

Alcona County Road Commission January 22, 2025, 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, January 22, 2025 at 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Mike Escareno, and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. Guest present included Kevin Perry, Curtis Township Supervisor and Craig Johnston, Alcona County Commissioner liaison.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to accept the January 22, 2025 meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Perry stated he was working on their budget and requested numbers for Bissonnette Road and Pine Street. He asked a couple questions about the property that the road commission used to own that now belongs to the township. He also complimented the road crew plowing, particularly around Hunters Lake. Mr. Johnston shared gave an update on the high-speed internet.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that the M72 tree project is still going on and on Lakeshore Drive, they've done some ditching in Black River, snow removal and have patched a few potholes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2025 meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to approve payment of open accounts from January 22, 2025 in the amount of \$47,559.83.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BUSINESS

Reschedule/Cancel February 12th meeting

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to reschedule the regular meeting from February 12th meeting to Wednesday, February 5th. Motion Carries

Financial Audit Engagement Letter

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey to accept the Financial Audit Engagement letter from Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC and authorize the managing director to sign the agreement for our 2025 financial audit with a not to exceed price of \$10,000.

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

Security Improvements Audit

Manager Campbell asked the board if they wished to pursue security improvements to the original portion of the building now that the construction is completed. Discussion followed. The board agreed to pursue pricing on modifications to improve security for staff with an engineer.

Alcona County Road Commission Clerk Renee Lavergne arrived at 4:19pm.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell let the board know that the Federal Highway Administration is requiring Michigan to have load ratings on all bridges and Alcona was selected in 2025 and we have our bridge inspections due this year. Campbell will have a quote at the next meeting from Great Lakes Engineering out of Lansing . Union negotiations are starting and are open until April 1st.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:22pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, February 5th at 4:00pm.

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant