

Alcona County Road Commission August 26, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alcona County was held electronically and was called to order by Chairman Theodore Somers at 4:00pm on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice-chairman Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Clerk Renee LaVergne, Superintendent Mike Escareno, and Board Clerk Lori Grush.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the August 26, 2020 meeting agenda with the Public Act 51, Section 18j amendment and adding Commissioner Comments to the agenda amendment

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Escareno stated that mowing in the county is just about wrapped up. We're in Curtis Township and will probably be done today or tomorrow and then will do some more on the state highways.

Fog Sealing and Seal Coating, we've been pretty steady on that - fighting for stone, in between we'll do fog sealing as we wait for more stone. Did some ditching today, a couple things on the back burner that we've been trying to take care of as we go. Still doing some tree clean up in the western part of the county from the last windstorm we had. Started some of the balancing on Hubbard Lake Trail, we have three miles of limestone gravel to place. From the wood line to Kelly Switch we'll balance it up with some pit run, make a state turn around for the gravel trains and cut some trees. He's been doing new employee training on the projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2020 meeting as presented.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts on August 26, 2020 in the amount of \$81,846.61

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

CORRESPONDENCE

Price Increase Notification from Michigan Paving & Materials of 10-15% increase for 2021

BUSINESS

Hubbard Lake Road -Removing Seasonal Designation

The board agreed to allow Manager Campbell to proceed with the due diligence only, to determine if removing the seasonal road designation from a portion of Hubbard Lake Road is feasible and prudent for the Road Commission, including what

improvements would be needed to the road, what right of way is required and who would be responsible for paying for improvements.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

Public Act 51, Section 18j

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the Annual Certification of Employee-related conditions for submittal and authorize Chairman Somers and Manager Campbell to sign and submit the form.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

Discussion - Township Agreement Extension into 2021

Manager Campbell explained that he needed to get a letter sent to the townships to inform them that we will not be able to complete all of the township agreements this year and he was asking if the board would consider extending the agreements with the current estimate for 2021. Concern was expressed that the cost of materials could increase in 2021. It was decided that any unfinished projects would have to be voided and new contracts would be written in 2021.

Discussion - 2020/2021 Equipment Purchases.

Manager Campbell inquired about the previous approved authorization from the board to order a new truck. It has already been bid out. It had not been ordered earlier in the year due to COVID. It was decided to still go ahead with the purchase of the truck as it was already in the budget.

At this point, Chairman Somers asked Harry Harvey to continue leading the meeting as he was having trouble with his audio.

Discussion - RTF Project Schedule & Update

Manager Campbell presented the RTF Balance Sheet. He wanted to bring it to the attention of the board. He explained the funding for Barlow Road project. Those projects are just finishing up. The funding for 2021 projects, including F41, Traverse Bay and Bamfield Road needs to be submitted. He also explained the issues that arose after the village applied for the safety grant on F41 that he had nothing to do with and was not the project manager. He went on list the projects for 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Discussion - Building & Grounds Improvements

Manager Campbell stated that when the wash barn construction started, the neighbor was upset and that we had promised a fence between the properties. We have some improvements that the board had discussed and said we would do, including this fence. This would use up the majority of the millage money. Along with the fence, the other improvements include paving the parking lot in back, heating and insulating the pole barn and some minor infractions at the office for ADA compliance. The current balance in the millage fund is \$290,550. Manager Campbell will proceed with getting bids.

Discussion - Road Commission Funding Discussion

Discussion was tabled until the next meeting when Chair Somers was not experiencing technical difficulties.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to add Commissioner Comments on all future agendas after the second Public Comment.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell reported Kimberlin Creek culvert has been pushed into next year. We're going to order the culvert and have it stored over the winter. The project cannot start until after May 15th. He'll be working with Huron Engineering on F41 from M72 to Mikado to inspect all of the culverts thru there. There will be no construction next year on F41 until after July 1st due to the detour for US23. They're going to town on the wash barn. Still a lot of unforeseen. Can't figure out what we're going to do on the steamer and still making some electrical and gas line decisions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvey asked about the process of getting the speed limit dropped n Harrisville by Northeast Window & Door. Manager Campbell had already discussed it at a meeting earlier this year. There are doing a speed study done. Commissioner Scully asked about the F41 Bridge. Manager Campbell stated that he went with Huron Engineering for the bid. He also asked about Trask Lake Road. The single seal coat, Manager Campbell reported, is scheduled next year. We will be looking at tapering the road where the new culvert was placed.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 4:56pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on September 9, 2020

Theodore Somers, Chairman
Assistant

Lori Grush, Administrative