

Alcona County Road Commission May 4, 2022 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, May 4, 2022 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. No guests were present.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to accept the May 4, 2022 meeting agenda with addition of US Forest Service Agreement under new business. Motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that the crack sealer is out. They've been out on F-41 from village and out to M72 and they are out on Black River Road now. It's been a few years since we've done it. He ordered emulsion and it arrived the other day. He has one machine hitting Somers, Miller, and Quick and the other machine is hitting potholes and other bad spots in the county. The graders have been out daily, a little tree brushing is being done, weight restrictions are off so we're able to do some ditching, the beavers are active so we've been trapping in a few locations, and a truck has been hauling with the gravel train for 29A for the yard here. Commissioner Scully commented on the supply chain issues we had last year and our expectations for this year. Escareno said he is working with Wangler's, hoping to get limestone project on Wissmiller and Poor Farm started in the next two weeks. The asphalt millings will be starting up on M65 on May 9th which puts us on Frutchey Ranch Road in Caledonia Township.

Vice Chairman Harry Harvey joined the meeting at 4:06pm

Chairman Somers inquired about the plan for crack sealing. Escareno shared that the crack sealing is about a month behind due to weather and Campbell interjected that it is prioritized based on future seal coat projects. Commissioner Somers asked if we had the man power to be hauling. Escarano stated that we do.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from April 27, 2022 in the amount of \$50,950.04

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Recap of 2022 Frost law activity by the Michigan State Police was shared with the board. Discussion ensued.

BUSINESS

Commissioner Per Diem

Commissioner Scully introduced the subject stating that there has not been an increase to the road commissioners pay since he has been on the board. Campbell stated they had sent a letter in the past to the County requesting a review of the wages and the request was denied. The board members discussed options regarding wages and per diem and how best to communicate with the County Board.

Employee Drew Milwrick stepped into the meeting to say hello to commissioners and then left.

Agreed to get opinion from legal counsel and research what other road commissioners earn and have that information at the next meeting.

ACRC Retirement Plan Trust

Manager Campbell stated that this document is renewed every 5 years thru The Standard. Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the Alcona County Road Commission Retirement Plan Trust and have all three commissioners plus the managing director sign the contract and then submit it. Motion carries

Township Agreements

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept agreement CL2201 for 23A limestone placed, graded, and compacted for 2.98 miles on Hubbard Lake Trail , CL2202 for single seal with fog seal for 1.49 miles on Hubbard Lake Road, CL2203 for single seal on .34 miles of Caledonia Street, .51 miles on Madison Avenue and .07 miles on Buckeye Street, and CL2205 for Recycled Asphalt placed, graded, compacted and pulverized on .80 miles of Fruchey Ranch Road with CALEDONIA Township with the terms agreed upon.

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to accept agreement GR2201 for single seal coat with fog seal for 3.73 mile of Cedar Lake Road, GR2202 for single seal coat with fog seal for 0.66 miles of Cedar Lake Drive, GR2203 for 22A limestone placed, shaped and compacted for 1.18miles of Poor Farm Road, and GR2204 for 22A limestone placed, shaped and compacted on 0.76miles of Wissmiller Road with GREENBUSH Township with the terms agreed upon.

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

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully to accept agreement GU2201 for single sealcoat with fog seal on 1.42miles of F-41 and GU2202 for single sealcoat with fog seal on 2.00miles of Hubbard Lake Road with GUSTIN Township with the terms agreed upon.

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

US Forest Service Contract

Manager Campbell explained that his is a five-year agreement but each year there is an addendum to adjust monies. This year change also allows for us to maintain recreational trails in the forest service if we want to. At this time, he has no interest. Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the manager and the chariman to sign and submit the USDA Forest Service Road Project Agreement #22-RO-11090400-024.

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

Act 51 Annual Financial Report

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the manager and the chariman to sign and submit the 2021 Act 51 report as presented.

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

Motion carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell F41 bridge project going really well. Ran into a snag, in a way. In the 1950's and 60's they used a spring style that held the concrete to the steel structure. It is in great shape so they will need to reweld some of the pins. There is culvert that is next to the bridge but is not a part of the bridge structure that started collapsing about 9-10 years ago. Removing it is almost impossible. Replacing it is very costly. Campbell will have quote to re-line it with concrete/fiber mixture at the next meeting. Township projects are going well. A lot of the townships have used their funds elsewhere so aren't able to complete some of the projects they had hoped to. Specifically, the RAP projects because we already purchased the material. He stated the Board may want to look at those projects next month to see if there is a way we can assist the townships in funding those projects. Campbell shared that he is applying for a grant for AuSable/ Aspen Alley for overlay. If the grant would allow for a 2-inch overlay, we may be able to tie it in to F32's all-season roadway.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Scully referenced back to the additional funding for the townships. He wants to make sure it is fair for all of the townships. Discussion ensued on if it would be a set dollar amount or equal mileage and if townships get to select the road that is improved or if it's selected by the Road Commission.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Vice-Chair at 5:09pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on May 25, 2022 at 4:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant