

Alcona County Road Commission October 8, 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, October 8, 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. One guest was present.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to accept the October 8, 2025, meeting agenda with the addition of Purchase Used Leased Motor Grader under business. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that they did shoulder gravel on M65 with Iosco County. We did some guard rail removal on M72 near Sanborn Road and had a guard rail repair in Curtis Township. Also did a culvert replacement on Baker Road in Glennie. In addition, they have done some ditching and durapatching in the county. They've also finished the gravel on Hubbard Lake Trail and Bean Hill Road. Now the crew is working on some bridge maintenance, including deck and drain clearing.

Commissioner Harvey asked about Hubbard Lake Trail from M65 to the bridge. Manager Campbell stated that it is done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from September 24, 2025, in the amount of \$456,047.32.

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to approve payment of open accounts from October 8, 2025, in the amount of \$226,337.75.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The information for the East Central District Meeting scheduled for 10-16-2025 was provided to the board. The Proposed Future Funding sheet, as a result of the recently passed state budget, was provided to the board. It is currently tentative. The new reporting requirements were briefly discussed.

BUSINESS

Purchase Used Leased Motor Grader

Manager Campbell shared that the lease ends December 20, 2025, on the motor grader that had the transmission replaced. He believes the purchase price will be around \$165,000.

Discussion ensued about comparables that are available for sale and future rotation of the equipment.

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve the purchase of the used leased motor grader when it becomes available.

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

Motion Carries

Oct. 22nd Meeting Cancellation

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to cancel the October 22nd regular commissioners meeting unless deemed that rescheduling is necessary.

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

Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell stated that he will send out information to the board for the next meeting regarding Miller Office Supply for an amount due that we have not been charged for over the past ten years. It is \$10,500.00 that we were not billed properly for. Campbell met with FEMA today; their last meeting is next Wednesday. There has been a transfer from FEMA to the state police and then the final review for submittal which is October 15th. The piles on one side of the Lavergne Road bridge were finished on Monday. The contractor was excavating yesterday for the piles on the other side. The contractors on Mt. Maria Road started last Friday. They are trenching shoulders today and plan to start paving on Saturday. The bridge is restricted so trucks have to drive all the way around. There have been some complaints about the speed of the semis on Hubbard Lake Road. Manager Campbell has spoken with the local police and the contractor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jenny Savoie from Curtis Township asked the superintendent for clarification on which culvert was worked on in Curtis Township. Superintendent explained that it was at the end of Baker Road and that it was due to a failure. She asked Manager Campbell what the new transportation budget would mean to the township and how they could help with the new requirements that were being put in place. Discussion followed.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvey asked about a new driveway going in on Mt. Maria hill.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:25pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 4:00pm.

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant