

**BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
GOGEBIC COUNTY ~ BESSEMER MICHIGAN**

**TOWNSHIP DISCUSSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017
3:15 PM**

Discussion between members of 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: Marti Wegner, Chair
Dan Peterson, Commissioner
Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary
John Matonich, Commissioner
Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager

Also Present: John Cox, Wakefield Township, Larry Grimsby, Erwin Township, and Steven Boyd, Ironwood Township.

I. Discussion ~

Darren discussed the 2018 budget and advised the attendees that it will be a 9-month budget as the GCRC is changing it's fiscal year to October 1st to September 30th beginning October 1, 2018.

Each township will again receive \$25,000 in gravel. This amount is for the gravel only and the GCRC will provide the labor and equipment for this work. He asked that each township come up with a more detailed list of roads for the gravel placement.

Darren also asked that each township provide a list of planned projects by March 31, 2018. This will help with the bidding of the projects and the budget.

John Cox asked when 519 North would be constructed if the Category A funding is received for the mine. Darren stated that construction could begin in 2019.

Steve Boyd stated that Ironwood Township already has an idea on the 2018 projects. He asked about ditching. Darren advised him that ditching is considered routine maintenance and is not part of the projects.

Cox asked if brushing is also routine maintenance. Darren stated that it is.

Darren added that the townships can also provide a list of locations for ditching and brushing.

Darren advised that repairs will continue in 2018 on areas of damage from the July 11, 2016 special weather event. The funding for these repairs is through the MEDC Grant (Special Appropriation Funding).

Phase II and Phase III of Thousand Island Lake Road are scheduled for 2018.

The East Shore Road Bridge (over the Slate River) and the Kimberly Road Bridge (over the Presque Isle River) will be completed in 2018.

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Larry Grimsby stated that the plow drivers are doing in good job in Erwin Township. He asked if the pit near McDonald Dam was tested for gravel. Darren stated that this location was looked at and the amount of excavation to obtain the gravel is not worth doing for what is there.

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