

Alcona County Road Commission June 19, 2024, 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, June 19, 2024, at 113 Second Street Lincoln, Michigan with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Michael Escareno, Clerk Renee Lavergne, and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. Guest present included Carolyn Brummond-County Commissioner, Jennie Savoie-Curtis Township Trustee, Kevin Perry Curtis Township Supervisor

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the June 19, 2024, meeting agenda with the removal of Anderson, Tackman, & Co. representative presentation. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Brummond let the board know that Mikado Township did approve 4 road agreement contracts at their meeting last night. She provided a packet to each board meeting with local flyers and booklets. She referenced two letters regarding Cherry Capitol bringing broadband to our county. One letter is explanatory, the second letter is for county residents to complete and mail in to show their support of broadband.

Mr. Perry introduced himself to the board, Curtis Township does not have anything prepared for today.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared with the commissioners that the mowers are still out. We'll be having a couple guys out on Friday for some over time. Seal coat projects started on Tuesday. Started in Hawes and Haynes Townships and they'll head into Gustin Township tomorrow. Other than that, doing some ditching, gravel on Clark Road and Clark Road is complete.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from June 19, 2024, in the amount of \$120,434.49

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

Motion Carries

CORRESPONDENCE

The MCRCSIP 40th Annual Meeting Workshop 7-23 thru 7-25 flyer was given to the board. Manager Campbell will be going the morning of the 24th thru the 25th.

BUSINESS

2023 Financial Audit

Chair Somers stated again that the representative was not able to be there today. Explained the omission on the printed copy provided by Anderson, Tackman, & Co. and that the digital version they had previously received was correct. The binded copy had the correct page 7 inserted.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the Financial Audit of The Alcona Road Commission submitted by Anderson, Tackman, & Co. for the year ending December 31, 2023 with correction on page 7.

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

Motion Carries

MCRC SIP 2024 Board of Directors Election

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to allow Managing Director Campbell to complete the ballot on behalf of the Alcona County Road Commission for the 2024 MCRCSIP Board of Directors. Motion Carries

Engineering Reimbursement

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the board to sign and submit the Michigan Department of Transportation Engineering Reimbursement for \$10,000.

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

Motion Carries

Hubbard Lake Overlay Project – Huron Engineering Proposal

Manager Campbell began to present the overlay project proposals to the board. There were questions from the board regarding the not to exceed amount listed. Manager Campbell will clarify with Huron Engineering the correct amounts.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to table the Huron Engineering & Surveying, Inc. for Design and Construction Services for Hubbard Lake Road from M-72 to Ritchie Road Overlay Project and for AuSable Road from Bamfield Road to F4001 Overlay Project until the next meeting for further clarification.

Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell the conversation at the last meeting about using some of our own resources to overlay F-30/Glennie Road, from Stout to Kimberlin this year then overlay Kimberlin to North Lake Road. The Lake Shore Drive/Alcona Road would then be added to the STP project list. However, the current (PACER) ratings for Lake Shore Drive does not meet the STP (qualifications) for overlay. It falls into a reconstruction. The cost for a reconstruct is \$1.2 million where a overlay and wedge is \$714,000. If we did the overlay now, that would then bring the ratings up to qualify for a reconstruct. He has ordered quotes for wedging. He'll still have to do traffic study which will be required, not sure if it will be done for next meeting. Campbell stated he did not attend the RTF meeting, nothing to change yet. Pointe Road will be closed at Lake Shore Drive on July 8th for railroad. Campbell stated that when the railroad applied for it, he told them no road closures. Now he is told that is between us and the contractor hired for traffic control. We sold the lowboy, bobcat, Ford truck. He hopes to have the estimates for the large Hawes/Alcona/Caldonia pave project. He'll have to meet with all three townships. He is concerned about the project because of the Hubert Road bridge weight restrictions. Monday Campbell has the Greenbush Township drive around. Mikado's agreements have been signed, though one of theirs is contingent on Curtis Township approval as it is a dual jurisdiction road.

Commissioner Harvey commented on MDOT investing dollars in improvements to the corner of M72 and M65 but not fixing the existing problems. Commissioner Scully asked for update on Hubert Road Bridge. Campbell stated we won't hear anything until end of August or September on the grants.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Brummond commented that she hopes Alcona County generates lots of letters in support of the broadband.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Scully asked if there was any update on the \$500,000 investment. Campbell stated that there was not.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:44pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, July 17, at **4:00pm at the Gustin Township Hall.**

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant