

Alcona County Road Commission December 8, 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 3:01pm on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 301 N. Lake Street Lincoln, Michigan. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Mike Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Board Clerk Lori Grush. No guests were present

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the December 8, 2021, meeting agenda as presented.

Motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno updated the commissioners stating that crews have been working on guard rail repair on State and County roads, doing tree clean up, and have been steady with snow removal. Today is the third day out getting everything cleaned up after the last event. Have another storm coming along with predicted high winds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2021 meeting as amended with date correction.

Motion carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from December 8, 2021, in the amount of \$147,902.67

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

Motion carries

CORRESPONDENCE

Board was presented with correspondence regarding the 2022 CRA Highway Conference and Road Show in March.

BUSINESS

December 21 meeting clarification

Discussion ensued and Manager Campbell explained that this meeting would include the bid reading for the two pole barn bids and the Public Budget Hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to set the time of the December 21, 2021 Road Commission meeting to 2:00pm which will then be paused to hold the Public Hearing for our 2022 Budget.

Motion carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that the City Of Harrisville is requesting a contract with us for road improvements two days per year dura-patching holes. We do work for them occasionally when time permits. Manager Campbell is not for signing a contract but it is a board decision. He is concerned about doing it for one municipality and not others. Legal counsel, in the past, has cautioned us on what we can do without a contract. Campbell is compiling a potential list of projects for next year. He will have the township drive around in Spring. Trying something a little different this year, to have an itemized list early so Mike and William can direct crews out for prep work. Plan is to have crews do some gravel projects early in the year instead of waiting until Fall. Also, crews can brush trees, remove stumps, and do culvert repairs in winter in preparation of projects. The wash barn is completed. Vinyl walls are nice. Still want two wash guns but will probably have to wait until next year. Everyone is so busy right now. Campbell stated he attended the legal symposium yesterday in Mt. Pleasant. It was really good. They covered new laws pertaining to road abandonment, small dams, roads ending at lakes, and permits. Regarding project planning, Campbell stated that Alcona Township still has Woodhaven Subdivision. Huron Engineering is working on it and the surveying is done. There has been a real hard time estimating what materials will cost. Mike, William and Kenny interviewed three candidates today. Campbell shared with the board that a new desk will be ordered for the Clerk's office for more work room. Commissioner Scully asked about Rough Road signs on Kurtz Creek which Campbell stated would be removed. Commissioner Harvey mentioned to Superintendent Escareno about several large potholes on US23 in Harrisville for him to look at.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 3:29pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 2:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant

