

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held at the office of the Road Commission, Lincoln, MI, Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Present: Alfred Scully, Chair; Harry Harvey, Vice-Chair, Theodore Somers, third member; Jesse Campbell, Managing Director; Renee LaVergne, Account Clerk; Marlena Mac Neill, Administrative Assistant; Michael Escareno, Superintendent

Also present: Jason Ogden, The Alpena News; Craig Johnston, County Commissioner

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Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, that Commissioner Scully be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.  
Ayes: All                      Nays: None                      Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers, that Commissioner Harvey be elected Vice-chairman for the ensuing year. Ayes: All    Nays: None                      Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey, that the regular Board meetings for 2016 be on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. All meetings to be at the Road Commission office, Lincoln, Michigan, beginning at 4:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.                      Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, that the depositories for the Road Commission be Huron Community Bank and Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union.                      Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to use the services of Attorney David Cook for legal issues.                      Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, that Administrative Assistant or Clerk be authorized to pay payrolls when due for the ensuing year.                      Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, that for the purpose of administering the Road Commission budget in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, the following provisions be adopted:

1. Jesse J. Campbell, Managing Director, is designated as Chief Administrative Officer and Renee K. LaVergne, Account Clerk, is designated as Fiscal Officer.
2. The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to transfer up to 25 percent of a line item amount approved in the Road Commission budget to another line item without prior approval, but subject to approval of the Board of County Road Commissioners at their next regular Board meeting.
3. The expenditure amounts approved in the Road Commission budget for Distributive Expense shall be allocated to the various other expenditure line items in the same proportion as the allocation of actual Distributive Expense after year end for preparation of the Act 51 report.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey, to authorize staff to advertise for the annual material needs with bids to be considered at the February 25, 2016, meeting.                      Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to authorize staff to impose seasonal weight and speed restrictions as conditions warrant.                      Motion carried.

Johnston reported Kevin Boyat would be Chair of the County Commission and Carolyn Brummund Vice-Chair for 2016; Harvey reported he had been appointed as the Road Commission and Drain Commission liaison with the Parks and Recreation Committee; Ogden commented that the Alcona crew had been doing a nice job keeping roads clear this winter.

Superintendent reported crews had been working on tree clean up and snow removal, working with a reduced crew due to injuries and vacations.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2015, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to authorize payment of open accounts in the amount of \$43,241.94. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

County Clerk Patti Truman joined the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

The following bids for one or more 2016 pickup trucks were opened and considered:

Alcona Motors	\$31,476.01
Thunder Bay Dodge	\$35,702.00
Zubek Motors	\$30,135.00

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey, to accept all bids and authorize Managing Director upon further review to purchase at his discretion and as in the best interest of the Road Commission.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Discussed legislative priorities as set forth by the County Road Association of Michigan.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to submit positions on County Road Association of Michigan legislative priorities as discussed to East Central Council for consideration. Motion carried.

Discussed memberships in NACE, APWA, and ARTBA. Managing Director to research further.

Agreed to submit a ballot for changes in the County Road Association of Michigan by laws as discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve a contract with Catholic Human Services for an Employee Assistance Program and authorize Managing Director to sign the contract. Motion carried.

Discussed Curtis Township's concerns regarding a safety project on Bamfield Road. Will continue discussions with Curtis Township to resolve the issues.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to acknowledge the ERISA Section 408(b) document pertaining the to Road Commission's pension plan and authorize all three commissioners to sign. Motion carried.

Managing Director reported the equipment outfitter was working on the single-axle dump trucks, bid notices for a tandem dump truck were sent out, there are some issues with drainage, the roof leaking, and installing the steamer in the new garage, and that replenishing the contents was ongoing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair at 5:44 p.m. until the next regular meeting on January 27, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.