

Alcona County Road Commission July 13, 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 6:00pm on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 301 N Lake Street Lincoln, Michigan. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice-Chair Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Mike Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Board Clerk Lori Grush. Guest present: Bill Thompson, Alcona County Board Liaison.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the July 13, 2022 meeting agendas presented.

Motions Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Thompson shared that the ACOAA complex grant had been awarded and that the exercise held in Mio was very good. He shared that Consumers gave our county high marks and that our Road Superintendent and other emergency responders from our county were very knowledgeable and really contributed to the meeting. One suggestion coming out of the meeting is to have color coded signage of the evacuation in the event that there is a flood along the Au Sable. This would be uniform county to county. Also shared that there had been discussion on developing a prioritized check list of what needed to be done in the case of a flood event.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that mowing continues and that the state highways should be done by the weekend and then the mowers will move into Gustin and Mikado Townships. The durapatchers are out, in between seal coating when we can get materials, and Hubbard Lake Trail is being prepped for limestone placement which will begin Monday. We also had a culvert replacement on Beaton Road. In between he's had crews doing some general maintenance; gravel blading, tree cleanup and clearing visions. Commissioner Scully discussed road side signage with Superintendent and Chair Somers asked about the machine to pull gravel off of the road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2022 meeting as presented.

Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from July 13, 2022 in the amount of \$421,666.51

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

Motion Carries

CORRESPONDENCE

none

BUSINESS

Public Act 202 of 2017 - Resolution for Correction Action Plan

Clerk LaVergne explained that we had set aside \$13,000 last year for the underfunded pension liability. We had been told 40% of our liability was needed to be reserved but it is actually 60% so we still are underfunded by about \$5,000.00. The amount changes year to year

and there is no way to know what it will be down the road. The waiver is required to stay in compliance. The funds are needed to be set aside to cover the Health Care payment that goes to our retirees per our union contract.

Resolution #2022-006
PUBLIC ACT 202 OF 2017
RESOLUTION FOR CORRECTION ACTION PLAN

***WHEREAS**, in accordance with Public Act 202 of 2017 the Alcona County Road Commission has an underfunded status for Defined Benefit Pension as defined by the Act; and,*

***WHEREAS**, The Board of Alcona County Road Commissioners has reviewed the Correction Action Plan: Defined Benefit Pension Retirement System; and,*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Alcona County Road Commissioners approves the Corrective Action Plan.*

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to adopt Public Act 202 of 2017 Resolution For Correction Action Plan and authorize all three board members to sign the certification for submission.

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize transfer of additional \$5,000.00 to the Health Care Savings account from our general account.

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

Commissioner Wages

Chair Somers read the prepared letter.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve revised letter regarding the request for an increase to the commissioner’s salary and authorize the clerk to mail them. Motion Carries

Proposal for ARPA Funds From County

Manager Campbell explained 12 county road commissions have now received ARPA funds from their county. He provided a proposal to the board on his recommendation to request \$579,750.00 from the Alcona County ARPA fund balance. His calculations on what the road commission is requesting and how it would be disbursed for each township for road improvements is based entirely on mileage of each township. Not on population or tax base. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to authorize the managing director to draft and submit a letter to the County Board of Commissioners requesting ARPA funds.

Motion Carries

Township Agreements

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept agreement CL2204 for single sealcoat with fog seal for 1.38 miles on Hubbard Lake Road from township line north to Bay View Drive then west to Swede Rd. with CALEDONIA Township with the terms agreed upon.

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

MANAGING DIRECTORS REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that they have done the traffic switch on the Pine River bridge and will be working on the other lane. Today there was a tutorial online about the Lakeshore Drive Bridge Bundle Program on how the program will work. There currently is no outside engineering costs but a lot of inside work that will be required. The Woodhaven and Woodland Drive township is set to start August 1 and August 15. A letter went out and he’s had a lot of

feedback. He and the clerk will be attending the MCRC SIP conference in Mt. Pleasant next week. He did purchase a shop truck so we'll be going down to Hope, Mi to pick that up. The wells were tested in June and Huron Engineering is planning to have a representative here at our September meeting to go over results and discuss other at the DPW meeting. They did start on the pole barn lean to on Monday

Campbell stated that he'd like to schedule another board workshop to continue discussion on our policies. The board agreed to schedule it for August 27th at 2:00pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvey asked about the brine on Hubbard Lake Trail and the Black River Bridge project. Campbell shared that it will be a complete closure.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 6:55pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on July 27, 2022 at 4:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant