

Alcona County Road Commission July 17, 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, July 17, 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 Craig Johnston-County Commissioner, Jennie Savoie- Curtis Township Trustee, Kevin Perry Curtis Township Supervisor, and Ken Talsma with Anderson, Tackman & Co.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the July 17, 2024, meeting agenda as presented.

Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Perry thanked Jesse Campbell for working with Curtis Township on their roads.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that the county wide mowing continues. They are down to Haynes and Black River, have worked some overtime to try to get caught up. Made some headway with brush tractor in Curtis Township. The last round of stone was ordered for Curtis Township. Tomorrow they'll be heading to Hubbard Lake Road, then Stout and F30. Only 20 more miles of seal coat to go before we start fog seal. In addition, we've been out with the durapatcher, doing some ditching, blading, and a had guard rail repair today.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2024, meeting as presented.

Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from July 3, 2024, in the amount of \$7,447.30.

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

Motion Carries

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from July 17, 2024, in the amount of \$501,387.17.

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

Motion Carries

CORRESPONDENCE

A CRA Letter explaining statewide permit fee suggestions was provided to the board. Further discussion took place. Manager Campell stated that he would like the board to schedule a permit workshop to discuss updating our permit policy.

A copy of Senate Bill No 465 regarding travel distance behind a snowplow was given to the board. The board and manager discussed how to communicate this to the public.

BUSINESS

Guest Ken Talsma – Anderson, Tackman, & Co - 2023 Financial Audit

Mr. Talsma explained to the board briefly the audit process. He stated the audit was an unmodified, or clean, audit for the year. He provided several graphs to the board regarding the 2023 audit, and he went through each one and any significant changes from previous year.

Guest arrived in meeting at 4:25pm

Mr. Talsma also explained the new GASB standards that will be in effect for the next audit. He suggested looking at ways to get a little more interest out of our investments. Discussion took place regarding investing road commission funds through the county treasurer, investment selection and timelines. Mr. Talsma suggested a joint meeting with the road commission, treasurer and county board. He offered to be a part of it as well.

Mr. Talsma left the meeting at 4:32pm

CRA Updates to Bylaws Ballot

Manager Campbell pointed out some of the key changes. Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to allow Managing Director Campbell to vote to adopt the suggested changes to the County Road Association's current Bylaws. Motion Carries

Hubbard Lake Overlay Project – Huron Engineering Proposal

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to allow the Managing Director to enter into a contract with Huron Engineering & Surveying, Inc. for the Hubbard Lake Overlay Project for Design and Construction Engineering Services with a not to exceed of \$44,000.

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

Ausable Road Overlay Project – Huron Engineering Proposal

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to allow the Managing Director to enter into a contract with Huron Engineering & Surveying, Inc. for the Ausable Overlay Project for Design and Construction Engineering Services with a not to exceed of \$60,000

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

Township Agreements

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the following agreement(s) with –MIKADO Township with the terms agreed upon:

- MK2401 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Kimberlin Road** from F30 south for .49 miles
- MK2402 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Goddard Road** from F41 west to Seasonal Road for 3.42 miles
- MK2403 for single seal coat with fog seal on **London Road** from Goddard Road north to Vandercook Road for 1.01 mile
- MK2404 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Michaud Road** from F41 west for .97 miles

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

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the following agreement(s) with – MITCHELL Township with the terms agreed upon:

- MT2401 for single seal coat with fog seal in **Crooked Lake Camp Site and Idlewild Subdivision** for 1.55 miles
- MT2402 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Reeves Road** from Tower Road south to M65 for 1.01 mile

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the following agreement(s) with – GREENBUSH Township with the terms agreed upon:

- GR2401 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Wissmiller Road** from Cedar Lake Road west to Poor Farm Road for .77 mile
- GR2402 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Ridley Road** from Cedar Lake Road west to Poor Farm Road 1.02 mile
- GR2403 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Coville Road** from F30 south to Wissmiller for 1.50 mile
- GR2404 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Poor Farm Road** from F30 north to Tait Road for .48mile

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

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the following agreement(s) with –CURTIS Township with the terms agreed upon:

- CU2401 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Kimberlin Road** from Clouse Road north for .49 mile
- CU2402 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Clouse Road** from Kimberlin Road west to Ford Road for .82 miles and **Ford Road** from Clouse south to Sawmill for 1.95 mile
- CU2403 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Rickel-Clouse Road** from Ford Road to F30 for 1.52 miles

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

Motion Carries

July 24th Meeting Cancellation

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to cancel the July 24th meeting.

Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell informed the board that the bridges he had submitted for grant funds were not selected. The Hubert Road Bridge is still under consideration for funding through the Bridge Program. Regarding the office addition, the gas line was moved today. Contractors are still a week and a half out before they can get started. He had received a request for a speed study on Trask Lake Road and he has submitted the data to the State Police. He has the equipment out on Lakeshore Drive for that speed study. The F30 project will be bid as a dual project.

Commissioner Harvey asked if Curtis Township had used all of their road money. Mr. Perry stated that they still want to address Bissonette Road. They are looking for options.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Sickner introduced himself.

Craig Johnson asked about the investment that was made for the road commission that was initially not from our account. Manager Campbell stated that it will remain as it is.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:59 pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, August 14th, at **4:00pm at the Gustin Township Hall.**

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant