,420.00	0.00	298,000.00
580 LOCAL ROAD - TOWNSHIP PROJECTS				
BATES TOWNSHIP	0.00	216,315.00	216,314.64	100,000.00
CRYSTAL FALLS TOWNSHIP	145,848.18	200,000.00		200,000.00
HEMATITE TOWNSHIP	39,003.43	100,000.00		0.00
IRON RIVER TOWNSHIP	0.00	0.00		100,000.00
MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP	0.00	0.00		0.00
MASTODON TOWNSHIP	0.00	200,000.00	267,286.76	200,000.00
STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP	87,540.28	200,000.00	130,859.54	200,000.00
580.583.09 FED AID B/O HAGERMAN LK RD/ CR-424	611,178.00	0.00	626,400.00	
580 TOTAL LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS	883,569.89	916,315.00	1,240,860.94	800,000.00
627 STATE TRUNKLINE MAINTENANCE REVENUE	1,229,596.81	1,698,103.00	1,534,586.00	1,456,950.00
627.01.0.0 STATE TRUNKLINE AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	107,311.00	150,108.00	150,108.00	
628 STATE TWA NON-MAINTENANCE REVENUE	20,256.95	179,141.00	173,965.95	26,280.00
TOTAL TRUNKLINE REVENUE	1,357,164.76	2,027,352.00	1,858,659.95	1,483,230.00
671.677 SALVAGE AND OTHER SALES	6,146.83	5,000.00	1,562.04	2,000.00
653 PERMITS	16,775.00	13,000.00	10,853.00	10,505.00
REIMBURSEMENTS		0.00	897.07	
664.665 INTEREST INCOME	91,594.76	97,345.00	112,468.69	102,900.00
664.666 DIVIDENDS	100,651.31			
671.674 OTHER PROJECT CONTRIB.-WILD RIVER CULVERT	0.00			
OTHER PROJECT CONTRIB.-RAWNICK RD		0.00	35,000.00	
697.697 LOAN PROCEEDS	154,170.00	154,747.00	154,762.00	
LEASE PROCEEDS				1,481,150.00
671.689 EQUIPMENT RETIREMENTS		0.00	590.84	549,010.00
671.693 GAIN/LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF EQUIP.				140,086.00
SUBTOTAL	369,337.90	270,092.00	316,133.64	2,285,651.00
TOTAL REVENUE	8,938,361.54	9,711,440.00	8,326,255.57	13,016,546.92
After Audit Adj.				

Iron County Road Commission
FY 2026 Road Fund Program
Budget Expenditures

EOM 11/30/25	9/13/25			
	2024	2025	2025	2026
	Actual	Amended	Actual	Proposed
458/459 PRIMARY ROAD HEAVY MAINTENANCE				
FHWA GRANT REPAIRS				
SITE 1-BASSWOOD RD 220616		206,458.00	202,114.25	2,000.00
SITE 2- BATES-AMASA RD 220617		88,951.00	36,249.50	2,000.00
SITE 4-BAUMGARTNER RD 220618		180,630.00	152,247.34	2,000.00
SITE 9-PONZOZZO RD 220619		106,107.00	32,658.73	2,000.00
SITE 10-SMOKEY LK. RD 220622		372,277.00	7,087.61	2,000.00
SITE 11-WARNER MINE RD 220623		122,783.00	53,893.98	2,000.00
FHWA GRANT ENGR. ALL SITES	96,676.82	7,375.00	2,374.98	
BUCK LAKE	5,342.57			
CR 424 PH5 TREELINE-BLUE LK HILL (TOPO)	2,115.03			
CR 424 PH6 ENGINEERING	645.34			
CR 424 PH6 BL LK HILL TO BLU LK PIT	482,825.18	5,000.00		8,154.00
CR 424 CURVE CORRECTION	6,342.44			
CR 424 PH7 ENG	1,644.14		1,172.24	
CR 424 PH7 B/O		463,090.00	400,436.06	
CR 424 PH8 ENG	123.61		260.50	
CR 424 PH8/ PH9 CULVERTS				105,654.00
BAUMGARTNER RD PH4 207487	555,439.08	5,000.00	260.50	8,154.00
BAUMGERTNER RD-CULVERT		30,000.00	23,474.89	
BRULE MOUNTAIN RD 218674	422,892.24	5,000.00		8,154.00
PONZOZZO ROAD GRAVEL				
WINSLOW LAKE ROAD GRAVEL				60,000.00
PRIMARY ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENTS		36,565.00		60,000.00
HAGERMAN LK PH1 CULVERTS	8,364.02			
HAGERMAN LK PH2 CULVERTS	8,111.00			
HAGERMAN LK PH1 ENG	3,224.63	5,000.00	1,302.49	
HAGERMAN LAKE RD PH1 B/O		336,025.00	316,612.72	
HAGERMAN LK PH2 ENG	124.31		1,131.45	10,654.00
HAGERMAN LK PH2 B/O				366,080.00
HOMER RD CULVERT/EGLE PERMITS		13,000.00	14,471.40	
ICRC HOMER RD CULVERT REPAIRS		0.00	31,127.70	
OTTAWA LK RD. PH3 ENG			2,865.47	
ROCK CRUSHER RD GRAVEL	152,627.75		20,147.88	
CHANNING RD - 1/2 MI OVERLAY				100,000.00
PRIMARY ROAD NON-MOTORIZED	56,342.74	60,000.00	52,797.07	0.00
466.467 PRIMARY ROAD ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	1,399,678.99	1,438,289.70	1,403,112.41	1,500,000.00
Osterlund Rd - Chip & Fog Seal				150,000.00
458A.460 PRIM. HEAVY MAINTENANCE-BRIDGES	17,254.97	34,870.00	7,648.19	28,050.00
466A.468 PRIM. ROUTINE MAINT. -BRIDGES	2,475.17	30,585.00	12,590.57	18,900.00
TOTAL PRIMARY ROADS	3,222,250.03	3,547,005.70	2,776,037.93	2,435,800.00
488.489 LOCAL ROAD HEAVY MAINTENANCE				
BATES TOWNSHIP	7,322.51	223,330.00	223,329.44	100,000.00
CRYSTAL FALLS TOWNSHIP	149,592.48	200,000.00		200,000.00
HEMATITE TOWNSHIP	40,412.66	100,000.00		
IRON RIVER TOWNSHIP				100,000.00
MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP				
MASTODON TOWNSHIP		200,000.00	275,927.19	200,000.00
STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP	98,990.46	100,000.00	134,246.62	200,000.00
488.489.04 BARRY RD-SECTION 19	9,850.15	250,000.00	190,961.49	
489.04.24041 OTHER PROJECTS - WILD RIVER CULVERT	370.83			50,000.00
.TRYBOMCULV TRYBOM DR. CULVERT REPLACEMENT		53,000.00	86,544.33	
489.02 IRON LK RD EGLE PERMITS		13,000.00	13,055.00	
SNUFF COUNTRY RD-ICRC				62,850.00
488.489 ICRC LOCAL ROAD PROJECT ENGINEERING		25,245.00		50,000.00
496.497 LOCAL ROAD ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	2,258,132.64	2,120,078.85	1,911,207.60	2,162,109.00
488A.490 LOCAL HEAVY MAINT. BRIDGES			651.24	
496A.498 LOCAL ROAD ROUTINE MAINT.-BRIDGES	5,303.94	3,980.00	5,924.98	12,600.00
TOTAL LOCAL ROADS	2,569,975.67	3,288,633.85	2,841,847.89	3,137,559.00

Iron County Road Commission
FY 2026 Road Fund Program Budget
Expenditures

510 EQUIPMENT EXPENSE-DIRECT	1,429,985.67	1,451,263.00	915,204.48	1,607,132.00
511 EQUIPMENT EXPENSE-INDIRECT	693,861.80	749,008.00	518,200.24	763,723.00
512 EQUIPMENT EXPENSE-OPERATING	232,658.29	312,520.00	214,739.61	260,700.00
664.670 LESS EQUIPMENT RENTALS	-2,172,957.04	-2,025,000.00	-2,140,017.66	-2,268,207.00
EQUIPMENT EXPENSE TOTAL	183,548.72	487,791.00	-491,873.33	363,348.00
DISTRIBUTIVE EXPENSES				
513 FRINGE BENEFITS *already distributed thru expenses*	*2,009,015.68*	*2,267,002*	*2,235,963*	*2,240,365*
514 ENGINEER TECH TO DISTRIBUTE	0.00	50,000.00	122,033.63	217,411.00
DISTRIBUTIVE EXPENSE TOTAL	0.00	50,000.00	122,033.63	217,411.00
515 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	509,296.55	773,661.00	664,388.46	657,832.00
600.63 LESS OVERHEAD CHARGES		-185,157.00	-165,705.64	-153,019.00
600.629 NET ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	509,296.55	588,504.00	498,681.82	504,813.00
517 STATE TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE	1,191,767.46	1,698,103.00	1,534,586.00	1,456,950.00
518 STATE TRUNK LINE TWA	20,256.95	179,141.00	173,965.95	26,280.00
STATE TRUNK LINE TOTALS	1,212,024.41	1,877,244.00	1,708,551.95	1,483,230.00
900.975 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUILDINGS		60,000.00	11,808.00	3,098,192.00
900.974 CAPITAL OUTLAY AMASA PIT	10,453.92			
900.976 CAPITAL OUTLAY ROAD EQUIPMENT	487,853.60	552,239.00	512,184.23	2,425,160.00
900.977 CAPITAL OUTLAY SHOP EQUIPMENT	3,384.84	8,000.00		10,000.00
900.979 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUEL TANKS				
900.980 CAPITAL OUTLAY ENG. & OFFICE EQUIPMENT	10,034.66	10,000.00		15,000.00
664.67 DEPRECIATION	-576,973.61	-547,725.00		-649,232.00
NET CAPITAL OUTLAY	-65,246.59	82,514.00	523,992.23	4,899,120.00
991 LONG TERM DEBT PRINCIPAL PAY. - EQUIPMENT	111,925.08	66,387.00	60,892.35	76,557.35
LONG TERM DEBT PRINCIPAL PAY. - GARAGE	100,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	100,000.00
LONG TERM DEBT PRINCIPAL PAY. LEASED EQUIP	164,353.64	170,906.39	111,507.62	116,023.37
TOTAL DEBT PAYMENT EXPENSE	376,279.72	332,293.39	267,399.97	292,580.72
992 INTEREST EXPENSE - EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	2,795.19	4,838.00	2,540.79	4,573.33
INTEREST EXPENSE - GARAGE BOND	28,887.50	27,137.50	27,137.50	24,287.50
INTEREST EXPENSE-LEASED EQUIP:	19,222.31	12,669.56	6,556.24	5,824.37
BOND AMORTIZATION	5,623.00	681.00		
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE	56,528.00	45,326.06	36,234.53	34,685.20
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,064,656.51	10,299,312.00	8,282,906.62	13,368,546.92
	2024 Actual	2025 Amended	2025 Actual	2026 Proposed
Budgeted Net Revenues (Expenditures)		-587,872.00	43,348.95	-352,000.00
Beginning Fund Balance	2,772,750.47	3,646,455.50	2,646,455.50	
Increase (Decrease) In fund Equity	873,705.03	-587,872.00		
Ending Fund Balance	3,646,455.50	3,058,583.50	2,646,455.50	
		-611,178.00		-352,000.00
		Delta B/O from FB		Haughton B/O 2026

USE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS the BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON (hereinafter "**Road Commission**") has the ownership and jurisdiction on a public road known as Resort Drive.

WHEREAS the **Road Commission** has closed to motor vehicle traffic a portion of the public road known as Resort Drive being the bridge over Fortune Lake and both approaches thereto by the placement of barricades (hereinafter "**Bridge**").

WHEREAS the Township of Crystal Falls (hereinafter "**Township**") has and seeks to continue the use of the **Bridge** as part of its non-motorized walking trail (hereinafter "**Trail**").

WHEREAS the **Road Commission** is unlikely to rehabilitate and/or replace the **Bridge** to allow motor vehicle traffic and will likely seek to abandon and remove the **Bridge** in the coming years.

WHEREAS the **Township** is willing to make at its expense necessary repairs to the **Bridge** to allow ongoing non-motorized use of the **Bridge** as part of its **Trail**.

WHEREAS the **Township** will be actively working to procure funding to construct a separate walking trail bridge over Fortune Lake.

Now for a good and valuable consideration the **Road Commission** and the **Township** agree as follows:

- (1) The **Road Commission** grants a revocable license to use the **Bridge** as a non-motorized portion of the **Township Trail** on the following terms and conditions:
 - (a) **Township** shall timely repair the **Bridge** to address the most recent bridge report issues;
 - (b) The **Bridge** shall not be used by any motorized vehicles;
 - (c) The existing barricades shall remain in place;

- (d) **Township** will actively undertake efforts to obtain funding for construction of a separate walking trail over Fortune Lake;
 - (e) **Township** will assume all responsibilities and liabilities, including any necessary repairs for the use of the **Bridge** as part of the **Trail**;
 - (f) **Township** shall work collaboratively with the **Road Commission** for the ultimate abandonment and removal of the **Bridge**;
 - (g) **Township** shall reimburse the actual costs incurred by the **Road Commission** for annual bridge inspections for the **Bridge** upon invoice for the same;
 - (h) As part of a local road, when the **Bridge** is ultimately removed the **Township** will pay 50% of the total cost of the **Bridge** removal, including but not limited to permitting, planning and design, after application of critical bridge funding and any other State/Federal funding received for the removal.
- (2) The **Township** will solely use the **Bridge** as part of its **Trail**.
- (3) The license shall not be unreasonably revoked by the **Road Commission** prior to the likely future abandonment and removal of the **Bridge** by the **Road Commission**.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD
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COUNTY OF IRON

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