

Alcona County Road Commission November 11, 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, November 11, 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 November 11, 2020 meeting agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Escareno stated that the crew worked to get all the snow removal equipment in place. They've been doing some tree cutting, chipping, and ditching in Caledonia Township, Harrisville Township and on some of the Forest Service Roads. We have the screen plant running making winter sand.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2020 meeting with removal of the duplicate word of "bid" from Manager's report.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from November 11, 2020 in the amount of \$401,372.61

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BUSINESS

Quotes for New and Used Chip Spreader

Chair Somers explained that this topic was tabled at the last meeting so that all three Commissioners were present. Manager Campbell presented the remaining quotes. Two used quotes had already sold. Comparison discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to purchase the Etnyre Chip Spreader, New, 4 wheel drive, from AIS construction in the amount of \$339,132.

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

Cancellation of November 25th meeting

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to cancel the Alcona County Road Commission Board meeting on November 25th unless necessary.

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

Schedule 2021 Budget Hearing

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to schedule the public 2021 Budget Hearing for December 22, 2020 at 2:00pm.

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell gave an update on the wash barn. November 15th was the deadline, because of the building supply shortage we have had a lot of issues. Also, because we ordered a new steamer and left the old one, the gas supply is not sufficient so today we submitted the application to run a new gas line service direct to the wash barn. This will cause a 4-6-week delay, minimum. Everything else is going well. The electric, lights and heat has been installed. They are going to put the north fence up for now until next year until we extend the existing fence across the neighbors into the property line. As of tomorrow, we are closing the office. We do have a couple potential COVID cases among the staff or their families. Cedar Lake Road is completed including the pavement marking. We are getting requests from contractors that are bidding on the US-23 job, looking for us to purchase sand, asphalt millings, and some gravel from ground up concrete and some are looking for a place to leave about 65,000 yards of spoils. We have not heard back on the Adams Road abandonment. They submitted a petition, but it was incomplete. We are not going to make the January 30, 2021 date to have our Asset Management submitted thru MDOT. The deadline has not been extended yet. If we do not have it submitted, they can stop our MTF. We are still working on that. The budget is still up in the air, we're just finalizing that. I've been down to Crescent and Sunrise Drive multiple times for complaints. They are putting new structures there. There is a deeded road easement for all shareholders that is private right along the railroad tracks. It is public road both ways off of easement. It was questioned if we can bond that road. Manager Campbell stated that it is currently a maximum bond of \$5,000. There has been a little bit of damage to Sunrise Drive from an excavator. They are supposed to use rubber matting or some other means to get it to the easement without marring the road. Commissioner Harvey stated that the County met with the DEQ there yesterday for about an hour. Commissioner Somers and Harvey asked a few additional questions about the wash barn. Manager Campbell responded.

Commissioner Scully asked about the payoff on the equipment we are renting from AIS. Campbell stated the payoff without penalty is \$263,426. That price is for each one.

Commissioner Harvey inquired about our winter road patrol position. Manager Campbell stated that the night shift position will resume November 23rd.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Scully asked Chair Somers if he had secured the gifts for the crew yet. Somers reported that he went, but they only had 15. He has to go back next week.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 4:41pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on December 8, 2020

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant