

Alcona County Road Commission April 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alcona County was called to order by Chairman Theodore Somers at 4:00pm pm on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 301 N Lake Street Lincoln, Michigan. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice-Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Mike Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Board Clerk Lori Grush.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the April 14, 2021 meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Escareno reported that the crew is still working pretty steady on trees, getting an edge on them. We've been out doing some of the seasonal roads, a few out west were closed off from downed trees. Steady with the graders on road blading. One new grader operator, still doing some training with him. Road emulsion was ordered and then delivered yesterday so we'll start durapatching potholes. We did repair some of the pothole in early spring with cold patch. We have started on some shoulder repair F41 South and F30 East in preparation of a sealcoat project. They will head back west to Hubbard Lake Road, then Stout all the way to Aspen Alley. Wing removal has been sporadic based on weather. The salters have been left on as we see what the weather brings tonight and Friday morning. Heavy preparation work for Kimberlin Road Culvert, cutting trees and pavement cutting. We'll begin the project on Monday the 19th, the detour signs will be placed on Friday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2021 meeting with amendment. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from April 14, 2021 in the amount of \$207,613.10

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

CORRESPONDENCE

East Central Council Meeting (4-15-21 @ 10:00am via ZOOM)

BUSINESS

Township Agreements

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to accept agreement HY2101 in the amount of \$22,457, HY2102 in the amount of \$12,672, HY2103 in the amount of 24,940 with HAYNES Township with the terms agreed upon.

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

Closed Session to Discuss Union Negotiations

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey to go into closed session for discussion on union negotiations at 4:16pm.

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

Open meeting resumed at 4:24pm with Somers, Harvey, Scully, Campbell, and Grush in attendance.

Motion on Union Negotiations

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the contract with Teamsters Union Local #214 employees as presented.

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared the weighmaster statistics for this year. He had 8 total stops, 3 vehicle weighs, 4 citations, maximum fine for weights was \$4,764.00 and he did 8 vehicle inspections. Mike Russo will be drawing up a set of prints to do the addition off the pole barn. Hoping to get a cost estimate for that. Also going to get a cost estimate to survey the Harrisville pit. It used to be fenced. We're supposed to be posting our pits for no trespassing. There's been a lot of talk the last few days about the American Recovery Act. It looks like the County will receive the funds and then they distribute to the various entities, including the Road Commission, if they wish to. Manager Campbell will submit letter to County including our COVID costs and MTF revenue shortfall. The F41 overlay project from Mikado to M72 – programed it different which allows different contractors to bid on different items. Manager Campbell thought this would allow us to obtain a better price. May 7th is the bid letting. We ordered the culvert (Kimberlin Road over Kurtz Creek) and had to down size it to get it in the right of way, it was supposed to be one piece and it arrived in 2 pieces so we'll have to measure it out. That construction starts on Monday and will be a one-week closure. Mikado Township will allow us to use the old ball field off Barlow Road to house some material so we'll be able to access it locally. Working on a lot of township agreements. Chair Somers asked why the MTF fund was down? Manager Campbell shared that it is still being discussed. CRA feels that it is going to come right back. A few reasons given included –some adjustments from the COVID money last year, new vehicle sales are down impacting new vehicle registration tax and fuel cost is up. They still don't know how much money the Pot for Potholes tax will create which is supposed to arrive in May.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Harvey asked if the header on the salt barn was done. Manager Campbell reported that it is not done but they are working on it. Harvey asked if

Campbell had found an excavator yet and the answer was no. Harvey went on to share his conversations with County Commissioners on having Bill Thompson come over for our meetings. Harvey said he could attend their meetings when Campbell wasn't available to try to improve communication between the Road Commission and the County.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Somers asked how they are coming on US23. Campbell stated that they are working on their cross culverts. Trying to do it in small sections. He did have a few complaints at a township meeting last night about all the traffic on Poor Farm and Walker Road.

Commissioner Scully asked about Quick Road and the culvert. A Frontier line was cut. The cable in question was improperly placed. Manager Campbell explained the claim that Frontier sent to us, which was forwarded to our insurance company. Scully stated that they just recently had other issues there with the lines.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 4:44pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on April 28, 2021 at 4:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant