

Alcona County Road Commission September 11, 2024, Public Hearing Minutes

A Public Hearing of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alcona County was held, at 113 Second Street Lincoln, Michigan at 4:15pm on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. 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. Guests present included Nico Tucker, NEMCOG, Sheila Phillips, Village of Lincoln President, and Anne Harmon, Mikado Township.

Manager Campbell asked Mr. Tucker to remind the board how the Rural Task Force works. He explained the process and the three local task force votes. The local task force will also represent the county at the regional task force meeting on October 18th. Manager Campbell shared with all attendees the list of roads he would like to use the federal funding for 2025-2029. The handout also contained eleven future or alternate road projects in the illustrative list. He also handed out the funds requested by Thunder Bay Transit Authority for equipment.

Task force members, Campbell and Phillips, both agreed to the suggested use of federal funding.

Alcona County Road Commission September 11, 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, September 11, 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 Nico Tucker, NEMCOG, Sheila Phillips, Village of Lincoln President, and Anne Harmon, Mikado Township Supervisor.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the September 11, 2024, meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that the Bean Hill Road project is now complete. Crews have been hauling material in to Healy Road and North Lake. In addition, they have been doing some ditching, durapatching, mowing continues on state routes, and we had some shoulder work last week. Commissioner Scully asked if we would be getting any of the milled asphalt from the US23 project. Manager Campbell said that we would not.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from September 11, 2024, in the amount of \$551,002.75.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BUSINESS

Schedule Permit Policy Hearing

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to schedule the Public Hearing regarding Permit Policies and Pricing for Wednesday, October 9th, 2024 at 4:15pm. Motion carries

Cancel/Reschedule October 23rd Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to cancel the October 23rd regular board meeting unless needed. Motion carries

Recess at 4:15 Public Hearing – Federal Transportation Projects Hearing

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to recess our regular meeting to open the Public Hearing on Federal Transportation Projects. Motion Carries

Niko Tucker left the meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to reconvene the regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission at 4:28pm. Motion Carries

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MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell gave an office update. The plumbers are there today and electrician was there on Monday. He will be meeting with Tom from Integrity Business Solutions regarding reconfiguring the existing desks. He met with Security Solutions last Wednesday regarding security options. They covered the public area, security doors, fire alarms, and camera systems. Campbell provided a copy of the draft permit pricing to the board members as was discussed at the workshop. On September 18th he has a meeting scheduled with Ken Talsma, the County Treasurer, Renee and County Commissioner from the county regarding the road commission investments. Bids are out for the F30 paving project. He will have them to read at the September 25th meeting. Hubbard Lake Road project is still open as the signage, pavement markings and shoulders still need to be completed. The Bamfield Road project is still open also. There is a sign that arrived incorrectly, so it had to be reordered. He's working with Greenbush Township who has requested solar powered radar signs and he is working with the school about a crosswalk, reduced speed and a flashing light on Barlow Road. The equipment we have that was purchased in 2014 to conduct speed studies is being discontinued. He is exploring options for new with NEMCOG. Commissioner Harvey commented about the concrete being added around the Alcona Dam.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Phillips thanked the board for the help that they provide to the village. Ms. Harmon inquired about the portion of F-30 that is being bid out. Manager Campbell answered her questions.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Scully thanked Ms. Phillips for the article in the newspaper that she is addressing the concerns of the public about the accessibility on Second Street in the Village.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:46pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, September 25, at **4:00pm at the Gustin Township Hall.**

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant