

Alcona County Road Commission April 28, 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 on Wednesday, April 28, 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. Guests included Drew Milwrick, Heavy Equipment Operator.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the April 28, 2021 meeting agenda.
Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that the brush tractors are still out. Right now they are in Millen and Caledonia. We started on shoulder work here in Lincoln and worked our way out to F30, then west to Aspen Alley all the way to M65. The graders have been out on the seasonal forest service roads. He's had the durapatchers out when weather allows. The crew is getting their trucks, pans and other equipment set up for seal coating. Out at the Kimberlin Road culvert, have had a lot of material to move in and out of there to get the culvert set and the road back open. The gravel is scheduled for Friday. We'll be doing ditching next week and a couple culvert replacements coming up. One is on Taylor Road and the other is on DeCosta Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting as presented.
Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from April 28, 2021 in the amount of \$97,254.45
Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes
Motion Carries

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to County Commissioners was shared regarding County liaison

BUSINESS

Township Agreements

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept agreement GR2101 in the amount of \$75,786 GREENBUSH Township with the terms agreed upon.
Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes
Motion Carries

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept agreement GR2102 in the amount of \$13,680 with GREENBUSH Township with the terms agreed upon.

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept agreement GR2103 in the amount of \$12,647 with GREENBUSH Township with the terms agreed upon.

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

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept agreement HY2101 in the amount of \$22,565 with HAYNES Township with the terms agreed upon.

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

Land Surveying For Harrisville Pit

Chair Somers read the quote provided by John Oliver. Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the quote of \$1,750 from Alcona Area Land Survey to survey the Alcona County Road Commission property on M-72 where our pit is located.

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

Building Improvements

Manager Campbell provided the engineer estimate received for shed roof addition to the Pole Barn and the insulation and heating of the Pole Barn. Manager Campbell stated he wanted these two items on the agenda to explore if the board wanted to continue with the quote received or if they wanted to bid the projects out. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Scully stated he is not in favor of having the construction work done right now due to the current cost of building materials. Manager Campbell suggested we continue to have the technical drawings done so at least we have those when we do put it out for bids.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to allow manager to proceed with having the drawings prepared and to revisit the construction decision in 6 months.

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

Administrative Wages

Manager Campbell shared the administrative wages of comparable counties. The administrative wages are usually visited within a month of the union increases.

Discussion ensued including past practices and future options.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to give the administrative staff the same annual raise that the union received including changing the probationary period from two years to one year, effective May 1, 2021.

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell spoke about the wash barn, the contractors don't want to do the RFP replacement until there is ventilation in there. We're getting prices on the exhaust fans to be installed as well as being wired in with the steamer. They're also looking at changing the RFP to a different material to see what cost difference would be. We haven't done the fence line yet between the wash barn and the neighbor.

We did talk to one of the tree services and they were not interested in bidding on that at this time. Campbell will try to get some quotes for tree removal. Chair Somers asked if we had a traffic counter out on F41 – he’s noticed an uptick in traffic. Campbell stated he was made aware that the contractors called state police on unnecessary traffic driving thru US23 work zone as thru. Commissioner Scully asked about the electricity increase on our bill. Clerk Lavergne stated that the current gas bill that he referenced included catch up from January.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvey asked how the new hires were doing. Campbell stated they were doing good. Commissioner Harvey also asked if an excavator had been found yet. Campbell said no. Commissioner Scully asked if we have noticed any deterioration of the local roads during the construction. Both Campbell and Escareno stated that it’s not that bad.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 5:05pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on May 12, 2021 at 4:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant