

Alcona County Road Commission July 8, 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, July 8, 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 Scully, Somers to accept the July 8, 2020 meeting agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Escareno started with letting the board know that we are still waiting for delivery of stone for our seal coat projects. We started today in Caledonia Township for recycled asphalt on Gillard Road and Olson. Mowing for the State highways is complete now. They are out on the County roads now. Crews have been out blading on Hubbard Lake Trail and Sucker Creek Road, with the dry conditions, the chatter bumps have gotten pretty bad. Our project dura-patching is pretty much complete now. We've been working a lot on County maintenance and some other things we've had on the back burner. Cedar Lake Road ditching is completed. We have a couple of culverts that need to be replaced in the next couple of days; Alvin Road, north of Goddard and Quick Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the June 24 2020, meeting as amended to reflect that the discussion at the end during public comment from Commissioner Harvey was regarding the landfill, not the dam.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts on July 8, 2020 in the amount of \$93,575.66

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

3 Month Budget Vs Actual Report

Clerk LaVergne had provided each Commissioner for advance review a copy of the 3 month actual versus budgeted report.

BUSINESS

Guest Dan O'Connor – Alcona Community Schools Superintendent

Mr. O'Connor brought the board up to speed regarding the return to school in the Fall the different options that are being considered and the lost revenue this year due to COVID. He highlighted some of their responses during the closure at the school including giving away over 80,000 meals in the Grab and Go program and have received \$45,000 in grants for technology.

Mr. O'Connor then went on to explain the sinking fund renewal on the August ballot which will actually show as a *new* sinking fund to allow for technology and security to be purchased with the sinking fund per changes in the state's definition. Further discussion followed of what the funds would be used for. The second ballot item he explained is the Non-Homestead Renewal and its importance to the schools funding.

Furnace/AC/Hot Water Upgrade

Manager Campbell presented the one bid we received from Goyette. Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to accept the bid for a new furnace, air conditioner and hot water heater from Goyette in the amount of \$8,300.00.

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell announced that Dennis Scott was hired as an interim foreman until William returns to work and that we will start interviewing candidates for the laborer/truck driver position tomorrow. The Barlow Road closure starts Friday morning at 6:00am with the anticipation of a two-week closure. The concrete surface patch has been ordered for the 4001 bridge.

Manager Campbell let the board know that he will not be attending the August 12th Board Of Road Commissioners meeting. Manager Campbell will be sending an email out to the Townships to keep them informed about the shortage of 29A rock and it's impact on sealcoat project completion.

Commissioner Harvey asked about the Wash Barn. Campbell said we are still waiting for the tank which is in the construction phase now.

Commissioner Scully asked if anything additional has been done regarding the permits for Trask Lake Road. Campbell reported that there had not been.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

(Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 4:38pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on July 22, 2020

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant