**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**April 23, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners for Presque Isle County was held at the Road Commission office at 657 South Bradley, Rogers City, Michigan. Chairman Robert Macomber called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Thomas Catalano,Norman Quaine, Robert Macomber

**Also Present**: Supt./Mgr David Kowalski, Clerk Anne Wirgau

**Visitors:** Clifford Tollini, Presque Isle County Commissioner

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Catalano) to approve minutes from April 9, 2025, regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Catalano) to approve April 23, 2025, accounts payable in the amount of $165,816.94.

Ayes: Macomber, Quaine, Catalano

***Bid Opening:***



A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to accept all bids and allow Supt./Mgr to award in the best interests of the Road Commission.

Ayes: Macomber, Catalano, Quaine

No bids were received for Bituminous Cold patch.

***County Road Engineer Report:***

County Road Engineer Mark Straley updated the Board on the status of the Village of Millersburg request for assistance to rehabilitate the 638 Highway bridge over the Ocqueoc River within the village limits.

The village has secured a 1.3 million dollar grant with a 5% match to rehabilitate the bridge. The village does not have funding for the match and is seeking a way to get the bridge repaired.

Discussion was held regarding a jurisdictional transfer of the bridge and one mile of 638 Highway to Presque Isle County Road Commission. County Road Engineer Straley outlined the procedural requirements to transfer the bridge and road to our County system. In addition the life expectancy of the bridge and road and the cost to take over the bridge and one mile of road were discussed.

If the Road Commission were to take over the bridge and one mile of 638 Hwy the cost to do the rehabilitation project would be approximately $300,000.00 (includes match and engineering).

Commissioner Catalano stated a public hearing would be beneficial so all parties impacted could voice their concerns over a jurisdictional transfer. Chairman Macomber concurred and moved the setting of a Public Hearing date to New Business.

***Supt./Mgr Report:***

* MDOT has contracted with Indiana State Department of Transportation and Ottawa County Road Commission to aid in cleanup on State trunklines.
* Supt./Mgr is recommending to fill the full time opening in Rogers City (Nicholas Idalski moved up to Foreman) with Griffon Bredow. Bredow has worked three years as a part time and recently obtained a CDL-A. Discussion was held regarding part time seasonal help. Supt./Mgr has one in mind for Rogers City already and normally there are two at each garage.
* As a cost saving item Supt./Mgr has decided not to have the brush chipped at the pit locations where citizens have been bringing debris. The vegetative debris is not impeding any use of the pits.
* Supt./Mgr sent correspondence to Dalton Paull, Joe Lasek and Alpena Aggregate. Alpena Aggregate will have crushed gravel done before August 31, 2025 at the Hincka pit (Schaudt’s Hill).
* Supt./Mgr completed salt orders to fulfill our contractual obligations and ordered 2026 salt. Still waiting for shipment on some 2025 salt.
* The crush & shape N. Ocqueoc Road project (JN 211772) has bee obligated and will be a June 6, 2025 letting.
* Current Ice Storm 2025 expenses were discussed. Currently at $343,979.87 with road clean up at approximately 40%.
* Crews have been working steadily to remove vegetative debris in the right of ways and are also spending time blading.
* Supt./Mgr met with a FEMA representative Tuesday, the Road Damage Assessment representative from FEMA will be arriving next week for a ride around.
* Davis Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin work at the Monaghan Creek Bridge the last week of April
* Supt./Mgr recommends delaying the ordering of a new truck until later in the year if at all this year due to Ice Storm 2025 expenses.

***Visitor:***

No comment

***Unfinished Business:***

After discussion, a motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to authorize a $400.00 per employee Safety Allowance to recognize and commend the dedicated employee contributions in response to Ice Storm 2025.

Ayes: Macomber, Catalano, Quaine

***New Business:***

The following was offered by Catalano and supported by Quaine:

***Resolution 2025-06***

**Presque Isle County Road Commission Request for Safety Grant Funding**

***WHEREAS***, The Presque Isle County Board of Road Commissioners wishes to secure funding to purchase and install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon for the Range Light Park pedestrian crossing on Grand Lake Highway,

***ADDITIONALLY***, The Presque Isle County Board of Road Commissioners wishes to secure funding to purchase a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon for pedestrian crossing at the Portage Store on Grand Lake Highway,

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Presque Isle County Road Commission hereby supports the effort to request funding from Michigan Department of Transportation,

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,*** that the Presque Isle County Road Commission concurs that this purchase and installation will greatly benefit pedestrians using the crosswalks.

Adopted: Ayes: Macomber, Catalano, Quaine

Nays: None

***Resolution 2025-07***

**Presque Isle County Road Commission Request for Safety Grant Funding**

***WHEREAS***, The Presque Isle County Board of Road Commissioners wishes to secure funding to purchase and install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon for the pedestrian crossing on Grand Lake Highway at 5472 E. Grand Lake Road,

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Presque Isle County Road Commission hereby supports the effort to request funding from Michigan Department of Transportation,

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,*** that the Presque Isle County Road Commission concurs that this purchase and installation will greatly benefit pedestrians using the crosswalks.

Adopted: Ayes: Macomber, Catalano, Quaine

Nays: None

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to authorize purchase of Bobcat grapple attachment for $19,750.00.

Ayes: Quaine, Catalano, Macomber

Posen garage roof repair quotes were reviewed and discussion held. Meridian Contracting Services provided a base bid of $58,030.00, Rogers and Sons Construction provided a base estimate of $27,239.92. A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to accept the quotes and authorize Supt./Mgr to award the job after questions regarding the purlin replacement and gauge of steel were answered.

Ayes: Macomber, Quaine, Catalano

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to authorize an additional group to the MERS Health Care Savings Program and authorize Supt./Mgr David A. Kowalski to sign necessary documentation.

Ayes: All

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to authorize expenses for Commissioners, Supt./Mgr and Clerk to attend the Straits Area Meeting on May 6, 2025 at Mackinaw City.

Ayes: Quaine, Macomber, Catalano

Supt./Mgr reviewed preliminary Employee negotiation requests with the Board.

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to conduct a Public Hearing on the possible transfer the Village of Millersburg Bridge and one mile of 638 Highway to Presque Isle County Road Commission with the hearing to be held Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Presque Isle County Road Commission.

Ayes: All

The next scheduled regular meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission are set for Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at

10:12 a.m.