

Alcona County Road Commission November 24, 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 2:00pm on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 301 N. Lake Street Lincoln, Michigan. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Superintendent Mike Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Board Clerk Lori Grush. Guests included Drew Milwrick.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully to accept the November 24, 2021, meeting agenda as amended with moving Financials to after Public Comment. Motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from November 10, 2021, in the amount of \$377,092.29

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

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from November 24, 2021, in the amount of \$892,551.35

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

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that the Hubbard Lake Trail gravel was finished including the final grade. We added 500 ton of 23A limestone from Wangler trucking to Bissonnette Rd. and Everette Rd.. The crews hauled all of the material from M65 shoulders that was stored in Curran to Hardy Grade to repair some log truck damage. We've done some guardrail repair before winter. Most of it was just broken end post, but there was some to repair from vehicle crashes both on state and county roads. Also, on-going tree clean up from wind damage county wide, ditching in multiple locations, the brush tractor has been out trimming roadside brush, and crews have been cleaning bridge decks of dirt, brush, etc so bridge drains are open for the winter. We will continue next week to complete the F-41 bridge, removing lots of dirt and concrete chunks. We'll need to close one lane of traffic and have traffic control while doing that. Salt is all in ready to go. All trucks were outfitted with snow removal equipment. We will be working on calibrating a few next week as we picked up the calibration scale from MOOT yesterday. Now we're just waiting on the snow.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2021, meeting as presented.

Motion carries

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2021, meeting as presented.

Motion carries

CORRESPONDENCE

Board was presented with correspondence regarding the State Of Michigan Pension Waiver Application Approval, Michael R. Kluck & Associates merger with Loomis, Ewert, Parsley, Davis & Gotting, P.C., letter regarding Amicus Support in Ingham County from Henn Lesperance PLC, and the CRA Upcoming Road Funding 101

BUSINESS

Schedule 2022 Budget Hearing

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to schedule the public 2022 Budget Hearing for Tuesday, December 21st, 2021 at 2:00pm. Discussion ensued about changing the regularly scheduled board meeting to be at 3:00pm on Tuesday, December 21st as well.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Managing Director Campbell not present

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvey stated that all the roads look good that he's been down. Discussion ensued between Superintendent Escareno, Commissioner Scully, Drew Milwrick and Commissioner Harvey about the beaver dam activity in the county.

Muriel Goddard arrived at 2:26pm

Commissioner Scully shared that he had been contacted by an employee regarding our prescription safety glasses reimbursement policy. The employee was asking them to consider reimbursement for transitional/progressive lenses which is currently not allowed in the policy. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to leave the Safety Glass Policy from 2003 as is.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – no Motion carries

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 2:42pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on December 8, 2021, at 3:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant

