

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

**TOWNSHIP DISCUSSION  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017  
4:15 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 advised the attendees that work on the highways is being finished up as it is the MDOT's year end. Guardrail areas are being cleaned up, ditching is being done and brushing along the routes is continuing.

Paving at the culvert crossings and guardrail installation along Lake Road should be completed by next week.

Vanderhagen, Section 12 and Anvil Roads paving should also be completed by next week.

Restoration and a gravel lift are being completed along Powers Road. Surface gravel is also being placed on Aspen Road.

Snow County Contracting is scheduled to begin the culvert installation on Black River Road near Maple Creek Road. A temporary by-pass road will be constructed. Notices will be given to residents in this area.

Road striping is being done.

Winter sand screening is complete in the Dunham Road Pit and is being processed in the Partridge Road Pit.

Mr. Boyd asked if a mechanic has been hired. Darren stated that a mechanic has been hired and he will start on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

Mr. Cox asked if Chippewa Drive will be done this year. Darren stated that the shoulder will be widened at this location.

Mr. Cox added that M-28 will be closed for 3 months next summer for the replacement of a bridge.

Mr. Boyd asked if roundabouts are feasible in Gogebic County. Traffic volume was discussed and it was felt that there is no need for roundabouts. Mr. Boyd added that the patching at the corner of Luxmore and Margaret Street is in need of repair.

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Mr. Cox asked if there was any funding left if Indianhead Road could be total patched.

Mr. Boyd asked when an updated passer rating on the roads would be provided. Darren stated he will get with Tom, Engineering Tech, after this construction year is complete on providing this information to the townships. Mr. Boyd asked how the addition funding will be used. Darren stated that long term planning will be discussed with the Board. Darren would like lists from the townships on work to be done.

Mr. Cox stated that with the high cost of paving that bad areas on certain roads should be repaired with HMA patches.

Mr. Grimsby advised that the Puumala Road sign is missing. Darren will look into this.

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