

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held at the office of the Road Commission, Lincoln, MI, Wednesday, December 13, 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: Beth Gohs, The Alpena News; Bob Schrade; Frank Mikolajczak, Dave Pelland, Dave Dailey, Prince Drive; employees Gary Anderson, Steve LeCureux, Drew Milwrick, John McDonald, Trevor Mac Neill, Anthony Sobeck

Adjustments: Prince Drive

Schrade: What has been done about farm mud on Coville Rd. Will be talking to farm owner, will turn over to law if no cooperation. Managing Director said ditching or other improvements will be considered in the spring.

Anderson asked about a truck wash facility and pointed out the importance to the safety of the operation, extending the life of equipment, and convenience for crews. Milwrick pointed out working outside in the winter causes face shields that are now required to be worn to ice up. The Board assured the crew members that the facility is still in the plan, but cost estimates and design issues still need to be reconciled. Managing Director pointed out the wash facility was the one thing employees requested.

LeCureux asked about the awning and Sobeck asked about having eave troughs installed above the entry doors.

Superintendent reported crews had been cutting trees, patching, some snow removal, and had put wings on trucks.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2017, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Trevor Mac Neill, McDonald, Sobeck, Lecureux left at 4:15 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve payment of open accounts in the amount of \$98,046.45.
Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Discussed the CRA Conference

Managing Director reported legal counsel advised allowing installation of a park bench on the beach end of Springport Road under regular permit process.

The following bids for a ¾ ton 4x4, four-door pickup:

Alcona Motors	\$33,317.00
Dean Arbour	\$28,499.00
Thunder Bay Chrysler	\$36,472.00

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept all bids, and leave award to the discretion of the Managing Director. Motion carried.
Ayes: All Nays: None

Managing Director reported he had applied for grants F-41 bridge and received \$500,000 for an epoxy coat repair. Inspection calls for deck replacement. Looking to see what the difference would be for suggested repair. 5 percent match requirement. Grant not effective until 2020.

Mikolajczak requested continued service on Prince Drive saying it is a thru road more like a public road, than private. He asked how can it be designated as a County road. Discussed the standards/requirements necessary to be accepted into the County Road system. The Board agreed if residents brought road up to standard, it could likely be accepted into the certified county road system. Advised to pursue maintenance and improvements from a private contractor.

Anderson left at 4:47 p.m.

Dailey expressed appreciation for the work on Cedar Lake Road.

Dailey, Frank, and Pelland left at 5:07 p.m.

The Board commented they hadn't thoroughly looked at the budget, yet, so had no issues at this point.

Milwrick suggested reconsidering the fuel contract due to congestion with parking/staging, intermittent system malfunctions, computer glitches, and power outages.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair at 5:22 p.m. until the next regular meeting on December 20, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.