Presque Isle County Road Commission
Minutes
August 20, 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. Vice Chairman Norman Quaine called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Norman Quaine, Thomas Catalano
Excused: Robert Macomber
Also Present: Supt./Mgr David Kowalski, Secretary to Board Anne Wirgau
Visitors: Clifford Tollini, Presque Isle County Commissioner, David McCoy Jr.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to approve minutes from August 6, 2025, regular meeting with a minor correction to Commissioner Quaine comments regarding Bonz Beach Highway.

Ayes: All

Accounts Payable:

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to approve August 20, 2025, accounts payable in the amount of $274,185.03

Ayes: Quaine, Catalano

Visitors:

Mary Visner appeared before the Board to discuss a possible encroachment issue on Manitou Shores Road. Ms. Visner is considering purchase of a small lot adjoining Manitou Shores Road and there has been a gate and fence installed. She believes the gate and fence are on Road Commission property. Discussion was held. Supt./Mgr was directed to send property owner notice of possible encroachment.

Supt./Mgr Report:

• Crews are working on US23 graveling shoulders from Ocqueoc Road to the county line.

• I sent an email to Pyramid Network that we claim 66 foot of right of way 33 feet from the center line on Bonz Beach.

• Working on the closing paperwork for Leer.

• Interesting fact, our salt price this year is $73.75 per ton, so a tandem load of salt is $1,106.25 per load.

• I did send out an encroachment letter to the resident on Manitou Shores who put up the fence and gate. (gave you a copy) he would like to meet me and Norm if possible after board meeting today.

• Paper work for the Posen salt storage building has been turned into the State. Estimated cost for the structure is $750,000.00 our 31% share would be $232,500.00.

• Sealcoating is finished and stripping of the roads should be getting worked on today. I enclosed a copy of what is getting done.

• Lake Street and Fireside update. The residents formed a committee and have raised the $120,000.00 Township share. They will deposit it with the County Treasurer at the Court House. (gave you a copy of contract and work details)

• Anne, myself, with Susan have been turning in FEMA paperwork and so far it seems to be going well.

• The amount we are owed by the Townships is down to $109,245.43. I enclosed a copy for you.

• Bismark Township is asking for a three year pay on Claus Road project.

• Bismark Township parallel parking at the Hawks Park. Enclosed wordage.

Visitors:

David McCoy Jr appeared before the Board to represent his father, David McCoy Sr, a property owner on Lake Street, Presque Isle Township. Mr. McCoy Sr is part of a coalition working to get Lake Street from East Grand Lake Road to Garner Highway including 200' of Garner Highway and Fireside Drive from the Fireside Inn to East Grand Lake Road paved. The coalition will be paying the township cost share of $120,000.00 for the project with funds being deposited with the County Treasurer. Discussion was held. It was noted that the majority of property owners are in favor of the project (64% of road footage in favor) and it is a small subset opposing the project.

Supt./Mgr Kowalski stated the benefits of getting the road paved include less maintenance, less dust and less brine runoff occurring after dust control applications. Due to the 10' lane width and curvy nature of the road it is unlikely that traffic will be travelling at a high rate of speed.

An agreement has been drafted and will be reviewed at the next Board meeting with full board in attendance.

Mr. McCoy thanked the Board for their consideration of the matter and left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

County Commissioner Tollini inquired about the widening of N. Porter Road and was it getting prepared for paving. Supt./Mgr advised it was routine maintenance and the pulling of "country curb" can lead to appearance of a wider road. No plans are in place at this time to install asphalt on N. Porter Road.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

A motion was made by Quaine (Catalano) to authorize expenses for Commissioners/Supt./Mgr and Finance Director to attend the annual Commissioners Conference and CRASIF meeting on September 22-23, 2025 in Bay City

Ayes: Quaine, Catalano

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to vote affirmatively for the two incumbent candidates for a two year term on the CRASIF Board.

Ayes: All

The next scheduled regular meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission are set for Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.