

Alcona County Road Commission December 30, 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 2:00pm on Tuesday, December 30, 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. No guests were present.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to accept the December 30, 2025, meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that there has been steady snow removal right now. Chair Somers asked about the new grader. Escareno reported it is here and it's nice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2025, meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to approve payment of open accounts from December 30, 2025, in the amount of \$119,943.73.

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

Clerk LaVergne left the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The information for the East Central District Meeting on January 15, 2026, was provided.

BUSINESS

2025 Budget Amendments

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve the Alcona County Road Commission budget amendments for 2025 as presented:

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

2026 Budget Resolution

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to adopt the 2026 budget as presented:

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

**Alcona County Road Commission
Proposed Preliminary Budget Summary
For Year Ending December 31, 2026
(For Informational Purposes Only)**

REVENUE	2023 Actual Revenue	2024 Actual Revenue	2026 Proposed Budget
Licenses/Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal Category STP	\$20,345.00	\$22,898.44	\$21,621.72
Federal Urban Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 (A)
Federal Huron Pines/Safety	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$157,500.00 (B)
Engineering	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Snow Removal Funds	\$40,448.54	\$42,498.19	\$42,498.19
Primary MTF	\$2,867,936.36	\$2,930,728.59	\$3,074,451.59
Primary Urban MTF	\$98,068.72	\$99,877.53	\$104,775.53
Local MTF	\$1,910,630.49	\$1,949,882.77	\$2,045,505.07
Local Urban MTF	\$32,234.00	\$32,828.52	\$34,438.42
Additional State MTF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal Bridge Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EDF FUNDS			
EDF Funds - State "D" funds	\$84,948.26	\$96,677.26	\$0.00 (C)
Forest Category "E"	\$100,019.77	\$100,023.83	\$100,023.00
Huron Pines/Loc Bridge Funds	\$73,849.67	\$0.00	\$268,250.00 (E)
Other State Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Township Contributions	\$1,354,272.40	\$1,003,778.24	\$1,099,337.00 (D)
Other Contributions	\$2,815.89	\$4,192.40	\$3,504.15
CHARGE FOR SERVICES			
State Trunkline Maint.	\$582,852.68	\$755,717.68	\$669,285.18
State Non-Maint.	\$31,321.87	\$394,339.89	\$212,830.88
Salvage Sales	\$2,276.25	\$6,969.00	\$4,622.63
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$30,596.56	\$62,686.98	\$46,641.77
Sundry Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$2,451.01	\$5,898.70	\$4,174.86
Sale of Gravel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gain (Loss) on Land & Equip	\$41,910.38	\$83,972.78	\$0.00
Lease Purchase Proceeds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8,275,287.21	\$8,241,828.55	\$8,487,459.99

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EXPENDITURES	2023 Actual Expenditures	2024 Actual Expenditures	2026 Proposed Budget	
Primary Road				
Heavy Maintenance	\$2,298,984.24	\$1,596,086.74	\$2,516,790.00	(K)
Heavy Maintenance - Structures	\$108,811.52	\$1,470.63	\$57,898.13	
Heavy Maintenance - Safety	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185,000.00	(K)
Routine Maintenance	\$422,815.42	\$475,943.76	\$577,848.57	
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(F)
Winter Maintenance	\$296,656.81	\$302,520.47	\$314,568.07	
Traffic Control	\$45,055.87	\$81,276.61	\$66,324.55	
Local Road				
Heavy Maintenance	\$1,564,902.89	\$1,169,318.86	\$1,386,037.00	(G)
Heavy Maintenance - Structures	\$8,692.33	\$6,188.39	\$7,812.38	
Heavy Maintenance - Safety	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Routine Maintenance	\$1,359,535.83	\$1,379,113.06	\$1,437,790.67	
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(H)
Winter Maintenance	\$237,471.38	\$219,246.54	\$239,776.91	
Traffic Control	\$37,075.92	\$36,171.41	\$38,454.85	
State Trunkline Maintenance	\$608,606.68	\$749,176.68	\$669,285.18	
State Non-Maintenance	\$31,321.87	\$394,339.89	\$212,830.88	
Equipment Expense - Net				
Direct	\$1,032,173.29	\$1,230,331.86	\$1,187,815.20	
Indirect	\$414,309.25	\$462,211.32	\$460,173.30	
Operating	\$297,174.73	\$263,949.51	\$294,590.23	
Less Equipment Rental Credits	(\$1,805,014.65)	(\$1,815,528.80)	(\$1,900,785.31)	
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Administrative Expense - Net	\$388,408.88	\$370,981.76	\$398,680.09	
Interest Expense	\$25,676.66	\$23,384.08	\$0.00	
Long Term Debt Princ Payments	\$37,491.34	\$39,783.92	\$0.00	
Capital Outlay	\$914,181.81	\$960,666.63	\$1,160,786.00	(I)
Less Depreciation/Retirements	(\$768,468.16)	(\$920,814.68)	(\$844,641.42)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,555,863.91	\$7,025,818.64	\$8,467,035.28	
Excess Revenue (Expenditures)	\$719,423.30	\$1,216,009.91	\$20,424.71	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$7,482,300.76	\$8,201,724.06	\$9,434,951.99	
Ending Fund Balance	\$8,201,724.06	\$9,417,733.97	\$9,455,376.69	

**Board of Alcona County Road Commissioners
2026-01 Budget Resolution**

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be both the general appropriations resolution and the budget adoption resolution of the Alcona County Road Commission for the year ended December 31, 2026. This resolution adopts proposed revenues and expenditures as presented in the accompanying budget document. Total revenues are adopted as \$8,487,459.99, expenditures as \$8,467,035.28 with a proposed fund balance at December 31, 2026 of \$9,455,376.69 and;

WHEREAS, no Alcona County Road Commission member or employee of the commission shall expend any funds or obligate any expenditures except pursuant to appropriations authorized by the budget document. Changes in amounts appropriated by the Commission shall require approval of the Commission, and;

WHEREAS, Renee K. LaVergne, Account Clerk, is hereby charged with the general supervision of the execution of the budget adopted by the Commission, now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Account Clerk be allowed to adjust the budget after December 31, 2026 to modify the various revenue and expenditure accounts which cannot be accurately projected prior to year-end, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is to take effect immediately.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to adopt the Alcona County Road Commission Resolution 2026-01 as presented and read.

Roll call vote: Wright - yes, Harvey - yes, Somers - yes Motion Carries
Resolution is hereby adopted.

Audit Service Proposals

Chair Somers confirmed that two proposals had been received. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to accept the agreement with Stephenson & Company, P.C. auditing services for year ending 2025, 2026, and 2027.

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

Employer HSA Contribution

Manager Campbell initiated discussion on whether the board was interested in making contribution to employee HSA accounts.

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to authorize the road Commission to contribute \$500.00 for single covered employees and \$1,000.00 for family covered employees into the Health Savings Accounts that are established by the employee. This is to be paid out each pay period during 2026.

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell updated the board that the MTF is down a little over \$79,000. February will be the same. March should table off. Catch up on it won't be until the end of the year. He is still working on the road funding agreement with Consumers Energy. Submitting another draft.

He is still waiting to hear from the state police regarding the ice storm reimbursement. The holiday training party went well and the gifts were appreciated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 2:33pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 4:00pm.

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant