

2026 Reorganizational Meeting

Iron County Board of Commissioners

January 5, 2026

Clerk Michelle Johnson called the Reorganizational Meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners of Iron County to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Road Commission office at 800 W. Franklin St., Iron River, Michigan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Commissioners Chuck Battan, Ron Frailing, Ernie Schmidt, Jim Cihak and Dan Germic were present. Superintendent/ Manager Brad Toivonen was also in attendance.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Clerk Johnson called three times for nominations for Chairman for 2026.

The first nomination was for Commissioner Ernie Schmidt, made by Commissioner Cihak with support from Frailing; there were no other nominations.

Voice vote. All in favor. A majority vote was reached on the Schmidt nomination for Chairman.

Clerk Johnson declared Commissioner Ernie Schmidt as Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners for Iron County for 2026.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Clerk Johnson called three times for nominations for Vice Chairman for 2026.

The first nomination was for Commissioner Ron Frailing, made by Commissioner Schmidt with support from Germic; there were no other nominations.

Voice vote. All in favor. A majority vote was reached on the nomination for Vice Chairman.

Clerk Johnson declared Commissioner Frailing as Vice Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners for 2026. The gavel was passed to Chairman Schmidt.

ADOPTION OF 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

In a motion by Commissioner Germic, supported by Cihak, the Board set the Audit and Regular meeting schedule for 2026 for the second Tuesday of each month unless noted (*), with the Audit Committee Meeting held at 8:15 a.m., and the Regular Meeting at 8:30 a.m.:

January 13 th	February 10 th	March 10 th	April 14 th	*May 19 th	*June 16 th
July 14 th *	August 13 th	*September 15 th	October 13 th	November 10 th	December 8 th

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- a. Audit and Union Negotiations: All Commissioners
- b. Building and Grounds: Germic(chair), Cihak
- c. Township Liaison: Germic(ch), Frailing
- d. Equipment: Battan(ch), Frailing
- e. Safety: Battan(ch), Germic
- f. Employee Relations: Schmidt(ch), Cihak
- g. Parks and Rec: Germic(ch), Cihak Drain Commissioner rep- Frailing
- h. Personnel-Schmidt(ch), Germic
- i. Policy: Germic (ch), Battan

Commissioner Germic made the motion to accept the committee appointments as listed above, with support from Commissioner Cihak.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION USAGE

Moved by Commissioner Cihak, with support by Frailing, that the Board approves the use of FDIC and NCUS insured financial institutions as depositories of Road Commission funds, utilizing local institutions first, when possible.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

DISCLOSURES

Commissioner Frailing disclosed he is on the Board at Miners State Bank.

BOARD COUNSEL

Commissioner Frailing motioned, with support from Germic, to continue to have Mark Tousignant as civil counsel for 2026.

Voice vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

At 9:11 a.m. it was motioned by Germic and supported by Cihak to adjourn the 2026 Reorganizational meeting.

Voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Ernie Schmidt, Chairman

Michelle Johnson, Clerk of the Board