

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held at the office of the Road Commission, Lincoln, MI, Wednesday, November 9, 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; Theodore R. Somers, Member; Jesse Campbell, Managing Director; Renee LaVergne, Account Clerk; Marlena Mac Neill, Administrative Assistant; Mike Escareno, Superintendent

Also present: Jim deSpelder, CRASIF Administrator; Jason Odgen, The Alpena News

Superintendent reported crews had finished the township gravel projects and had also been working on some gravel maintenance projects. He said the salt is all delivered and crews are now concentrating on getting buildings and equipment ready for winter.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully, to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2016, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully, to authorize payment of open accounts in the amount of \$695,524.87. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Discussed the East Central Council meeting to be hosted by Alcona County on December 1, 2016.

deSpelder stated he visits road commissions periodically to touch base. He reported that the mutual insurance proposition has been put on hold. He offered congratulations to Alcona County for receiving the Turn Around award, which is given for the greatest positive change in the experience modification factor. He also acknowledged Campbell for volunteering to be on a focus group to review loss control programs and thanked the Board for allowing the investment of his time.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully, to set the 2017 budget hearing for December 28, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Agreed to contract with the Michigan State Police for weighmaster services in 2017, with a cap of \$5,000 for the season.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully, to accept a proposal for design engineering services from Huron Engineering & Surveying for F-41 from 1/2 mile south of Goddard Road to Andrews Road for the not to exceed price of \$8,000. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully, to accept a proposal for design engineering services from Huron Engineering & Surveying for Mt. Maria Road from Hill Street to Hilltop Parkway for the not to exceed price of \$4,000. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully, to authorize advertising for bids for two tandem-axle dump trucks including associated equipment for the 2017 budget year. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers, that the November 23, 2016, meeting be cancelled and to authorize payment of the bills due on that date contingent upon review at the next regular meeting. Motion carried.

Managing Director reported he would be meeting with townships to discuss next year's road projects; no one from Northern Financial would be available until January to discuss the possibility of changing pension plans; there is still some surplus equipment to be auctioned with anything of a value of less than \$300 to be auctioned in house.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair at 5:17p.m. until the next regular meeting on December 14, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.