September 23, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Board of the Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan. Chairman Aschbacher called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Bob Aschbacher, Vice-Chairman Dustin Stempki, Commissioner Dennis Stanek, Commissioner Randy Bjork, Commissioner Mark Asselin

ABSENT: None

Chairman Aschbacher moved to approve the agenda as printed.

Chairman Aschbacher moved to approve the minutes for the September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting & minutes for the September 15, 2025 Special Meeting (Manager Interviews).

Manager Jody Norman gave a brief administrative update, which included recent legislative updates and progress on projects within the MDOT & county systems. Jody informed the commissioners about an upcoming MDOT project for a few crew members in Ironwood, that will last a week. The posting for Night Patrol will be put up next week.

Office Clerk Chelse Pepin discussed final updates on the Fall Safety Dinner with the commissioners.

It was moved by Commissioner Asselin, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2680 in the amount of $382,390.59 and Payroll Voucher No. 69244 in the amount of $82,518.09.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Aschbacher – Yes
Vice-Chairman Stempki – Yes
Commissioner Stanek – Yes
Commissioner Bjork – Yes
Commissioner Asselin – Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Vice-Chairman Stempki to approve the Project/Material Agreement for Garden Township.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

After discussion & an overview from Finance/Human Resource Director Pam Peterson, it was moved by Vice-Chairman Stempki & seconded by Commissioner Bjork to review and approve the Transportation Asset Management Plan. The commissioners thanked Pam for her hard work.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

At 3:50 pm it was moved by Vice-Chairman Stempki, seconded by Commissioner Asselin to enter into closed session under MCL 15.268(1)(f) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing Managing Director qualifications. Permission was obtained from all candidates.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Vice-Chairman Stempki, to return to Open Session at 4:15 pm.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Bjork, seconded by Commissioner Asselin, to award the position of Managing Director to Superintendent Dean Forslund. Starting date to be determined.

Roll Call Vote:
Chairman Aschbacher – Yes
Vice-Chairman Stempki – Yes
Commissioner Stanek – Yes
Commissioner Bjork – Yes
Commissioner Asselin – Yes

Under commissioner's comments, the commissioners thanked Chairman Aschbacher & Vice-Chairman Stempki for their work on the hiring committee. The commissioners thanked all candidates & commended them on their experience & qualifications.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Aschbacher moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

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Bob Aschbacher, Chairman Samantha Grau, Deputy County Clerk