

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
GOGEBIC COUNTY ~ BESSEMER MICHIGAN

TOWNSHIP MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016

The meeting between the Board of County Road Commissioners and the Townships was held in the offices in the Courthouse Annex, City of Bessemer, on the above date.

**Present:** Don Bennetts, Chairman                      Marti Wegner, Vice-Chair  
Rob Drier, Commissioner                              Roy D'Antonio, Commissioner  
Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager                  Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary

**Excused:** Dan Siirila, Commissioner

**Also Present:** Larry Grimsby, Erwin Township; Alan Baron, Ironwood Township; Shelley Nordine, Wakefield Township Representative and 1 public attendee.

**I. Call to Order** ~ Chairman Bennetts called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Approval of Agenda** ~ A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drier to approve the agenda.

**IV. Discussion** ~

Darren Pionk gave an update on the following projects:

1. Lake Road Bridge over Montreal: Work began on May 5, 2016. Northwoods Paving will begin in late August.
2. CR 519 Bridge over Jackson: Traffic signal was installed on May 23, 2016
3. Thousand Island Lake Road: The MOA has been sent to MDOT. Culvert installation will begin the 1<sup>st</sup> part of June.
4. Total Patching on US 2 has been completed.
5. Brushing and tree removal on US 2 (east end of county).
6. Preparation for chip seal work will begin next week.
7. Northwoods Paving will begin paving in late August-early September.
8. Ditching and crack filling has started.

Dust control is an issue right now. Rain is in the forecast to help with this problem.

Larry Grimsby asked about the culvert on Bonnie Street. Darren stated that the culvert needs to be cleaned out. Mr. Grimsby stated that he still has not received the passer report and certification maps he requested. He stated that he did receive a passer report from the State of Michigan. Darren stated that this report only identifies the federal system. Mr. Grimsby stated that at the April 26, 2016 Township Association Meeting that other townships have had road tours completed and asked when Erwin Township will be contacted to do

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them. He feels disappointed that just because Erwin Township does not have any scheduled construction that Erwin should not be excluded. Darren stated that he will contact Mr. Grimsby to schedule a road tour. Mr. Grimsby commented on the good job of ditching done on Van Buskirk Road and has improved the drainage issue. He added that there are potholes located near the town hall and feels these are a result of water not being able to drain correctly. He would like ditching done in this area to help with this problem. He stated that a road millage should be looked into. He stated that most of the road deterioration could be eliminated by performing simple ditching. He commented that the winter plowing has damaged Pioneer Road where chip sealing was done last year.

Alan Baron asked about the status of Lookout Lane. Darren stated this work would begin in about 3 weeks to a month. Mr. Baron asked if the potholes near the Powderhorn Lodge could be repaired with the total patcher. Scott Maki stated that there is an issue at that location and ditching should be done. There has been communication in the past with Powderhorn Representatives and they do not want that area ditched which results in the road deterioration. Mr. Baron asked if Hannu Road and Orchard Road could also be looked at for total patching. Darren stated these roads are being considered.

Shelley Nordine asked about the delays during the CR 519 bridge repairs. Darren stated that the delays should not be long.

- V. Adjournment** ~ A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner to adjourn the meeting at 4:47pm.

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Secretary

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Chairman