

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held at the office of the Road Commission, Lincoln, MI, Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 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; Theodore Somers, third member; Jesse Campbell, Managing Director; Renee LaVergne, Account Clerk; Marlena Mac Neill, Administrative Assistant; Michael Escareno, Superintendent

Absent: Vice-Chair Harvey

Also present: Jesus Yruegas, Mary Weber, Craig Johnston

Adjustments: Remove closed session for land acquisition from the agenda.

Yruegas commented there was no one representing the Road Commission at the recent MTA Chapter meeting.

Chair asked about relief of Drain Commissioner duties. Johnston said reassigning responsibility would be not be possible, may be able to help administratively. It was pointed out that costs for the Cedar Lake level issue will be extensive. Discussed funds for this cannot come from transportation funds. Johnston acknowledged the challenge and suggested to continue to work together and maybe also work with Iosco County.

Superintendent reported crews had been engaged in tree work, snow removal, and steaming culverts.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2018, meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully, to authorize payment of open accounts in the amount of \$49,631.74. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully, to authorize Managing Director to sign a contract for weighmaster services with the Michigan Department of State Police. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers, to adopt Salaried employee probationary period policy 18-01-24. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers, to renew Exhibit B salaried employee benefits. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully, to authorize Managing Director to submit the CRA Board of Directors ballot as discussed. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully, to accept a proposal from Huron Engineering for construction engineering services for the Bamfield Road safety grant project. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully, to approve and authorize Scully and Somers to sign the following contract:

Contract No. 17-5563 Roadway safety improvement work at the intersection of Poor Farm Road and Walker Road; including earth excavation, hot mix asphalt surfacing, transverse rumble strips installation, ground mounted flashing beacon installation, permanent signing, and pavement marking work; and all together with necessary related work.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully, to cancel the next regular meeting on February 14, 2018.

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Scully, Somers, to pay bills due by February 14, 2018, with review at the next meeting.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully, to authorize Managing Director to sign a contract with the United States Forest Service for maintenance of Forest Service roads.

Motion carried.

Managing Director reported all trucks and equipment discussed at the previous meeting have been ordered; still working on hiring process interviewed this week.

Weber reported that an attorney at a recent County Commissioners meeting commented in of all his travels around Michigan, Alcona County's roads were the best he had traveled.

Johnston asked about frost level detectors.

Yruegas asked about how much freeze/thaw damage can the bridge on F41 sustain. Managing Director assured that the structure is sound and reminded funding is in place for deck rehabilitation.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. at the call of the Chair until the next meeting on February 28, 2018.

Administrative Assistant

Chair