

Alcona County Road Commission November 8, 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 3:00pm on Wednesday, November 8, 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, Superintendent Mike Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne, and Board Clerk Lori Grush. No guests were present.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the November 8 2023, meeting agenda with addition of Purchase a Pick Up truck under New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Escareno stated that the crew has been busy blading gravel roads and doing some tree cutting on School Road in Caledonia Township. They had to pause that work due to oak wilt guidelines. We have the MDOT loaned guard rail scuffer on M65, clearing material away from guardrails. It's doing a really great job. Also, have a brush machine on loan so doing brush control on M72 until Friday the 17th. Did some cleaning of catch basins, calibration of salters, cleaned out bulk tank, and beaver trapping. Chairman Somers spoke to Escareno about the end of Smith Road in Glennie.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2023, meeting minutes as amended.

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from November 8, 2023, in the amount of \$156,493.75

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

CORRESPONDENCE

CRA Legal Symposium, December 5, 2023 agenda was provided and a letter from Attorney Michael Kluck announces his move to a new firm was shared

BUSINESS

Surveying R.O.W. - Lake Street, Hawes Township

Manager Campbell reminded the board about the property owner that came and spoke to the board about the location of the road. The property owner did speak with Hawes Township and they had requested a quote to have it surveyed. They will meet again on Tuesday to discuss whether to proceed or not.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to authorize the managing director to proceed with the Survey Services from Huron Engineering for the Right of Way location on Lake Street in Hawes Township IF the Township board elects to proceed and we will pay 25% of the cost.

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

Dust Control – Bissonette Road, Curtis Township

Manager Campbell explained that several residents were upset that a driver bladed the dust control that had been applied on Bissonette Road.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the payment to C&S carriers for one application of dust control on Bissonette Road in the Spring of 2024.

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

Motion Carries

Fleet and Facilities Foreman

Manager Campbell provided the job description and qualifications for the position. His plan is to post it internally first and to have the position filled by January 1st.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to authorize the managing director to hire an additional administrative employee for the Road Commission.

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

Motion Carries

Purchase of Pick Up Truck

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the purchase of a new pick up truck.

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

Motion Carries

Purchase of Track Skid Steer thru SourceWell

Manager Campbell shared the specs of the proposed equipment.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the purchase of a Kubota Track Skid Steer thru SourceWell for \$79,751.86

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

Motion Carries

Purchase of Flagger System

Manager Campbell explained the safety features of the Wanco automatic flagger.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey the purchase of 2(two) Wanco Automated Flagger Assistance Devices thru Sherwin Industries, Inc. at a price of \$25,489.00.

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

Motion Carries

Schedule Public Hearing for 2024 Budget

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to schedule the 2024 Public Budget Hearing for Friday, December 22, 2023, at 2:15pm.

Motion Carries

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to reschedule the regular board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 27th to Friday, December 22nd at 2:00pm.

Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that on November 29th he has a Zoom meeting regarding the Lakeshore Bridge and the bridge bundle program.. They are still pushing back the four bridge applications we've submitted. He'll know more in December. He'll be picking up new tandem truck on Monday. It will be on the F-41 route. A new truck driver was hired and will start on December 4th. Campbell will have the bids at the November 22nd meeting that are received for tandem trucks

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 3:50pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 3:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant