

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held at the office of the Road Commission, Lincoln, MI, Wednesday, December 14, 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; Mike Escareno, Superintendent

Also present: Dan Walters Grand Traverse Diesel Truck; Jason Odgen, The Alpena News; Craig Johnston, County Commissioner; Anthony Sobeck, employee

Superintendent reported crews had spent a fair amount of time prepping for snow removal, had been doing some housekeeping of buildings and grounds, many surplus items had been disposed of, and had been working on tree removal.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2016, meeting as presented, but to rescind the motion of the November 9, 2016, meeting setting the budget hearing for December 28, 2016.
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to change the next regular meeting from December 28, 2016, to December 21, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. and set the budget hearing for December 21, 2016, at 2:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve bills that were due and paid on November 23, 2016, in the amount of \$ 26,713.41. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey to authorize payment of open accounts in the amount of \$78,383.40. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

The following bids for tandem truck chassis were reviewed and discussed:

Grand Traverse Diesel	\$114,500	Western Star 4700SB
JX Peterbilt	\$114,145	Peterbilt 367

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to accept the tandem truck chassis bids with the Managing Director to make the final selection as in the best interest of the Road Commission upon further review of the bids.
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

The following bids for truck equipment outfitting were reviewed and discussed:

Truck & Trailer Specialties	\$ 92,844.54
Valley Truck Parts	\$105,988.57

Managing Director pointed out the bid from Valley Truck Parts did not meet the specifications.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to accept the bids for truck equipment outfitting with the Managing Director to make the final selection as in the best interest of the Road Commission upon further review of the bids.
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey, to approve State Trunkline Maintenance Contract No. 2017-0145 with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the period of October 1, 2016, thru September 30, 2021, and authorize Chair Scully and Vice-Chair Harvey to sign the contract documents. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to increase the allowance for reimbursement for the purchase of steel-toed safety shoes to \$150 per year effective January 1, 2017. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Walters left the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

Agreed to continue contracting with Catholic Human Services for Employee Assistance Program services.

Discussed budget figures and projections for 2017 and reviewed 2016 budget data.

Managing Director clarified there would be no meeting on December 28, 2016, that the next and final meeting would be December 21, 2016. He then went on to report the sediment issue at the Bamfield Road bridge had changed from a fine to a granular sediment likely indicating it was not a scouring issue; \$231,000 in bridge funds was allocated for repairs for the bridge in 2019 and will require a 20 percent match; \$59,000 of Rural Task Funding will be applied to the F-41 project for 2017; the truck wash facility is still in the planning stages; the privacy fence has been completed; applying to convert the unattached garage on the Liichow property into a sign shop, but will need zoning clearance; has been meeting with townships regarding 2017 projects; pension administrator will be at the January 11, 2017 meeting with regard to consolidating the pension program with the deferred compensation under one provider; a representative from Verizon Wireless will be at the January 25, 2017, meeting regarding fleet maintenance/GPS tracking.

Ogden left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Johnston reported the County had met with a bond writer looking for a solution to pay for unfunded liabilities and retirement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair at 5:12 p.m. until the next regular meeting on December 21, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.