

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held at the office of the Road Commission, Lincoln, MI, Wednesday, August 10, 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 J. Scully, Chair; Harry L. Harvey, Vice-Chair; Theodore R. Somers, Member; Jesse Campbell, Managing Director; Renee LaVergne, Account Clerk; Marlena Mac Neill, Administrative Assistant

Also present: Jason Ogden, The Alpena News; Jesus Yruegas, Mikado Township Supervisor; David and Deanne Adkins and Sheldon Nowiski, Mikado Township residents

Yruegas and Adkins addressed the Board about issues with the seasonal portion of Andrews Road. It was agreed that some minor remedial repair would be considered. Adkins left at 4:37 p.m.

Yruegas and Nowiski addressed the Board about issues with Pine River Trail. It was agreed that due to time constraints, some pit run material be placed as a temporary measure until such time as a more permanent repair can be made.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2016, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve payment of the bills that were paid on July 27, 2016, in the amount of \$199,405.67. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to approve payment of open accounts in the amount of \$227,269.54. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

The following correspondence and items of information were reviewed:

East Central Council meeting notice
Northern Association vice president candidate search

LaVergne left at 5:06 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to authorize submittal of the ballot for the Board of Directors for the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund as discussed. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve the following road improvement agreement with Alcona Township:

AL1602 – LaFave Road single seal from Black River Road to US-23 Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to approve the following road improvement agreement with Caledonia Township contingent upon approval by the Township:

CL1606 – Oak Street limestone gravel placed from Holiday Inn Road to end Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve the following road improvement agreement with Caledonia Township contingent upon approval by the Township:

CL1607 – Hansen Road screened pit run from Swede Road north 4,000 feet Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to approve the following road improvement agreement with Caledonia Township contingent upon approval by the Township:

CL1608 – Swede Road screened pit run from F-41 west 4,000 feet Motion carried.

Discussed combining two remaining sections of F-41 on the Surface Transportation Improvement Plan slated for 2017 and 2018 into one project for 2017. Agreed to reaffirm prior to the next Region 9 Rural Task Force meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey, to designate the Managing Director as the voting delegate at the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions annual conference and the Chair as the alternate.
Motion carried.

Managing Director recommended the purchase of a pickup and a tractor/mower and to sell two tractors.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve the purchase of rolling stock as discussed using MiBid for the tractor/mower and advertising for bids for the pickup. Ayes: All Nays: None
Motion carried.

Managing Director reported the approach to the bridge on Bamfield Road was to be reopened today after crews filled the depression in the road with gravel. He hopes to use the recent issues with the approach to the bridge as leverage in seeking bridge funding. He said the current plan is to install additional piling.

He also reported Poor Farm Road at Haynes Creek would be closed to traffic starting August 15, for replacement of the culvert there; employee Kenneth LaLonde is the new Union Steward; may have to litigate for reimbursement for road repairs that resulted from cleanup of a train derailment on Lake Shore Drive; recommended the launch of a Facebook site and asked the Board to review a draft social media policy; Account Clerk LaVergne had reached the two-year mark; the new tandem-axle dump truck would be inspected at the outfitter tomorrow; the durapatcher purchased from Wexford County had been picked up, and plans are to sell the oldest of the current durapatchers.

Managing Director reported on the Superintendent's behalf that crews had been sealcoating, fog sealing, were working on Bamfield Road at the bridge today, and had also been mowing, and blading Forest Service roads.

The Chair reported on a complaint he'd received about drainage on Walker Road.

Yruegas reported on issues with brush at several intersections in Mikado Township. He also reported longitudinal cracking in F-30 just west of the bridge in Mikado, that Hamilton Road needs to be durapatched; and requested that County maps be updated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair at 6:10 p.m. until the next regular meeting on August 24, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT