

Alcona County Road Commission November 23, 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 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at 301 N Lake Street Lincoln, Michigan. Chairman Somers opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Board Clerk Lori Grush. Guest present: Bill Thompson, County Commissioner liaison and Donna Scully of ~~Mikado~~ Millen Township.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to accept the November 23, 2022, meeting agenda as presented with addition of Huron Pines Funding Support. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Thompson shared that they have the County Wide Cleanup contracts for May 20th, 2023, ready, pending the commissioners' signatures. The grant for tire disposal has been submitted but no answer yet. The county has hired a consultant to work with PIE & G and the state now that they are moving forward on the fiber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2022, meeting with corrections. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Scully had questions regarding the expenses due to the damage to the grader. Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to approve payment of open accounts from November 10, 2022, in the amount of \$126,247.53
Roll call vote: Scully - yes, Somers – yes Motion Carries

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to approve payment of open accounts from November 22, 2022, in the amount of \$1,032,056.37
Roll call vote: Scully - yes, Somers – yes Motion Carries

CORRESPONDENCE

Information from the CRA “Will Work for Local Funding” and Legal Symposium seminar December 6th in Mt. Pleasant was provided to the board. Discussion ensued about the topics. Manager Campbell stated he would be attending, Neither Scully nor Somers would be able to make it.

BUSINESS

Huron Engineering Proposal for Spruce Road Design

Manager Campbell detailed the project utilizing Rural Task Force funds stating that it got moved up to 2023 from 2025. Total cost is estimated at \$680,000 . We have about \$300,000 in funds to use. This Huron Engineering contract has a not to exceed amount of \$79,00 for construction and design engineering. Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully to allow the Managing Director to enter into a contract with Huron Engineering & Surveying, Inc... for the Spruce Road Overlay Project Design Engineering Services from Hubbard Lake Road and US-23.

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

Huron Pines Funding Support

Manager Campbell explained that Huron Pines is seeking funding for four specific bridges in the county: North Branch of Black River at Black River Road, Black River at LaVergne Road, Black River at Beaton Road, and Black River at Trask Lake Road. They are just requesting Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to acknowledge support of Huron Pines efforts to secure funding for our local bridges and authorizes the Managing Director to sign and send the provided letter to Huron Pines.

Roll call vote: Scully - yes, Somers – yes

Motion Carries

Schedule Public Hearing for 2023 Budget

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully to schedule the 2023 Public Budget Hearing for Wednesday December 28th, 2022, at 2:30pm.

Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTORS REPORT

Manager Campbell began by sharing that the US23 reconstruction project from Sayers Road to Hubert for 2023 has been bid and let. Elmers was the lowest cost, but it has not been awarded yet. He's been asked to attend the public meeting on 29th at 5pm at Alcona Township regarding the detour. Elmers will be using our Spruce pit to dump debris, millings, and concrete. Only closing will be Sayers Road to Chippewa Point Road to do the intersection, the rest will remain open.

Our 2023 F41 project has been programmed with MDOT and is set for a January letting. The 2023 Cedar Lake urban project is also programmed and scheduled for a January letting. The Lakeshore Drive Bridge project still going but is having utilities trouble. There are lines present that no one is claiming. They did do an adjustment and added \$385,000 to the original \$4.2M for cost overages. The bridge project is programmed and must be in July 2023 letting for 2024 construction.

Woodhaven & Woodland are complete and the Townships have been billed. The cost was very near what was expected. There is a new employee that starts November 28th. Goodrich is not able to complete the driveway paving, the machines can't be kept up to temperature. He has a site inspection with Huron Pines on the 14th at all locations with Huron Engineering and DEQ official.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Scully inquired about if we will have a submission for the IMPRESS Awards. Manager Campbell will look into it. Commissioner Scully asked Chair Somers about gifts this year for the crew and about an employee that is out on sick leave. Scully also shared that he had a Glennie resident contacted him about grading and leaving the berm. Scully encouraged the resident to call the office or attend a meeting. Discussion began on changes in cost with commissioner's health insurance costs and costs in health insurance in general.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Thompson asked about the status of the permit for the Health Clinic to hook up their generator. Manager Campbell shared that they were given permission to proceed.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 1:50pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on December 14th at 3:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant