

Alcona County Road Commission January 22, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alcona County was called to order by Vice-chairman Harry Harvey at 3:59pm on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan. Present: Vice-chairman Harry Harvey, Member Alfred Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Michael Escareno, Account Clerk Renee LaVergne, and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. Guests included Lisha Ramsdell with Huron Pines, Craig Johnston with the Alcona Board of Commissioners, and staff member Gary Anderson. Chairman Theodore Somers was excused absent.

Manager Campbell invited Ms. Ramsdell to speak to the board about some of our past accomplishments working with them and how we could improve our relationship with them to maintain some of the future projects. Ms. Ramsdell shared some of the collaborative projects since 2009. She stated that open communication is a priority for Huron Pines as well. There is a project that they have paused waiting to hear if the road commission is wanting to move forward with them. Manager Campbell asked her to explain how Huron Pines could help with invasive species control in our county. Ms. Ramsdell explained Huron Pines has been involved with invasive species management for 10 or 11 years and the current focus is primarily on phragmites and Japanese knotweed. Manager Campbell also addressed the need for Huron Pines to have a clear justification of why a project needs to be done. Commissioner Scully re-stated the lack of communication on the Trask Lake Road project. Manager Campbell acknowledged that Huron Pines is needing an answer on Kimberlin at Kurtz Creek and will look at continuing this project. Ms. Ramsdell was appreciative that the County was willing to have the dialogue with her and was hopeful that we would continue to work together.

Lisha Ramsdell left the meeting at 4:46pm

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno stated that the crews have been steady snow plowing. When not plowing they are still cutting trees in Greenbush and on Cedar Lake Road. They had a washout in Caledonia Township over a culvert and had to do some bank stabilization on Swede Road.

MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020, meeting as presented. Motion carries.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts on January 9, 2020 in the amount of \$83,326.37
Roll call vote: Scully – aye, Harvey – aye Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE

CRA Highway Conference and Road Show – March 10-12 was brought up by Manager

Campbell just as a reminder.

BUSINESS

Attorney Services

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully, for the Alcona County Road Commission to accept the services of Attorney David Cook for legal issues.

Motion carries.

Administrative Assistant – Probationary Pay Review

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey, to maintain the same time-frame of Administrative Assistant pay to be a 2-year step increase of \$2,000.00 raise after 6 months, \$1,500.00 raise for the first year and \$1,500.00 raise for the second year.

Ayes: Scully – aye, Harvey – aye Motion carries

Bid Tally

The following bids for one or more 2020 pickup trucks were opened and considered:

1/2 Ton 2020 Pick Up Truck

Seller Name	Bid Price
Thunder Bay Chrysler/Jeep	\$31,893.00
Dean Arbor Ford - Tawas City	\$32,193.00
Dean Arbor Ford - Alpena	\$33,000.00
Alcona Motors	\$35,833.45

3/4 Ton 2020 Pick Up Truck

Seller Name	Bid Price
Dean Arbor Ford - Tawas City	\$30,690.00
Dean Arbor Ford - Tawas City	\$39,597.00
Dean Arbor Ford - Alpena	\$31,100.00
Dean Arbor Ford - Alpena	\$40,200.00
Thunder Bay Chrysler/Jeep	\$32,713.00

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept all bids and authorize Managing Director, upon further review, to purchase at his discretion and as in the best interest of the Road Commission.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion carries

MANAGING DIRECTORS REPORT

Manager Campbell reported that the Cedar Lake Road construction proposals should

be finished by mid next week and ready to post and put out for bids. He's working on the proposal to request design engineering bids on the F-41 bridge over the Pine River.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Superintendent Escareno stated what a great job the guys have done over the past two weekends with the snowstorms.

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 4:57pm until the next regular meeting on February 12, 2020

Harry Harvey, Vice- Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant