

## **Alcona County Road Commission October 13, 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 4:00pm on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 301 N. Lake Street Lincoln, Michigan. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Board Clerk Lori Grush. Guests present were: Sheila Phillips – Village Of Lincoln President, Chad Spitznagel – Harrisville Township Supervisor, Terry Small – Alcona County Commissioner, Craig Johnston, County Commissioner Liaison, Dr. Bob Turek, Rod Cordes – Hawes Township Supervisor, Jeff Somers - Millen Township Trustee, Nico Tucker – Transportation and Resource Planner NEMCOG.

### **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the October 13, 2021, meeting agenda as presented.

Motion carries

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

In the absence of the superintendent, Managing Director Campbell shared that the crews are trying to finish up walker road with asphalt millings today, working on the gravel project in Greenbush Township on S Poor Farm Road. Other than that, they are starting to prep for wintertime and still addressing a lot of trees.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2021, meeting as presented.

Motion carries

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

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from October 13, 2021, in the amount of \$406,465.64

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

Motion carries

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

CRA update letter regarding bridge funding was provided to the board. Discussion ensued on status of some of the bridges in the County and how the funds can be used. The CRA East Central Council Meeting scheduled for October 21, 2021, information and support documents were also provided to board.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution in Support of Vaccine Awareness and Medical Autonomy**

Chair Somers explained that a member of the community presented a resolution that he was asking us to sign at the last meeting. The board was advised by legal counsel

to take no stance for or against the resolution. The resolution will be taken in as correspondence, but no action will be taken one way or the other.

*The regular meeting was paused at 4:14pm for the Federal Transportation Project Hearing. The local RTF project proposal for 2022-2026 was approved by two of the three representatives of the local task force: Sheila Phillips of The Village of Lincoln and Harry Harvey of the ACRC. The representative for the Thunder Bay Transit Authority was not present. The Board Meeting reconvened at 4:37pm.*

#### Federal Transportation Project Hearing:

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the local RTF project proposal for 2022-2026 in accordance with requirements of the Fixing Americas Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act).

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey - yes, Somers – yes Motion carries

#### Building Improvements

Manager Campbell explained that this item was tabled for 6 months at April meeting due to higher construction material prices. Campbell would expect construction to begin mid 2022 once a bid is accepted.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the managing director to advertise for bids for the shed roof addition to the Pole Barn and the insulation and heating of the Pole Barn.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey - yes, Somers – yes Motion carries

#### Equipment Purchase

Manager Campbell explained that one of our dealers has acquired three new trucks. One has already sold. They are used vehicles. Like new out of California. It would be used for a water tank.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the managing director to put out advertisement for bids for a Tandem Axle Truck and/or if one is found to purchase with a not to exceed of \$30,000.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey - yes, Somers – yes Motion carries

#### Schedule 2<sup>nd</sup> Permit Workshop

Chair Somers explained to the audience that the purpose of the workshop was further discussion of our permit policy in an effort to streamline and update the process.

Moved by Scully, Harvey to schedule a board workshop for October 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm to discuss changes to our Permit Policy.

Motion carries

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

Manager Campbell informed the board that the F41 project from M72 to Mikado went really well. Contractors are finishing up guard rails and signage. The F41 Bridge project had been rejected for a short time due to funding requirements. We didn't have the funding included to cover the \$300,000 shortfall for the detour. It is all good

now and accepted. Campbell is hoping to extend the F41 for next year to get closer to Lost Lake entrance to show that the COVID dollars are used. He's been working on the 2022 budget. Manager Campbell doesn't want the office repairs that had been discussed in the past to be forgotten. He would like to work on those plans this winter. The wash barn repairs should start this week. Commissioner Scully asked if the COVID money came direct to us or to the County first. Campbell replied that it came direct to us.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Turek thanked the board and other community leaders in the audience for their consideration of the resolution. Dr. Turek then asked if the board would consider submitting a binding letter of support. Discussion ensued and Chair Somers stated again that nothing could be signed or submitted on behalf of the Road Commission. Craig Johnston spoke as a Harrisville Township resident suggesting that comparing our permit prices to other counties is not always the right thing to do. Discussion followed.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Scully shared that he and Chair Somers attended the CRA Commissioners meeting last week. Scully and Somers both agreed meetings were intense but excellent. Specifically talked about succession training.

### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 5:04pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on October 27, 2021, at 4:00pm

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Theodore Somers, Chairman

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Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant