

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held at the office of the Road Commission, Lincoln, MI, Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. and was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Present: Alfred Scully, Chair; Harry Harvey, Vice-Chair; Jesse Campbell, Manager Director; Renee LaVergne, Account Clerk; Michael Escareno, Superintendent

Also present: Jason Ogden, The Alpena News; Jesus Yruegas, Mikado Township Supervisor; Robert Kennedy, Haynes Township resident; Gary Anderson, employee. Phil Potter arrived at 4:20 pm.

Adjustments: Maintenance Report Audit for 2013; Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool renewal 2016-17; Engineering reimbursement; Curtis Township Agreement CU1601.

Public comment: Jesus Yruegas discussed the article in The Alpena News about the last meeting. He was wondering why the Road Commission had not done anything about the article. Manager Campbell explained that the article was not worded properly and he contemplated writing an article to clarify what he meant to say. He explained that he was talking about the costs across the board and wanted all townships to be on an even playing field. Reporter Ogden said he listened again to the recorded tape of the meeting and said he wrote exactly what was said at the meeting. He said his quotes were accurate and if we had any further discussion or questions, we were to speak to his managing editor or publisher. He said that the board needed to not make mistakes in what they were saying.

Kennedy introduced himself as a candidate for the 106 District of the Michigan House of Representatives. He ran in 2014, but was defeated in the General Election.

Superintendent reported on durapatching, trees, ditching, seasonal road blading, and pit run and materials being hauled. He said they would be blading more on Friday, if it rained.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully, to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully, to approve payment of open accounts in the amount of \$146,565.18. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

The following items of correspondence and information were reviewed and discussed:

East Central Council agenda/minutes
Maintenance Report Audit for 2013

Association dues were discussed. The road commission is a member of all of the organizations as invoiced, so is responsible for the membership dues.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully, to authorize payment of dues in the amount of \$380.00 and the remainder per invoice when information is submitted, as requested by the County Road Association. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey, to authorize the following resolution of support:

Whereas, the Board of Road Commissioners for Alcona County, in cooperation with Greenbush Township is seeking funding from the Small Urban Program for reconstruction of Cedar Lake Road from Cedar Lake Drive north to F-30 in Greenbush Township, Alcona County, Michigan; and
Whereas, funding would allow continuation of reconstruction of Cedar Lake Road from King's Corner Road to F-30 in Greenbush Township, as part of a long-range road improvement plan as approved by the Regional Planning Agency; and

Whereas, the Alcona County Road Commission and Greenbush Township have committed to funding the 20 percent match requirement, design and engineering, and other non-participating costs;
Now be it resolved that the Alcona County Road Commission fully supports the request for funding from the Small Urban Program for reconstruction in 2020 of Cedar Lake Road from Cedar Lake Drive north to F-30 in Greenbush Township, Alcona County, Michigan.

Ayes: All Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Black River Road Construction Engineering agreement was discussed. Manager talked to Huron Engineering about the fees. The new project bid is \$707,327, and they lowered their engineering costs based on that. The new estimated fee will not exceed \$62,360 and is at 8.8%.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey, to authorize the Black River Road Construction Engineering agreement with Huron Engineering. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried.

MCRCSIP renewal was discussed. Manager Campbell asked the board if they would like to pay it in a lump sum or in three payments. The board agreed to pay the amount in full, if funds were available.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully, to authorize submittal of a request for a \$10,000 reimbursement for engineering costs allowed by the Michigan Department of Transportation. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the following road improvement agreement with Curtis Township:

CU1601 – Dust control on various roads

Ayes: All Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Manager Director reported on Huron Pines stream crossing projects saying \$25,000.00 would be allocated to Poor Farm Road (Haynes Creek) with the Road Commission to obtain the permits and complete the work; he reported Michaud Road is being engineered right now and there are issues with the culvert size. Curtisville Road (Smith Creek) is also being worked on, with Huron Pines allocating \$46,000.00 for the two crossings. Campbell said this would complete the Huron Pines projects for Alcona County for now. Campbell also reported on the F-41 project saying it will start on May 16th, with a projected completion of June 14th. The project was awarded to Bolen Asphalt and a preconstruction meeting was held today.

Campbell talked about storing materials at Nedo's pit. A contract or agreement with the owners of the property will be needed to ensure legal ownership and access to the material.

He reported on Black River Road project saying there were four bidders and it has not been awarded yet. The engineering estimate was \$802,950 and the project came in at \$707,837. Some of the project cost was saved in the tree cutting that was done by the crew. He went to the Alcona Township meeting and discussed it with their board. The project will start on July 25th and will end on September 23rd. There will be a four-day road closure using US 23 as a detour.

Finally, Campbell reported he has been meeting with townships doing drive arounds and is working on the agreements for summer road improvement projects for each township.

Yruegas reported he will be getting with Jesse to do the drive around in Mikado Township. He will see what they can do with the money they have available for the roads. He discussed the loggers tearing up the roads.

Scully talked about bonding the roads. There was a discussion on the bonding and how it works.

Yruegas brought up the newspaper article about the last meeting again. He said based upon the discussion earlier in the meeting that he was satisfied that a retraction was not necessary, but he suggested that Jesse talk with or email other township officials, if he felt it was needed.

Phil Potter reported that he was taking a tree down on his property and the tree fell on the road commission fence. He accepts responsibility and will repair or replace, if needed. Potter commented that runoff from the driveway to the back gate lays in their driveway and also washes gravel across the road. He also commented about trucks parked along the fence and out back and the dust and the exhaust in the morning when the trucks are started. Manager said there is less room to park now than before and that he is working on quotes for a 7' privacy fence to match what is currently on the east side of Potter's property.

Manager also talked about paving the driveway and parking lot in the back of the building to help with the dust. Potter said these issues will hinder selling his property. He asked if some of the vehicles could be moved and if dust control could be provided until the paving could be done.

Scully asked when Gail Pratt would come and talk about the new building; Campbell said she is planning to be at the meeting on May 25th. Campbell suggested that the meeting may need to be earlier that day and that he would let the board know, if so.

Scully asked when the auditors would be here and Campbell stated they will be at the June 22nd board meeting to present the audit report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair at 5:35 p.m. until the next regular meeting on May 25, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.