

## **Alcona County Road Commission September 23, 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, September 23, 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 Somers to accept the September 23, 2020 meeting agenda with amendment to remove Hubbard Lake Trail from Business.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

none

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Escareno reported that we have worked on ditching in various locations of the county, Mikado Township and Hawes Township on some light drainage corrections. We're still doing some mowing on M65 North. In between that, we have some brush cutting and ditches, limb cutting on Hubbard Lake Trail for the gravel project and light balancing of pit run out. Still working on seal coating on F41 with fog seal as follows. Tomorrow we have another, close to, 10,000 gallons ordered and should finish to US 23 with fog seal on Friday.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2020 meeting as presented.

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

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from September 9, 2020 in the amount of \$224,505.23.

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

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts on September 23, 2020 in the amount of \$59,069.15

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **MCRC SIP 2020 Liability Funds**

Manager Campbell shared the letter announcing our \$23,288 net refund. It was agreed to obtain quotes to purchase safety jackets for the employees with a portion of these funds to be further discussed at the next meeting.

## Title VI Sub-Recipient Annual Certification Form – RE Civil Rights

### Welch Road – Steam tractor

Manager Campbell explained to the board that back in 2013, there was a buried steam tractor buried out on Welch Road. It will be up to the Township to have it removed, not the Road Commission.

## **BUSINESS**

### Employee Retirement

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the payout of 100% of accumulated vacation and sick hours for employee Richard Bugg upon his retirement in September 2020.

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

### F41/Black River Road Safety Improvements

Manager Campbell presented the letter from Alcona Township regarding the recent crashes at F41/Black River Road. While we do have a policy that states we do match 15% on primary roads. The question is if this is a road commission issue. He did contact Huron Engineering and they will be surveying and presenting the options. It was determined to wait for Huron Engineering's options and prices before any decision is made.

### Township Agreements

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept agreement AL2004 in the amount of \$13,229.00 with ALCONA Township with the terms agreed upon.

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept agreement CL2007 in the amount of \$13,229.00 with CALEDONIA Township with the terms agreed upon.

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

### Huron Pines Agreement – Kimberlin Road over Kurtz Creek

Manager Campbell explained the current start date is May 15<sup>th</sup>, they are trying to move it to April 15<sup>th</sup> as if it is May 15<sup>th</sup>, we probably won't be able to do the project. Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the Independent Contractor Agreement from Huron Pines PR161: Kimberlin Road over Kurtz Creek and authorize Managing Director Campbell to sign and submit the contract.

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

### 2020 and 2021 Seal Coat Projects

Manager Campbell opened discussion on our 2021 Seal Coat Projects. He explained we will have to do something different next year. Over 30 miles were not completed this year. We're already anticipating over 50 miles for next year. Having our own gravel train would have helped this year. We

don't have good enough equipment or the man-power and equipment let alone maintaining the rest of the roads. Options to look at include bidding some of it out, purchasing a new truck to haul our own stone, hiring additional staff. Manager Campbell will proceed with getting quotes on a truck, seal coat per mile, and a distributor for future meeting.

#### Updates to COVID Preparedness and Response Plan

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the updated COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan as presented.

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

#### Road Commission Funding Discussion

Manager Campbell explained that legislation had been passed several years ago that allowed road commission monies that were already designated for something in the future could be put into a short-term investment. It's not an investment for us to make money on, just to keep the money set aside and isolated for a specific project. The board discussed and had no further questions. Manager Campbell will get more information on investments for a future meeting.

#### **MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Manager Campbell started with explaining that the wash barn building is going well. He spoke with Bolen Asphalt on Cedar Lake Road and they have absolutely no problem completing the project this year. They did not provide a start date, but October 15<sup>th</sup> is their deadline. The furnace has not been finished. The AC still needs to be hooked up and an additional cold air return will be needed. The contractor for the wash barn is getting a price to remove the trees and replace the fence between or neighbor. Hubbard Lake Road seasonal, right now, he informed Huron Engineering, they will be doing the land parcel descriptions for the Right Of Way requirements so they can be signed off and presented to the Road Commission for the turn around to bring it out of seasonal designation. He spoke with Greenbush Township, they are looking to improve Coville Road, south of Wissmiller, and using asphalt millings to cap it for this year and then next year maybe pulverize it. Commissioner Scully asked about Adams Rd. Manager Campbell stated that the information was sent out to the property owner regarding the process to abandon the road so he could start the petition.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

none

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Harvey spoke about the County had picked up some money to keep them out of trouble this year. Discussion ensued whether a loan was made to the EMS or not. Commissioner Somers stated that he understood the Buckner farm sold at auction and asked if we have that road the way we

want it. Manager Campbell stated that unless Harrisville Township was willing to pay 75%, he didn't see any improvement. It would require pulverizing. The Dam is good. They're supposed to finish up the guard rail, repairing some cracks and finishing up some gravel and it should be opened up tonight.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 5:02pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on October 14, 2020

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Theodore Somers, Chairman  
Administrative Assistant

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