

Alcona County Road Commission December 9, 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 pm on Wednesday, December 9, 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. Electronic guests included Drew Milwrick and Craig Johnston.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the December 9, 2020 meeting agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Escareno reported the crew been steady tree cutting: doing some clean up work, as well as some preventative maintenance. Last week we worked on snow fences on the state highways, added some delineator posts, and got the sand shed filled up here at the garage. Both brush tractors have been out, ditching has continued, and we put the snow wings on state trucks. Putting the wings on county trucks this week. Commissioner Harvey asked about pothole on West Trask Lake Road. Commissioner Scully mentioned some potholes starting on Stout Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2020 meeting as presented.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from November 25, 2020 in the amount of \$62,998.88

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

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts as of December 9, 2020 in the amount of \$98,429.65

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Manager Campbell explained that a gate had been put up across Birch Acres Road in Greenbush. He had been in touch with the property owner about the option of us abandoning the road. In reviewing, it was discovered that in

1998 an incorrect remeasure was sent in to MDOT. In January, Manager Campbell will submit the form needed to correct the certification mileage. He also reminded the Board that we are the only County in Michigan that MDOT builds the certification map for. They have asked us again to take that over.

BUSINESS

Road Bonding

Manager Campbell shared that there is a lot of complaints coming in from Crescent/Sunrise Drive (regarding construction traffic) and emails have been sent out to media and Lansing. He stated that we do not currently have a policy on road bonding. Many road commissions don't have a policy. Usually it requires some type of restriction such as weight, public notice in the newspaper and the bond cannot exceed the cost of repair of the damage done. It would also have the added expense of paying police to enforce the restrictions. Legally, we cannot stop people from using a public road as long as they are obeying Michigan weight requirements and laws. No action was taken by the commissioners.

Alcona Local & RTF Projects

Manager Campbell presented a draft of the 3-year projected Local and Rural Transportation Fund projects. It does not include the Urban Fund. Just a communication to the board of what we have coming up.

Revision – COVID Response and Preparedness Plan

Manager Campbell explained that the suggested guidelines for our COVID preparedness and response plan changes weekly and are often outdated by the time the board meets for approval. Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the managing director to revise the Alcona County Road Commissions COVID Response and Preparedness Plan to keep it up to date with current Michigan Department of Health and Human Services epidemic orders.

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

Employee Assistance Program 2020 Contract Renewal

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the manager to contract with Catholic Human Services for the Employee Assistance Program Renewal for 2021.

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell let the board know that the wash barn is pretty much finished. The steamer should be delivered to Saginaw on Monday. They will deliver it here on Tuesday. The main gas line should be installed by December 18th and they finished the temporary fence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Harvey asked about us plowing by the newly built storage building on Bamfield Road. Parks and Recreation is asking if we can plow that to the east for parking.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 4:34pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on December 22nd, 2020

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant