

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held at the office of the Road Commission, Lincoln, MI, Wednesday, April 12, 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; Mike Escareno, Superintendent

Also present: Jason Ogden, The Alpena News; residents Bob Schrade, Dave Burnham, John Jagelewski, Emily Gramms, Deanne Adkins; Joleen Christine, Morgan-Stanley; Jesus Yruegas, Mikado Township Supervisor; employee Drew Milwrick

Schrade asked about the mud/manure on Coville Road with Managing Director responding that he is scheduled to inspect the drainage issue there the DEQ for workable solutions for drainage improvements.

Jagelewski said there is no manure, just mud and maintained it was due to the weather. He asked if other farms were being targeted and it was pointed out that any time there is a hazard created on the road from off-road activities, the Road Commission has an obligation to impel clean up.

Gramms asked about returning the road to gravel and adding signage. Managing Director said there are no plans to return the road to gravel and that a tractor crossing sign might be a possibility, but not hazard signing because it places a liability upon the Road Commission.

Burnham asked about when the culvert would be replaced on Mill Creek Road and if something could be done about the muddy section at the north end of the road. Managing Director said there was an issue with DEQ requirements for the culvert that he was working on resolving and that he would discuss improvements to the north end of the road with Harrisville Township officials.

Adkins reported an issue with mud at the end of Andrews Road east of F-41 saying she is willing to sign a waiver allowing Road Commission equipment to turn around on her property if that would help alleviate the problem.

Yruegas reported a drainage issue on Tait Road just west of F-41 and potholes on Goddard at the new culvert.

Superintendent reported crews had been working on mud, trees, patching and that they will be blading roads on Thursday.

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

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to approve payment of open accounts in the amount of \$142,860.63
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Christine presented information about the retirement/defined contribution plans Morgan Stanley has to offer.

Christine left the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to authorize submittal of the 2016 Act 51 report to the State of Michigan and to authorize the Chair and Managing Director as Chief Financial Officer to sign the title sheet.
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers that the Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners fully supports efforts to secure State and Federal Local Bridge Program Funds for preventive maintenance of:

Structure #15

County Road F-41 crossing the Pine River

Section 23/24/14, T25N, R8EEn

Mikado Township, Alcona County

Furthermore, Alcona County Road Commission will participate in funding the local share of project costs.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey that the Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners fully supports efforts to secure State and Federal Local Bridge Program Funds for replacement of:

Structure #14

Hubbard Lake Road crossing Sucker Creek

Section 31, T28N, R8E

Alcona Township, Alcona County

Furthermore, Alcona County Road Commission will participate in funding the local share of project costs.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey, that the Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners fully supports efforts to secure State and Federal Local Bridge Program Funds for replacement of:

Structure #23

McConnell Road crossing the East Branch of the Pine River

Section 15/14, T26N, R8E

Gustin Township, Alcona County

Furthermore, Alcona County Road Commission will participate in funding the local share of project costs.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully that the Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners fully supports efforts to secure State and Federal Local Bridge Program Funds for replacement of:

Structure #18

Lake Shore Drive crossing the Black River

Section 24, T28N, R9E

Alcona Township, Alcona County

Furthermore, Alcona County Road Commission will participate in funding the local share of project costs.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to authorize signing the title sheet for F-41 from Goddard Road to just south of Andrews Road for submittal of the project plans to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to authorize signing of the title sheet for Mt. Maria Road from Hill Street to Hilltop Parkway for submittal of the project plans to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to accept construction engineering proposals from Huron Engineering and Surveying for projects on F-41, Mt. Maria Road, and Cedar Lake Road. Motion carried.

Adkins left at 5:29 p.m.

Managing Director reported Curtis Township is not willing to participate in the cost share for safety grant funding for Bamfield Road between Garrett Road and DeMotte Road. It was agreed to not proceed with the project.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve the following contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation and authorize Chair Scully and Vice-Chair Harvey to sign the contract document:

Contract No. 17-5064 Job Number 126414A Project STP 1701(003) Hot mix asphalt base crushing, shaping, and resurfacing work along Cedar Lake Road from Thayer Road northerly to Cedar Lake Drive; including permanent signing and pavement marking work; and all together with necessary related work.

Motion carried.

Managing Director reported he would be reviewing the roof on the new building with Rousseau Engineering for solutions for the ice build up issues; plans for the truck wash facility were complete including asphalt; is meeting with townships.

Managing Director asked about not charging townships for engineering costs.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully, in view of additional MTF revenues to be received, to waive engineering cost sharing with townships this year. Motion carried.

Managing Director reported the Cedar Lake flooding is not the Road Commission's issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair at 6:00 p.m. until the next regular meeting on April 26, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.