

Alcona County Road Commission October 12, 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, October 12, 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, County Commissioner liaison.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the October 12, 2022, meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Thompson shared with the board that the county board did add in DPW funds to the budget for the landfill. Also shared recap of events at the Alcona Fairgrounds.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that the crews have a little of everything going right now. They wrapped up mowing with another pass on F-41. That equipment is in for the winter and getting the brush equipment back out. We've done some guard rail work on Hunter's Lake and will have another in Mitchell Township on Dejarlis Road. That one we're just waiting on Miss Dig. He's had some drivers out blading county gravels and Forest Service roads, we used the last of the durapatch material so we got those cleaned and put away. We've addressed some shoulder gravel and wash outs, culvert replacement, and beaver detail. They are bad right now and we're seeing them in areas we've never had them before such as out on Mt. Maria Road. Our three new members head to Roscommon County tomorrow for winter training. We'll be prepping for winter the next couple weeks.

Commissioner Somers and Scully asked questions and discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from October 12, 2022, in the amount of \$372,289.36

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The East Central Council Meeting notice for 10-20-2022 in West Branch, their previous meeting minutes and legislative updates were shared.

BUSINESS

None

MANAGING DIRECTORS REPORT

Manager Campbell updated the board on the action he has taken on behalf of Mr. Page from Alcona Health who attended the last meeting. Campbell has been working with Frontier and DTE to confirm whether the line in question is dead. He asked Mike to speak with the resident from the Dejarlis Road complaint, we offered a guardrail and property owner seems

satisfied. The Woodhaven Subdivision project started Monday. There will be some people upset but everything is going good so far. They are having trouble with a gas line and old cable lines. They started trenching F30 this week, hoping for better weather. The John Deere skid steer has been delivered. Last Monday he attended the Millen Township meeting to discuss making a portion of Sanborn Road All Season. The mill is anticipating they could run 12 semi loads out and have 15 loads coming in year-round. He let the township know the road commissioners could vote to open it to all season traffic, but it will ruin the road. It is not built to All Season standards. The estimate to bring it up to standard is \$450,000 and it would require 50% township match and Hawes Township to chip in also. Another option is to open it selectively for parts of the season. The mill is going to look at alternative locations off M72 that they may be able to haul ½ loads to. Millen Township is also trying to raise the speed limit into Barton City. Campbell has already done two traffic studies thru there and the State Police are requesting another one at Montana Street. They base speed limit on what 85% of the drivers are driving so the state police may end up lowering the speed limit instead of raising it. Last night he attended Hawes Township and explained the Sanborn Road situation to them. He also attended to discuss Ritchie Road and Skunk Hollow intersection. The landowners are wanting to give right of way so the road can go straight thru. It would still require 75% township contribution. The truss ends on the pole barn lean to did get blocked off. Omega replaced the lights in the conference room today.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 4:25pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on October 26, at 4:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant