IRON RIVER—The Iron County Road Commission looked at a policy that will address gravel donations from the townships for use on their own local road projects.

The matter was brought up at the board's May meeting, and discussion continued at the June 12 monthly meeting.

The draft of a policy indicated that the Road Commission would share up to 50 percent of gravel crushing, although the timing of local road projects would be up to the Road Board.

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"Just because there's gravel available for a road project, that road may not be a high priority," Tomasoski said. A deposit would also be required from the townships.

"This is just a draft," said Road Commission Chairman Carl Sholander, and it somewhat circumvents current policy of the townships paying 100 percent. "We need to sit down and discuss this as it pertains to goals and objectives," he added.

Tomasoski reported on summer activities, including grading for dust control in Bates, Crystal Falls and Mastodon townships; patching on state trunk lines and county roads, and crackfilling—currently in Mastodon Township as of June 12, and ongoing brushing. Roadside mowing for MDOT was scheduled to begin, as well.

A few more items were added to the truck bids accepted by the board during a special meeting held May 14.

The board approved purchasing three trucks with Monroe equipment packages, two using 2012 funds and a third slated for 2013. Tomasoski added "grizzlies" to the specs, which help to keep chunks out of the screens and steps. The board approved the additional equipment.

The board discussed language for the upcoming millage renewal request, which will be placed on the ballot for the November general election.

The Road Commission will be looking for a renewal of a half-mill for four years, which is estimated to raise over $240,000 the first year.

The board thought it was important that the voters know the millage has been used to purchase items such as mowers and crack-filling machines.