

Alcona County Road Commission January 14, 2026 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, January 14, 2026, 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 January 14, 2026 meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alcona County Commissioner Craig Johnston shared with the board that Ken is working with Sheila for the plan on the interest issue. He also requested that our board develop a policy to allow the Drain Commissioner to use Road Commission equipment instead of the county having to rent the equipment. Manager Campbell mentioned possible legislation that would transfer the drain commissioner and DPW responsibilities back to the county. Discussion ensued. Chair Somers said they would look at it again. Manager Campbell also spoke of the county commissioner's wage oversight and let Mr. Johnston know that the road commission had changed auditors for the next three years.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno said the crew has been addressing the rollercoaster of weather. In between they have done some tractor brushing in Gustin and Haynes Townships, tree cutting on Lakeshore Drive, ditching in Caledonia Township and refilling the sand shed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright approve the minutes of the December 30, 2025 meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from January 14, 2026 in the amount of \$461,962.23

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The agendas for the CRA conference, March 24 -26 and the Commissioners in the classroom on February 17 were provided to the board.

BUSINESS

Organization:

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright that Commissioner Somers be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

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

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Wright that Commissioner Harvey be elected Vice-chairman for the ensuing year.

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

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey that the depositories for the Road Commission be Huron Community Bank and Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union.

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright that the Administrative Assistant or Account Clerk to be pre-authorized to pay payrolls when due for the ensuing year.

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

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey that for the purpose of administering the Road Commission budget in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, the following provisions be adopted:

1. Jesse J. Campbell, Managing Director, is designated as Chief Administrative Officer and Renee K. LaVergne, Account Clerk, is designated as Fiscal Officer.
2. The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to transfer up to 25 percent of a line-item amount approved in the Road Commission budget to another line item without prior approval, but subject to approval of the Board of County Road Commissioners at their next regular Board meeting.
3. The expenditure amounts approved in the Road Commission budget for Distributive Expense shall be allocated to the various other expenditure line items in the same proportion as the allocation of actual Distributive Expense after year end for preparation of the Act 51 report.

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright that the regular board meetings for 2026 be on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm. All meetings are to be held at the Road Commission office, Lincoln, Michigan unless otherwise posted.

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

Employee Assistance Program 2026 Contract Renewal

Manager Campbell explained the differences in the contract for this year.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to accept the Catholic Human Services Employee Assistance Program for 2026 at the rate of \$100.00 per one hour session with a maximum of 5 sessions.

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

State Police Seasonal Weight Restriction Contract

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to accept the state police contract for seasonal weight restriction enforcement and authorize the managing director to sign it.

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

Mr. Johnston left the meeting

Material Bid Extensions for 2026

Asphalt Emulsion - Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to accept the letter from Michigan Paving & Materials Co. to extend their 2025 emulsified asphalt prices through the 2026 season.

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

Approval to Advertise for 2026 Material Bids

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve the advertisement for bids for material to be purchased in 2026, all bids are due Monday, February 23, 2026 by 4:00pm and will be presented at the February 25, 2026 board meeting. Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell began his report stating there has been no movement on the ice storm funds. He is working with the National Highway Administration to change the classification of Sanborn Road and Trask Lake Road to Stout Road from minor arterial to major collector. This would change the funding that is available. February 1st is the deadline. He submitted it for review to see if it would qualify. If it does, he will need a resolution approved at the next board meeting that states the board supports the change.

Staff worked on the HSA deduction. Scott Rice put in for generators and has asked that we house them for 30 days pending their distribution. They are supposed to arrive at the end of January. Campbell has been working every day on permitting for solar. There is also a very large fiber optic project that he is working on. The company may attend a meeting to discuss permit fees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

none

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:39pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 4:00pm.

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant