

Alcona County Road Commission October 11, 2023, 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 11, 2023, at 301 N. Lake Street Lincoln, Michigan with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Clerk Renee LaVergne, and Board Clerk Lori Grush. No guests were present.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the October 11, 2023, meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from October 11, 2023, in the amount of \$280,820.98

Roll call vote: Scully – Yes, Harvey - Yes, Somers – Yes Motion Carries

CORRESPONDENCE

The East Central Council Meeting announcement for Thursday, October 19th 9:30am was given to the board. Manager Campbell stated he will not be able to attend due to CRASIF Workshop. The board was also alerted that the 2023 Rural Task Force Meeting is Thursday, October 27th 10:00am meeting. The board also received a current Task Force spreadsheet of projects 2023 thru 2027. A working copy of the 2023 Township/ACRC Contracted Projects was given to the board. The only project still to do is the Coville Road pulverization which is scheduled for next week, weather pending.

BUSINESS

2024 Budget Discussion

Trucks: Manager Campbell provided printouts of proposed 2024 capital outlay. He explained what he has been told as far as delivery time frames when ordering equipment. He doesn't want them all in one budget year. Discussion ensued on skid steer, loader, tandems, and graders. There was in depth conversation on leasing versus buying a loader, the 950 model versus the 950 GC and discussed purchase options. Campbell will bring it back to the board for a motion to purchase at a future meeting.

The discussion then focused on tandem trucks.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the managing director to put out advertisement for bids for two Tandem Axle Trucks.

Roll call vote: Scully – Yes, Harvey - Yes, Somers – Yes Motion Carries

Building Improvements

Campbell shared that the plan is to finalize plans by the end of November. He hopes to have costs by February for approval.

Personnel

Manager Campbell approached the board about adding a foreman that would cover the fleet & facilities. Discussion followed. Campbell recommends putting this in effect immediately. He will interview from within first. There was no objection from the board.

Hubbard Lake Overlay Project – Huron Engineering Proposal

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to allow the Managing Director to enter into a contract with Huron Engineering & Surveying, Inc. for the Hubbard Lake Road Overlay Project Design & Construction Engineering Services from Ritchie Road to the North Hawes Township line.

Roll call vote: Scully – Yes, Harvey - Yes, Somers – Yes Motion Carries

Bamfield Road Overlay Project – Huron Engineering Proposal

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to allow the Managing Director to enter into a contract with Huron Engineering & Surveying, Inc. for the Bamfield Road Overlay Project Design & Construction Engineering Services from DeMott Road to AuSable Road.

Roll call vote: Scully – Yes, Harvey - Yes, Somers – Yes Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Manager Campbell began by stating that he is looking at selling some surplus equipment next year. One would be the tree farmer, bobcat, a couple trucks and a loader to help offset the cost of new equipment. The F41 and Spruce Road projects are completed except for signage. Pavement markings; still waiting for them to get up here and for good weather. Waiting on Wanglers for a few gravel projects. We finished McLean Road, used about 650 ton of gravel. That road is usually impassable in the spring. Coville Road will be pulverized next week. We will finish up the fall forest service maintenance next week. The visitor we had a couple meetings ago from south end of Hubbard Lake, did speak with his township and they approved at their meeting last night to request a cost estimate from Huron Engineering for surveying to realign the road. Campbell will work on our estimate.

Chris Scully of Hawes Township joined the meeting at 5:07pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Somers shared the positive feedback with Commissioner Harvey he heard about the work done on Tait Road and Bush Lane. Commissioner Harvey commented if we were to brush Sunny Lake Road it would really help.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 5:11pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 4:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant