

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held at the office of the Road Commission, Lincoln, MI, Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 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; Michael Escareno, Superintendent

Adjustments: None

Also present: Brian Schemanski, Frank Mikolajczak, Dave Pelland, Dave Dailey, Lee Major, Andy Forgo, Rick Ward, Vance Aaron, Greenbush; Jesus Yruegas, Mikado Township Supervisor; Brock Johnson, Oak City Inc./DeVere Industrial; Craig Johnston, County Commissioner

Major asked about the status of agreement GR1702 for engineering services for drains in Timberlakes Estates. It was explained that only a portion of the engineering work has been done and was put on hold for the winter months.

Forgo reported Lake Street in Greenbush is full of pot holes at the south end. Discussed the narrow right of way, proximity of structures to the right of way, partially completed durapatching that was halted at the end of the season and won't be resumed due to it not being practical or cost-efficient, and that the road might be a candidate for asphalt surfacing if Greenbush Township could participate in the cost.

Dave Dailey inquired about the court order for the Cedar Lake Special Assessment for lake level controls and who is responsible for cleaning the debris from lake level control structure. It was pointed out that the structure is not the Road Commission's responsibility and volunteers have been asked to keep the structure clear of debris for now.

Schemanski reported Coville Road south of Wissmiller Road is in poor condition. Managing Director will put a repair proposal together for Greenbush Township's consideration.

Superintendent reported crews have been working on a mixed bag including snow removal, tree cutting, patching, and blading.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2018, meeting as presented.
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to approve payment of open accounts in the amount of \$175,689.11.
Ayes: All Nays: None
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to accept the following proposals from Huron Engineering:

1. engineering services for the Bamfield Road bridge rehabilitation project
2. engineering services for the F-41 bridge rehabilitation project
3. construction engineering services for the Walker Road/Poor Farm Road intersection project
4. construction engineering services for the F-41 – Andrews Road to F-30 rehabilitation project
5. construction engineering services for the Mt. Maria Road from Ann Street to Hilltop Parkway rehabilitation project
6. design engineering services for the Barlow Road from M-72 to the Village of Lincoln limit rehabilitation project.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to approve the following road improvement agreement with Hawes Township:

HW1801 – Mt. Maria Road resurfacing from Anne Street east .43 miles Motion carried.

Phil Potter joined the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to approve the following road improvement agreement with Haynes Township:

HY1801 – Coville Road add 22a limestone gravel .51 mile from McNeil Road south to dead end.
Motion carried.

Pelland reported it would take considerable time and effort to bring Prince Drive up to a standard to be accepted into the County Road system and asked that maintenance be extended until arrangements can be made to upgrade the road.

Diane Aaron from Greenbush joined at 4:46 p.m.

There was considerable discussion about why the road should be a public road and/or should be continued to be maintained by the Road Commission by contract with Greenbush Township using funds collected under a special assessment district imposed on the property owners along the road.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers, to continue routine gravel surface maintenance, repair emergency washouts, and provide winter maintenance on Prince Drive under a special assessment district thru May 1, 2019. Motion carried.

Ward, Vargo, both Aarons, Mikolajczak, and Pelland left at 5:00 p.m.

The following bids were received and reviewed for construction of a canopy across the front of the mechanic's bay of the maintenance building:

Oak City Inc./DeVere Industrial \$46,000

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers, to accept the bid from Oak City Inc./DeVere Industrial for construction of a canopy across the front of the mechanic's bay of the maintenance building.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Brock Johnson left at 5:12 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to grant an easement for electrical facilities along Road Commission property at 301 N. Lake Street in the Village of Lincoln, Michigan. Motion carried.

Managing Director reported in response to rising prices of materials, operations, and services he feels the need to increase the efficiency of Road Commission operations by purchasing equipment to allow for work to be done in-house. Discussion followed regarding buying and selling equipment including the gradall, water tanker; v-bottom trailer, semi-truck, and pup trailer.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey, to authorize Managing Director to buy and sell equipment as discussed at his discretion based on being in the best interest of the Road Commission. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carried.

Discussed the challenge for the Road Commission with matching townships' contributions to projects with Managing Director reporting approximately \$308,365 of matching funds will be needed for this year's Federal Aid projects (F41, Mt Maria, Bamfield, Walker/Poor Farm).

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey, to pay all engineering costs and provide the matching funds for Federal Aid projects scheduled for 2018, except for the match for Mt. Maria Rd. Motion carried.

Managing Director reported the funding for the Cedar Lake Road project is urban funding tied to Iosco County allocations. Iosco County's current priorities and project allocations pushes the eligibility for funding availability for Cedar Lake Road to 2027.

Discussed ways to fund the project in the interim using Township millage funds or some sort of loan process, replenishing the alternate source when the funds are allocated.

Mac Neill requested Road Commission representation at Alcona Township board meetings to explain funding and project priorities.

Yruegas voiced concern that when F41 through Mikado is rebuilt, care be taken to maintain the current grade so as not to create flooding for existing businesses/structures within the project area.

Potter voiced concern about equipment being washed outside, issues with the fence along his property, run off, and not receiving an answer on his counter-proposal for purchase of his parcel adjacent to the Road Commission property.

It was agreed there had been an oversight in notifying Potter that the counter offer had been rejected and it was explained that any work in the Road Commission backyard is on hold because future improvements on Road Commission property are still being worked out.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at the call of the Chair at 6:22 p.m. until the next regular meeting on April 25, 2018.