

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held at the office of the Road Commission, Lincoln, MI, Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 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; Pat Dailey, Greenbush Township Treasurer; Dave Dailey, Greenbush Township Clerk; Christopher Hale, The Standard; Steve Anable, Northern Financial; Naomi Potter, adjoining property owner

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, that the regular Board meetings for 2017 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 22, 2017, meeting. Motion carried.

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

Dave Dailey asked about the protocol for salting roads in Greenbush Township and about why Timberlakes Subdivision must pay for the engineering costs for drainage corrections. Managing Director explained the drains in the subdivision were not County drains and he will follow up with Dailey regarding winter maintenance in Greenbush Township.

Superintendent reported crews had been on a steady diet of snow and ice removal and tree work.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to approve the minutes of the December 21 2016, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to approve payment of bills due and paid by December 28, 2016, in the amount of \$50,161.89. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to authorize payment of open accounts in the amount of \$40,668.02. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Anable and Hale presented a proposal to change the pension plan from Empower to The Standard and add a ROTH option, as well. Anable and Hale left at 5:05 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve an agreement with the United States Forest Service for maintenance and repair of Forest Service roads and to authorize Managing Director and Chair to sign the agreements. Motion carried.

Phil Potter, adjoining property owner, joined the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Discussed a prescription medication release to work policy and agreed to take no action now.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve submittal of the annual employee census to CPH Pension Administrators and authorize Managing Director to sign the document. Motion carried.

Managing Director reported \$1.4 million has been allocated to Alcona County under the RTF and Small Urban Road funding sources; Cedar Lake Road would be in the June letting and will use Small Urban funding; Mt. Maria Road and F-41 will see funding under the RTF.

The Potters reported concern with the payloader operating at 5 a.m. to clear ice from the parking lot; the fence is nice, but does not create privacy—they can still see the equipment parked in the Road Commission yard; there are gaps under the fence that should be filled when practical; the culvert carrying runoff from the employee parking lot is inadequate; and they were told no trucks would be using the employee parking lot.

Harvey asked about the increase in road funding. Managing Director reported the increase is estimated to go from \$2.5 million to \$3.1 in 2017, \$3.3 for 2018, and \$3.5 in 2019.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. at the call of the Chair until the next meeting on January 25, 2017.