

Alcona County Road Commission June 5, 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 4:00pm on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 301 N. Lake 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 Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. Guest present included Bill Thompson from Harrisville Township.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the June 5, 2024, meeting agenda with the addition of CRASIF letter under correspondence. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Thompson informed the board that he is running for County Commissioner in District 2. This term he would like to focus on establishing a chamber of commerce or DDA that would benefit the whole county.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that the crew has been working on some gravel projects including Mt. Maria Hills. Five have been completed so far. There has been a mower out on F41 and then it will head out to the state routes. We still have one brush tractor out in Curtis Township. In addition, they have done some ditching, culvert replacement in the village, shoulder maintenance, blading, hauling in material, working with the beaver trappers, and tree removal here at the garage for our fence installation. Escareno stated it is planned to begin the seal coat projects the week of June 16th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from June 5, 2024, in the amount of \$247,789.09.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The CRASIF Dividend Distribution letter was given to the board.

BUSINESS

Township Agreements

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the following agreement(s) with – CALEDONIA Township as presented with the terms agreed upon:

- CL2401 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Swede Road** for 3.52 miles from Roe Road west to Hubbard Lake Road
- CL2402 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Gillard Road** for 1.0 mile from Swede Rad north to Spruce Road
- CL2403 for 23A limestone to existing surface on **Anderson Road** for 1.01 miles from Swede Road to Ludwig Road
- CL2404 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Lakeview Drive** for .44 mile from Hubert Road to Mt. Maria Road
- CL2405 for single seal coat with fog seal in Tollson Subdivision for .67 miles to include **Tina Drive** from Hubbard Lake Road to Franklin Street, **Franklin Street** from Tina Drive to dead end, and **Nora Street** from Franklin Street to Hubbard Lake Road

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the following agreement(s) with –GUSTIN Township as presented with the terms agreed upon:

- GU2401 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Barlow Road** for 1.49 miles from M72 south to Clemens Road
- GU2402 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Trask Lake Road** for 1.03 mile from F41 west to access drive
- GU2403 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Tait Road** for 1.0 miles from McConnell Road west to Cruzen
- GU2404 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Fowler Road** for 1.48 mile from Cruzen Road west

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the following agreement(s) with – HARRISVILLE Township as presented with the terms agreed upon:

- HR2401 to remove and replace an existing failed culvert on **Dean Road** approximately 200 feet west of Poor Farm Road
- HR2402 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Clemens Road** for 3.03 miles from Barlow Road east to Poor Farm Road
- HR2403 for single seal coat with fog seal on **McGregor Road** for 1.49 miles from M72 south to Clemens Road
- HR2404 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Barlow Road** for 1.51 miles from Clemens Road south to Procnier Road
- HR2405 for 23A limestone on **Clark Road** for .38 miles from Poor Farm Road west

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

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the following agreement(s) with –MILLEN Township as presented with the terms agreed upon:

- ML2401 for 23A limestone on existing surface on **Bean Hill Road** for .75 mile from M72 south
- ML2403 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Stout Road** for 2.06 miles from Fowler Road south

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

Approval to Bid for Asphalt Road Projects

Manager Campbell explained that he would like to move up the seal coat and overlay on a portion of F30 (North Lake Road to Stout Road) that is currently in the RTF 2026 plan, ourselves this year. He would like to asphalt it at least to Kimberlin Road. This will allow a portion of Ritchie Road to be moved up and to add Lakeshore Drive to 2027. He would also like to have Hubbard Lake Road seal coated this year from M72 to Trask Lake Road in preparation for next year's overlay.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the managing director to seek bids for 2024 asphalt road projects.

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

Administrative Wages

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey to approve a 3.5% salary increase effective July 1, 2024, for administrative staff.

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

July Board Meetings

Discussion took place regarding July meeting dates.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to reschedule the July 10th meeting to July 17th at 4:00pm .
Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that beginning June 18th we will be auctioning some equipment online on RangerBid.com. We will have them up for bid with a reserve. We are currently bidding on a used 2006 International tandem truck. This will replace our existing sign truck. The auction ends tomorrow. Waiting on gas line to be relocated for the office addition. He met with the Curtis Township road board and supervisor and has Greenbush Township scheduled on the 17th of June. We have an employee that has submitted his retirement letter. Campbell let the board know he is nearing 20,000 miles on his truck. He feels that they would not get much for selling his pickup and suggests keeping it longer and then passing it on to the crew fleet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Thompson asked that the board talk him up between now and the election. He spoke of the shrinking list of individuals running for local office.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Scully commented that he had hoped Mr. Thompson would run for Road Commissioner. Scully wished him well with his campaign.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:57pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, June 19th, at 4:00pm **at the Gustin Township Hall in Lincoln**

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant