

Alcona County Road Commission July 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alcona County was called to order by Chairman Ted Somers at 6:00pm on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 301 N. Lake Street Lincoln, Michigan. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Mike Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Board Clerk Lori Grush. Vice-Chairman Harry Harvey absent. Guests included Carolyn Brummund.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to accept the July 14, 2021 meeting agenda as amended.

Motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Brummund presented and explained advertisement on the Michigan Forgotten Eagles event in Harrisville on August 5th. She also handed out two informational sheets regarding township funding thru the American Rescue Plan Act.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno stated that we used a couple days to catch up on some maintenance in the county. In the midst of that, we worked on some recycled asphalt projects and got back into fog seal today. We were able to finish up on the east side of the county and will start in Curtis Township next week. Crews have been out durapatching, blading when we can; it's either been too wet or too dry, mowing, tree clean up in Greenbush and Black River from the recent storm and some ditching in Curtis and Mitchell Townships. Commissioner Somers asked about a gouge in Spruce Road. Escareno had seen the spot, likely from a farm implement, and had already marked it for repair. Commissioner Scully also relayed a question from a property owner on Lakeshore Drive regarding drainage.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2021 meeting as presented.

Motion carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to approve payment of open accounts from July 14, 2021 in the amount of \$303,393.25

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Somers – yes

Motion carries

CORRESPONDENCE

The flyer for the CRA 2021 Commissioners Seminar on October 3-5, 2021 was presented along with the flyer for the CRA Northern Michigan Assoc. Of Road Commissioners Annual Conference on September 15-17.

BUSINESS

MCRCSIP Amicus Brief and Acknowledgment

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to support Amicus Brief in Ingham County, Et Al versus MCRCSIP and allow the managing director to sign the acknowledgement of intent to join form on behalf of the Alcona County Road Commission.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Somers – yes

Motion carries

Huron Engineering F41-F30 to M72 Rehabilitation Project Proposal for Construction Engineering Services

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully to accept the proposal for construction engineering services from Huron Engineering for the F41 Rehabilitation Project with a not to exceed price of \$79,000 and allow the managing director to sign on behalf of the Alcona County Road Commission.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Somers – yes

Motion carries

Huron Engineering Cedar Lake Road Rehabilitation Project Proposal for Design Services

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to accept the proposal for design services from Huron Engineering for the Cedar Lake Road Rehabilitation Project with a not to exceed price of \$14,500 and allow the managing director to sign on behalf of the Alcona County Road Commission.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Somers – yes

Motion carries

Exhibit B

Manager Campbell explained that the board already approved the updates that were highlighted at the last meeting with an amendment to the vacations. In reviewing, their request was already included in the exhibit, so it is just needing their signatures today.

Managing Director Contract

Manager Campbell shared the employment contract that was drafted by David Cook and just received today. Discussion ensued and the contract was tabled until the next meeting.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that the Bridge Inspections were completed and uploaded with the State Of Michigan. We do have one bridge on Hubert Road over the Thunder Bay River which rated in the poor category. This is another one that we'll need to look at for funding. We have not received the Union contract back yet. Campbell did meet the new representative for the union this week. The MCRC SIP meeting is next week and they'll be announcing this years refunds. We did have a complaint from Lakeshore Drive regarding the asphalt there to Black River Road and then the township received a complaint from the same gentleman about lowering the speed limit. Campbell will be placing speed counters out. He has had to order some new lights for the office. They are LED, so more expensive.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Brummund stated that at the Greenbush Township meeting it was asked if there was anything that we could do about Yukon Drive. The dust is bad and there were residents asking about dust control from the road commission. Both manager Campbell and Commissioner Somers shared that the road commission does not apply dust control but most of the townships have a cost share program available.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 6:44pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on July 28, 2021 at 4:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant