

Alcona County Road Commission December 19, 2024, Public Hearing Minutes

A public hearing was held by the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alcona County on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 113 Second Street Lincoln, Michigan. It was opened at 3:15pm by Chairman Ted Somers. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Michael Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne, and Board Clerk Lori Grush. Guests present included county resident Shane Bowman.

Manager Campbell reminded the board that the auditing firm has requested we show projects that have not been complete in the red. He pointed out a few areas on the budget and covered capitol outlay. Commissioner Harvey asked about local road projects. Campbell stated that that won't be known until he meets with the townships. Discussion followed.

Alcona County Road Commission December 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 3:00pm on Thursday, December 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 Board Clerk Lori Grush. Guests present included resident Shane Bowman and Craig Johnston Alcona County Commissioner liaison.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the December 19, 2024, meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

County Commissioner Liaison commented that all was fine with the county.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno reported that the ditch cleanout has continued in Millen Township on Condon and Bennett Road. The brush tractor has been out in Mitchell Township. In addition, the crews have been doing some ditching, tree clean up and roadside maintenance countywide. Today, they completed the installation of wings on the county trucks so we are ready for snow.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

Craig Johnston addressed the board and shared that the county board approved a new position in the treasurer's office. He has had a conversation with the county board chair regarding the issues we have been having. Discussion ensued.

Craig Johnston left the meeting

BUSINESS

2025 Budget Public Hearing:

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to recess the regular Alcona County Road Commission meeting at 3:15pm to hold the public hearing on the 2025 budget.

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

Recess

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to close the 2025 Budget Public Hearing and resume the regular meeting at 3:27pm.

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

Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Michael Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne, and Board Clerk Lori Grush. Guests present included resident Shane Bowman.

2024 Budget Amendments:

Revenue	2024 Budget	100 % of 2024 Budget	Amended Budget	2024 Proposed Budget Amend	Percentage of Budget Used
Licenses and Permits	\$20,473.50	\$20,473.50	\$24,568.44	\$4,094.94	120.00%
FEDERAL SOURCES					
Local Bridge Funds		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
STP	\$583,236.00	\$583,236.00	\$638,831.77	\$55,595.77	109.53%
Federal Urban Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Fed Huron Pines/Safety Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
STATE SOURCES					
Engineering	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Snow Removal Funds	\$38,575.57	\$38,575.57	\$42,498.19	\$3,922.62	110.17%
MTF Primary	\$2,965,714.70	\$2,965,714.70	\$3,050,497.91	\$84,783.21	102.86%
MTF Local	\$1,937,811.86	\$1,937,811.86	\$1,996,980.90	\$59,169.04	103.05%
Add'l State/Winter Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Other State Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
EDF FUNDS- State "D" Funds	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$96,677.26	\$34,677.26	155.93%
Forest Funds	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
State Local Bridge Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS					
Township Contributions	\$1,338,374.12	\$1,338,374.12	\$1,003,778.24	-\$334,595.88	75.00%
City Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Other Contributions	\$5,344.14	\$5,344.14	\$3,789.53	-\$1,554.61	70.91%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
State Trunkline Maintenance	\$624,627.62	\$624,627.62	\$694,323.52	\$69,695.90	111.16%
State Non-Maintenance	\$261,904.72	\$261,904.72	\$394,339.89	\$132,435.17	150.57%
Salvage Sales	\$1,488.25	\$1,488.25	\$6,568.00	\$5,079.75	441.32%
Interest Earned	\$20,736.26	\$20,736.26	\$62,682.98	\$41,946.72	302.29%
Sundry Refunds- Other	\$2,011.40	\$2,011.40	\$5,864.70	\$3,853.30	291.57%
Gain (Loss) Equip Sale	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$81,530.87	\$81,530.87	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$7,972,298.14	\$7,972,298.14	\$8,212,932.20	\$240,634.06	103.02%

	2024 Budget	100% of 2024 Budget	Amended Budget	2024 Proposed Budget Amend	Percentage of Budget Used
Expenditures					
PRIMARY ROAD					
Heavy Maint/Structures	\$2,706,651.92	\$2,706,651.92	\$1,917,501.10	\$789,150.82	70.84%
Routine Maintenance	\$603,773.18	\$603,773.18	\$620,759.14	-\$16,985.96	102.81%
Winter Maintenance	\$302,784.04	\$302,784.04	\$254,207.03	\$48,577.01	83.96%
Traffic Control	\$44,000.28	\$44,000.28	\$123,415.23	-\$79,414.95	280.49%
LOCAL ROAD					
Heavy Maint/Structures	\$1,169,758.08	\$1,169,758.08	\$1,416,539.33	-\$246,781.25	121.10%
Routine Maintenance	\$971,733.75	\$971,733.75	\$1,732,628.75	-\$760,895.00	178.30%
Winter Maintenance	\$264,016.88	\$264,016.88	\$194,508.43	\$69,508.45	73.67%
Traffic Control	\$24,718.21	\$24,718.21	\$67,013.53	-\$42,295.32	271.11%
State Trunkline Maintenance	\$624,627.62	\$624,627.62	\$756,560.77	-\$131,933.15	121.12%
State Non-Maintenance	\$261,904.72	\$261,904.72	\$394,339.89	-\$132,435.17	150.57%
EQUIPMENT EXP - NET					
Direct	\$1,172,225.64	\$1,172,225.64	\$1,138,483.61	\$33,742.03	97.12%
Indirect	\$400,709.00	\$400,709.00	\$569,144.09	-\$168,435.09	142.03%
Operating	\$299,476.32	\$299,476.32	\$255,086.17	\$44,390.15	85.18%
Less Equipment Rental CR.	-\$1,662,339.33	-\$1,662,339.33	-\$1,405,842.23	-\$256,497.10	84.57%
Administrative Expense Net	\$346,860.17	\$346,860.17	\$426,671.75	-\$79,811.58	123.01%
Interest Expense	\$23,384.08	\$23,384.08	\$23,569.85	-\$185.77	100.79%
Long Term Debt Payments	\$39,783.92	\$39,783.92	\$40,124.55	-\$340.63	100.86%
Capital Outlay	\$1,169,000.00	\$1,169,000.00	\$907,551.99	\$261,448.01	77.63%
Less Depreciation/Retirements	-\$855,126.50	-\$855,126.50	-\$738,957.58	-\$116,168.92	86.42%
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,907,941.98	\$7,907,941.98	\$8,693,305.40	-\$785,363.42	109.93%
Excess Revenue (Expenditures)	\$64,356.16	\$64,356.16	-\$480,373.20	-\$544,729.36	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$8,201,724.06	\$7,482,300.76	\$8,201,724.06	\$719,423.30	
Ending Fund Balance	\$8,266,080.22	\$7,546,656.92	\$7,721,350.86	\$174,693.94	

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the Alcona County Road Commission budget amendments for 2024 as presented:

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

Motion Carries

2025 Budget Resolution:

REVENUE	2022 Actual Revenue	2023 Actual Revenue	2025 Proposed Budget	
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Licenses/Permits	\$18,952.00	\$20,345.00	\$19,648.50	
Federal Category STP	\$588,319.27	\$988,309.36	\$576,000.00	(A)
Federal Urban Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(A)
Federal Huron Pines/Safety	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(B)
Engineering	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Snow Removal Funds	\$38,575.57	\$40,448.54	\$40,448.54	
Primary MTF	\$2,727,190.09	\$2,867,936.36	\$3,015,568.41	
Primary Urban MTF	\$93,146.86	\$98,068.72	\$103,116.98	
Local MTF	\$1,812,150.47	\$1,910,630.49	\$2,008,983.55	
Local Urban MTF	\$30,670.89	\$32,234.00	\$33,893.30	
Additional State MTF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Federal Bridge Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
EDF FUNDS				
EDF Funds - State "D" funds	\$84,004.30	\$84,948.26	\$78,984.00	(C)
Forest Category "E"	\$100,019.80	\$100,019.77	\$100,019.00	
Huron Pines/Loc Bridge Funds	\$1,479,111.45	\$73,849.67	\$418,200.00	(E)
Other State Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Township Contributions	\$1,187,481.34	\$1,354,272.40	\$1,055,649.00	(D)
Other Contributions	\$3,502.74	\$2,815.89	\$3,159.32	
CHARGE FOR SERVICES				
State Trunkline Maint.	\$613,842.37	\$582,852.68	\$598,347.53	
State Non-Maint.	\$234,018.00	\$31,321.87	\$132,669.94	
Salvage Sales	\$902.00	\$2,276.25	\$1,589.13	
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Interest	\$22,647.30	\$30,596.56	\$26,621.93	
Sundry Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Other	\$1,372.80	\$2,451.01	\$1,911.91	
Sale of Gravel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Gain (Loss) on Land & Equip	\$32,721.69	\$41,910.38	\$0.00	
Lease Purchase Proceeds	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$9,078,628.94	\$8,275,287.21	\$8,224,811.04	

EXPENDITURES	2022 Actual Expenditures	2023 Actual Expenditures	2025 Proposed Budget	
Primary Road				
Heavy Maintenance	\$2,474,100.55	\$2,298,984.24	\$2,045,020.00	(K)
Heavy Maintenance - Structures	\$1,778,001.71	\$108,811.52	\$990,576.95	
Heavy Maintenance - Safety	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(K)
Routine Maintenance	\$564,971.88	\$422,815.42	\$583,588.33	
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(F)
Winter Maintenance	\$323,474.20	\$296,656.81	\$325,568.78	
Traffic Control	\$42,612.51	\$45,055.87	\$46,025.90	
Local Road				
Heavy Maintenance	\$880,476.92	\$1,564,902.89	\$1,143,300.00	(G)
Heavy Maintenance - Structures	\$1,172.69	\$8,692.33	\$137,979.14	
Heavy Maintenance - Safety	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Routine Maintenance	\$1,087,249.68	\$1,359,535.83	\$1,284,562.39	
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(H)
Winter Maintenance	\$270,504.82	\$237,471.38	\$266,687.51	
Traffic Control	\$28,366.55	\$37,075.92	\$34,357.30	
State Trunkline Maintenance	\$620,288.37	\$608,606.68	\$598,347.53	
State Non-Maintenance	\$234,018.00	\$31,321.87	\$132,669.94	
Equipment Expense - Net				
Direct	\$1,074,587.38	\$1,032,173.29	\$1,106,049.35	
Indirect	\$410,488.87	\$414,309.25	\$433,019.01	
Operating	\$344,392.40	\$297,174.73	\$336,822.74	
Less Equipment Rental Credits	(\$1,660,461.78)	(\$1,805,014.65)	(\$1,819,375.13)	
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Administrative Expense - Net	\$334,311.62	\$388,408.88	\$379,428.26	
Interest Expense	\$27,837.13	\$25,676.66	\$20,951.30	
Long Term Debt Princ Payments	\$35,330.87	\$37,491.34	\$205,834.70	
Capital Outlay	\$468,652.60	\$914,181.81	\$748,386.00	(I)
Less Depreciation/Retirements	(\$815,945.79)	(\$768,468.16)	(\$792,206.98)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,524,431.18	\$7,555,863.91	\$8,207,593.02	
Excess Revenue (Expenditures)	\$554,197.76	\$719,423.30	\$17,218.02	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$6,928,103.00	\$7,482,300.76	\$8,266,080.22	
Ending Fund Balance	\$7,482,300.76	\$8,201,724.06	\$8,283,298.24	

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to adopt the 2025 budget as presented:

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

Motion Carries

**Board of Alcona County Road Commissioners
2025-01 Budget Resolution**

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be both the general appropriations resolution and the budget adoption resolution of the Alcona County Road Commission for the year ended December 31, 2025. This resolution adopts proposed revenues and expenditures as presented in the accompanying budget document. Total revenues are adopted as \$8,224,811.04, expenditures as \$8,207,593.02 with a proposed fund balance at December 31, 2025 of \$8,283,298.24 and;

WHEREAS, no Alcona County Road Commission member or employee of the commission shall expend any funds or obligate any expenditures except pursuant to appropriations authorized by the budget document. Changes in amounts appropriated by the Commission shall require approval of the Commission, and;

WHEREAS, Renee K. LaVergne, Account Clerk, is hereby charged with the general supervision of the execution of the budget adopted by the Commission, now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Account Clerk be allowed to adjust the budget after December 31, 2025 to modify the various revenue and expenditure accounts which cannot be accurately projected prior to year-end, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is to take effect immediately.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to adopt the Alcona County Road Commission Resolution 2025-01 as presented and read.

Motions Carries

Resolution is hereby adopted.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that the office addition project is nearing the end. There are some corrections to be made and the mechanical inspection required more cold air returns. We have a painter coming in and flooring to be completed in one of the old offices.

Regarding the Hubbard Lake Road and AuSable Road projects in 2025; MDOT no longer participates in local project guard rail replacements and the rails don't meet their height requirements. Campbell has contacted CRA for further research. They had not heard of it before. He spoke with the township supervisor and they are okay with changing the speed limit in Barton City. Spoke with Sheriff Stephenson about the traffic speed signs. He is asking for notification when we place any additional in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Harvey stated he had meeting with Consumers Power regarding solar power in Caledonia and Gustin Township. Harvey said he had asked them about the dams on the Ausable and they told him they might still be removed.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 3:41pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 3:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant