

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Road Commission office at 800 W. Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan.

Present for the meeting were Chairman Chris Sholander, Commissioners Joe Sabol, Dan Germic, Charles Battan, Ernest Schmidt, Superintendent/Manager Doug Tomasoski, and Finance Director/Clerk Lisa Powell. Attorney Mark Tousignant was absent due to illness.

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

There were two additions to the agenda. The bond interest expense was added to 5(d) in Disbursements and the Alpha Bypass was added to New Business 10(f).

It was motioned by Schmidt and supported by Sabol to approve the revised agenda.

All Ayes

No Nays

Motion carried.

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

a. Audit and Regular Meetings of January 13, 2015

It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Schmidt, to approve the above referenced minutes.

All Ayes

No Nays

Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED The disbursements to be approved included Payrolls of \$101,584.49 Prepaid Claims of \$36,279.95, and Accounts Payables of \$120,946.19 and a bond interest payment of \$23,421.25 for a total of \$282,231.88

It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Battan, to approve the Audit Committee Report dated February 5, 2015 covering the aforementioned disbursements.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Battan, Germic, Sholander, Schmidt and Sabol
Nays: None

Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Tomasoski reported on the following in addition to the written report:

- Task force meeting to be held February 10th at Ontonagon CRC. Will get final numbers for 2015 construction projects.
- Heritage Trail-GEI will finalize latest additions to the project changes this week, it is 4.6 miles long and funding is not final yet.

DELEGATIONS

Supervisor Tom Lesandrini from Crystal Falls Township commented on the Heritage Trail matching grants from DNR that will be expiring later this summer/fall.

Mansfield Township Supervisors Dick Dryjanski asked about bids for the local road projects. Supervisor Tomasoski indicated the estimates are done and the bids will be due at the March meeting. Art Bloomberg is the new clerk. The Road Commission has received the payment from Mansfield Township.

Frank Siewiorek, Mastodon Township Supervisor would like to see a decision on the Alpha Bypass.

Ray Kudwa, Trustee has some wedging and overlaying ideas for Supervisor Tomasoski to look at, those to be discussed on a case by case basis. Their payment is in the mail. Marinello Road project discussed, it was put on years ago and is going to be worked on. Does MDOT have an actual list? Tomasoski to check the list at the Task Force meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Consolidation Committee got an updated financial report from Finance Director Powell; they are awaiting some answers from Iron County Board Chairman Aho. From the Equipment Committee the truck bids will be advertised next month and the new box needs to be ordered.

OLD BUSINESS

HERITAGE TRAIL No news on award, there were several requests for additional information. Waiting on the official word.

NEW BUSINESS

CRAM BALLOT

Doug Mills is the only person on the ballot, would continue on board.
Motion by Sabol, supported by Germic to send the ballot in for Mr. Mills.

All Ayes
No Nays
Motion carried

ROADSIDE PARK BIDS

MDOT runs the bid process through us. Our recommendation will be forwarded to MDOT for review and approval. This is a three year contract with optional renewals of one year for an additional two years.

Motion by Sabol to accept the bid by Lawn & Snow Outdoor Maintenance at the listed price, supported by Germic.

All Ayes
No Nays
Motion carried.

FOREST ROAD ALLOCATION

The forest road allocation is allowed to be used on any UP road.

2014 Forest Road Designations

Project		Amount
CR 424	(Buck Lk/Alpha)	\$19,665.10
CR 424	(116628)	\$16,841.80
CR 424	(PH1Gaastra)	\$1,975.05
CR643	(Bridge)	\$5,753.41
Buck Lk Rd	(pulverize)	\$21,117.50
Idlewild	(116626)	\$1,601.87
Idlewild	(116626)	\$3,846.06
Lind Rd	(89685)	\$34,073.96
Lind Rd	(89685)	\$20,441.88

Lind Rd	(culvert & Engr-0)	\$6,092.90
Sunset Lk	(culvert)	\$13,138.07
Noren Rd	(culvert)	\$4,391.70
Gibbs City	(phase 3)	\$16,852.77
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Gibbs City	(Phase 2)	\$1,093.54
Baumgartner Rd	(119621)	\$1,116.33
Osterlund Rd	(culvert)	\$8,663.95
Osterlund Rd	(overlay)	\$35,764.63
Schmidt Rd	(gravel - 12000)	\$3,763.57
Forsberg Rd	(gravel -12001)	\$35,968.67
Premo Dam	(culvert)	\$1,116.33
Old Beechwood	(culvert)	\$4,173.87
Mastodon Rd	(gravel - 601)	\$28,136.39
East Prairie	(gravel - 605)	\$6,023.12
Treeline Dr	(gravel - 606)	\$7,715.64
Kalla Walla	(gravel - 607)	\$11,647.32
Armstrong Lk	(gravel - 608)	\$7,057.74
		\$322,606.50

The motion to designate Forest Roads as presented above was motioned by Germic, supported by Schmidt.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Germic, Sabol, Schmidt, Battan and Sholander,
 Nays: None

Motion carried.

GRAVEL POLICY

There was again much discussion on this agenda item. To recap the discussion; There is no budget line item for gravel projects this year. There is a budget line item of \$200,000 for chip seal projects. These both are subject to change with the winter expenses and the budget line items related to winter expenses. The graveling that can be done with the gravel 50% policy is only routine maintenance as it is less than 3 inches. The heavy maintenance projects are 3 inches or more and 100% paid by Townships. The heavy maintenance projects get bid out and the routine maintenance is done by the Road Commission crews. The 50% graveling is routine maintenance and is not a good prep for a heavy maintenance project, as ditching, drainage and clearing are not done as preparation for a heavy maintenance project. Supervisor Tomasoski has an ongoing list from the Townships and he will be contacting the Township Supervisors soon for more clarification. Both the listing of projects and how and when they will be done is a flexible process and are looked at on a case by case basis by the Road Commission.

SUMMER TEMPORARY ADVERTISEMENT

It is time to advertise to fill the summer seasonal positions. Supervisor Tomasoski is looking to fill 12 student positions and 3 full time positions. The three full time positions will be for crew leader and one person per side for a six month term.

Motioned by Sabol, supported by Schmidt to hire for the positions.

All Ayes

No Nays

Motion carried.

Motioned by Battan with support from Germic to raise the regular wages from \$8.50 to 9.00 an hour, and for holders of CDL licenses from \$10.00 to 10.25. The heavy equipment operators to get \$2.00 less than the full time operators.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Germic, Sabol, Schmidt, Battan and Sholander

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ALPHA BYPASS

The discussion centered on whether Task Force money is there for this project, the money spent on the right of way, and if the money can be allocated elsewhere.

A motion by Germic, supported by Schmidt to move the Alpha Bypass to the illustrative Task Force list.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Germic, Sabol, Schmidt, Battan and Sholander

Nays: None

Motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

Absent due to illness

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS


Commissioner Germic commented on the movement forward with the Heritage Trail and commended the work done by both the guys and Commission; "it is good for the county". Commissioner Sabol commented on the "super job done by the crew and hats off to them". Commissioner Battan brought some information from the Road Builders Conference on full depth reclamation and other pavement repair options. Superintendent Tomasoski is to contact the mentioned vendor to try and set up a presentation.

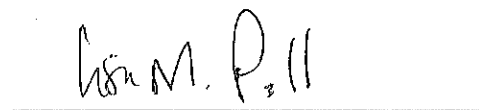
At 10:30 a.m. with no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Germic, supported by Sabol, to adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.


Chris Sholander, Chairman
Joe Sabol Vice Chair


Lisa M. Powell, Clerk