

Alcona County Road Commission April 9, 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, April 9, 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, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. Guests present included Kevin Perry, Curtis Township Supervisor, Craig Johnston, Alcona County Commissioner liaison, Craig Ostby, Mikado Township Supervisor.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to accept the April 9, 2025 meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Johnston gave update on the county's efforts after the storm.

4:06 Dan O'Connor, Alcona Schools Superintendent, joined the meeting

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that they had gotten some gravels bladed, ditching, and pothole patching done prior to the ice storm. Since then, it's been storm clean-up. Iosco County Road Commission has been here helping on our state highways and the National Guard has been working with us out in Curran, Spruce and Hubbard Lake areas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025 meeting as presented. Motion Carries

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to approve the special meeting minutes of the March 25, 2025 meeting as presented. Motion Carries

4:08pm Alcona County Road Commissioner Andrew Wright joined the meeting

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from March 26, 2025 in the amount of \$60,612.03

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to approve payment of open accounts from April 9, 2025 in the amount of \$179,686.33

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting packet for the East Central District Meeting scheduled for 4-17-2025 was provided to the board.

BUSINESS

Alcona Schools Millage – Guest Dan O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor thanked the road commission for their efforts over the last two weeks. He then addressed the board and the audience regarding the two upcoming millage renewals vote on

May 6, 2025. He explained the two items being voted on, existing projects the millages have paid for and future projects that are needed. Mr. O'Connor then answered questions.

Hubbard Lake Road Contract

Manager Campbell explained the project and shared with the board the results of the letting which has not yet been awarded.

4:36 Mr. O'Connor left the meeting

RESOLUTION 2025-003

HUBBARD LAKE ROAD RESURFACING FROM M72 TO RITCHIE ROAD

MDOT CONTRACT Number 25-5119

WHEREAS, *The Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners fully supports the efforts to secure State and Federal Local Road Funds for resurfacing of Hubbard Lake Road from M72 to Ritchie Road in Section 1 and 12, T26N, R7E Millen Township, Alcona County, Michigan and Section 6, and 7, T26N, R8E Gustin Township, Alcona County, Michigan and Section 36 T27N, R7E and Section 31 T27N, R8E Hawes Township, Alcona County, Michigan and*

WHEREAS, *the project includes hot mix asphalt work; including aggregate shoulders, permanent signing, and pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work; and*

WHEREAS, *the Alcona County Road Commissioners authorize Board Chair Ted Somers and Vice-Chair Harry Harvey to sign the document on behalf of the Alcona County Road Commission.*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners approve Michigan Department of Transportation Contract Number 25-5119*

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to accept Resolution 2025-003 regarding MDOT Contract #25-5119 for Hubbard Lake Road resurfacing and to authorize Chairman Ted Somers and Vice Chairman Harry Harvey to sign the contract.

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

Motion Carries

AuSable Road Contract

Manager Campbell explained the project and shared with the board the results of the letting which has not yet been awarded.

RESOLUTION 2025-004

SOUTH AuSABLE ROAD RESURFACING FROM BAMFIELD ROAD to F4001

MDOT CONTRACT Number 25-5118

WHEREAS, *The Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners fully supports the efforts to secure State and Federal Local Road Funds for resurfacing of South AuSable Road from Bamfield Road to F4001 in Section 3,10,11,12,13 and 14 T25N, R5E Curtis Township, Alcona County, Michigan and Section 28,33, and 34 T26N, R5E Mitchell Township, Alcona County, Michigan and*

WHEREAS, *the project includes hot mix asphalt work; including aggregate shoulders, permanent signing, and pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work; and*

WHEREAS, *the Alcona County Road Commissioners authorize Board Chair Ted Somers and Vice-Chair Harry Harvey to sign the document on behalf of the Alcona County Road Commission.*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners approve Michigan Department of Transportation Contract Number 25-5118*

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to accept Resolution 2025-004 regarding MDOT Contract #25-5118 for AuSable Road resurfacing and to authorize Chairman Ted Somers and Vice Chairman Harry Harvey to sign the contract.

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

Motion Carries

Attorney Retainer

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright that the Alcona County Road Commission use the services of Attorney David H. Cook for legal issues.

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

Motion Carries

Safety Boot Reimbursement Policy

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to rescind Policy #07202308 Safety Boot Reimbursement Policy as it is now included in the union contract.

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

Motion Carries

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to add a \$200 ANSI Z41 rated, boot allowance to Exhibit B: Alcona County Road Commission Salaried Employee benefits

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

Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that the county weight restrictions will be lifted on Monday the 14th. He has the township agreements for Haynes, they will be on for the next meeting. He has a meeting tomorrow to discuss alternatives for the Laverne Road bridge replacement. One resident is denying temporary easement and the funding is still subject. The Cruzen Road bridge is still one of the contenders for approval in the bridge bundling. Campbell has also submitted for other funding for the Cruzen Road bridge, the Lakeshore Drive bridge and Hubert Road bridge. Only 3 are allowed to be submitted. Campbell stated he will begin doing drive arounds with the townships. Has Millen and Hawes scheduled

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Perry asked when Curtis Township could expect their road agreements for this year. Manager Campbell is waiting for the frost to be out of the roads before doing the assessments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:54pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, April 23 at 4:00pm.

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant