

## **Alcona County Road Commission June 25, 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, June 25, 2025 at 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Andrew Wright, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Mike Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. Four guests were present.

### **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to accept the June 25, 2025 meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carries

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

**Superintendent** Escareno shared that the crew has been working on a little of everything since the last meeting. They've done some durapatching; getting ready for some seal coat projects and maintenance work. We've had a few guys out grass cutting. F41 has been mowed and now they are out on state highways. They have bladed some gravels, trees in seasonal roads are still being cleaned up from the ice storm and we started our seal coat program on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2025 meeting with spelling correction. Motion Carries

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to approve payment of open accounts from June 11, 2025 in the amount of \$54,241.99

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

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from June 25, 2025 in the amount of \$209,895.42

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The board was given information for the East Central District meeting on August 21 at 9:30am. Manager Campbell added that the August meeting is the legislative reception when all the representatives and senators are invited. The letter from MDOT regarding our 2023 State Trunkline Maintenance Contract Audit was provided.

### **BUSINESS**

**2024 Financial Audit- Guest Kenneth Talsma, Anderson, Tackman, & Co.**

Guest Mr. Talsma introduced his colleague Ariana Wolf who was the audit senior. He provided handouts to the board with graphs related to the audit and went over them. Mr. Talsma stated that the audit received an unmodified opinion which is a clean or good opinion. Chair Somers inquired about investment interest that we received from the county in 2024. Discussion ensued on whether that needed to be returned to the county and how that would work.

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to accept the Financial Audit of the Alcona Road Commission submitted by Anderson, Tackman, & Co. for the year ending December 31, 2024 as presented

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

Mr. Talsma, Ms. Wolf and County Commissioner liaison left the meeting at 4:26pm

#### Mt. Maria Road Overlay Bids

Manager Campbell opened and read the three bids received. One of the three envelopes did not contain bid sheets. Each bid was broken into amounts for each of the three townships affected.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to accept the Mt. Maria Road Overlay Project bids and leave the discretion of the final award up to the managing director after review.

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

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to allow the managing director to work with the affected townships for a two-year share agreement, if needed.

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

Commissioner liaison rejoined the meeting at 4:37pm

#### Engineering Reimbursement

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to authorize the board to sign and submit the Michigan Department of Transportation Engineering Reimbursement for \$10,000.

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

#### Township Agreements

Chair Somers abstained from this item due to his association with Gustin Township.

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve the following agreements with GUSTIN Township with the terms agreed upon:

- GU2501 for single sealcoat with fog seal on **F-41** for 4.0 miles from M72 south to Tait Road
- GU2502 for single sealcoat with fog seal on **SCHOOL DRIVE** for 528 feet from Barlow Road to the end

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to approve the following agreements with HARRISVILLE Township with the terms agreed upon:

- HR2501 for single sealcoat with fog seal on **POOR FARM ROAD** for 2.01 miles from Trask Lake Road to M72
- HR2502 for single sealcoat with fog seal on **CLARK ROAD** for 1.27 miles from US23 to seal coat and **PINE STREET** for .210 mile from US23 west to Clark Road.
- HR2503 for single sealcoat with fog seal on **ATCHISON ROAD** for .50 mile from M72 south to Clark Road
- HR2504 for single sealcoat with fog seal on **EVERETT ROAD** for .65 mile from M72 north to dead end
- HR2505 for single sealcoat with fog seal on **CARBIDE DRIVE** for .25 mile from Barlow Road east to end of asphalt

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

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve the following agreement with MIKADO Township with the terms agreed upon:

- MK2501 for single sealcoat with fog seal on **F-41** for 3.4 miles from Tait Road south to the Pine River Bridge

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

Motion Carries

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to approve the following agreement with MILLEN Township with the terms agreed upon:

- ML2501 for 23A applied to existing surface on **BEAN HILL ROAD** for .85 mile from Walker Road north to Trask Lake Road
- ML2502 for asphalt paving with shoulder gravel placement on **LOUIS LANE** for .106 mile from Trask Lake Road south to dead end

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

Motion Carries

#### MCRCSIP 2025 Board Of Directors Election

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to allow Managing Director Campbell to complete the ballot on behalf of the Alcona County Road Commission for the 2025 MCRCSIP Board of Directors.

Motion Carries

#### Administrative Salary Review

Manager Campbell explained the wage comparables he researched and made his recommendation.

Moved by Wright, Harvey to increase the superintendent, clerk, both foreman and the administrative assistant on July 1, 2025 and July 1, 2026, for the amounts discussed.

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

Motion Carries

#### MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell stated that the motor grader with the new transmission had to go back. It was missing a piece. He will have the grader and truck quotes at the next meeting. They are not bids. They are quotes thru Sourcewell. Campbell shared that we had two new employees start and he has the Greenbush Township drive around already scheduled. He is still needing to schedule Curtis and Mitchell Township. Mitchell is looking at adding gravel to Hubbard Lake Trail. Still working with Curtis Township on Bissonette Road and Pine Street. He still has work to do on agreements for Caledonia, Alcona, and Hawes Township. The paving on F30 is starting. Paving on AuSable Road has moved up to the week after the Fourth of July and Hubbard Lake Road paving is currently scheduled for the first week of August.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

#### ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:56pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 4:00pm.

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Theodore Somers, Chairman

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Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant