

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held at the office of the Road Commission, Lincoln, MI, Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 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; Theodore Somers, Member; Jesse Campbell, Managing Director; Marlena Mac Neill, Administrative Assistant; Renee LaVergne, Account Clerk; Michael Escareno, Superintendent

Also present: Jesus Yruegas and Rita Sands, Mikado Township; Darryl Kenyon, Curtis Township; Muriel Goddard, Gustin Township; Lee Major, Greenbush Township; Phil Jordan, Village of Lincoln; Jason Ogden, The Alpena News; citizens Donna Scully, Bob Schrade

Kenyon and Jordan expressed appreciation for the winter maintenance road crews provided this season.

Schrade asked for an update on his concerns voiced about Coville Road at the last meeting.

Superintendent reported crews had been on a steady diet of tree cutting. He said an effort will be made to blade roads where possible over the next couple of days.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2017, meeting as presented.  
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to continue having the minutes published in synopsis form in The Alcona Review thru the first meeting in June with a message that minutes would no longer be published after that time.  
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to approve payment of open accounts in the amount of \$27,647.37  
Ayes: All      Nays: None      Motion carried.

At 4:15 the public hearing began for additions and amendments to the 2017-2020 Illustrative Road Project List for submittal to the Region 9 Rural Task Force.

Managing Director explained the amendments and additions to the list and there was discussion about various projects.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to approve the 2017-2020 Illustrative Road Project List for submittal to the Region 9 Rural Task Force as listed on the Alcona County Balance Sheet dated March 8, 2017.  
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers, to authorize staff to submit County Road Association ballots as discussed.  
Motion carried.

Craig Johnston, County Commissioner joined the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Discussed loggers hauling on seasonal roads. Agreed seasonal roads are subject to weight and speed restrictions and should be treated accordingly.

Managing Director reported a safety grant for the Walker Road and Poor Farm Road intersection had been granted and the project will include asphalt surface, rumble strips, and signage. He said the safety grant request for Bamfield Road between DeMotte and Garrett had been denied. The option to apply for a safety grant for Bamfield Road is still open, but funds must be obligated by September 1, 2017.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully, to extend the weighmaster contract with the Michigan State Police Motor Carrier by 20 hours. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Managing Director reported there is a labor contract negotiating strategy meeting scheduled for March 21.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to appoint Chair Scully to participate in contract negotiating strategy meetings. Motion carried.

Tim Mac Neill joined the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey, to authorize staff to advertise for proposals for the purchase of a used bulldozer. Ayes: AllNays: None Motion carried.

Managing Director reported a Morgan Stanley representative will be at the March 22, 2017, meeting; waiting for bore sample results for engineering for the Cedar Lake water level structure; the Cedar Lake Road project will be in the April letting and will require a DEQ permit for one cross-road culvert; Mt. Maria Road will be in the April letting or possibly in the May letting; F-41 will be submitted for programming on March 9, 2017; there was a culvert failure on Mill Creek Road and it looks like a 12' diameter culvert will now be required there. He also reported working on a possible project with the USFS to replace a culvert at Kimberlin Road over Kurtz Creek.

Johnston reported that a couple of telephone poles had fallen at/on the Court House, but otherwise things good.

Jordan reported the Village of Lincoln had applied for a safety grant for Main and Barlow, but was denied. He said the Village will be reapplying in the next round.

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 March 22, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.