

Alcona County Road Commission February 11, 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, February 11, 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, and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. No guests were present.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to accept the February 11, 2026 meeting agenda with the addition of the Superintendent's Report after the first public comment.

Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that the crews have been busy doing some ditching and tree cutting along Lake Shore Drive. Also some sign installation, more tree cutting on M65 and Hubert Road and both brush tractors have been out.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026 meeting as presented.

Motion Carries

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey approve the minutes of cancellation at the January 28, 2026 meeting as presented.

Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from January 28, 2026 in the amount of \$91,114.52.

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

Motion Carries

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to approve payment of open accounts from February 3, 2026 in the amount of \$41,612.00.

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

Motion Carries

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from February 11, 2026 in the amount of \$41,509.64.

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

Motion Carries

CORRESPONDENCE

The MDOT Bridge Program Structure 13 (Hubert Road over Thunder Bay River) Inclusion Letter was provided to the board. The Bid Letting Results for the AuSable Road - Aspen Alley.

BUSINESS

USDA Beaver Control Contract

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to accept the service agreement with the US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services to provide necessary services to mitigate or prevent damage caused by beaver or muskrats to roads, bridges, culverts and related structures owned/controlled by Alcona County Road Commission for the 2026 year and authorize the managing director to sign and submit the contract.

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

Motion Carries

Resolution for National Function Class Change – Sanborn and Trask Lake Roads

Manager Campbell explained the process for the change.

**RESOLUTION 2026-002
Resolution To Change Highway
National Functional Classification**

WHEREAS, a comprehensive functional classification system and boundary review is conducted in the State of Michigan known as the National Functional Classification (NFC) system; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) conducts the functional classification and boundary review process in cooperation of municipal (city and village) stakeholders. This classification system has seven classifications based on mobility function; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with federal regulations established by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under 23 CFR 470.103 and 470.105, proposed changes to the functional classification system must be approved by the appropriate road commission, city council, or village board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alcona County Road Commission Board hereby supports reclassifying Sanborn Road and a portion of Trask Lake Road in Millen Township and Hawes Township, Alcona County, Michigan, from **Minor Collector** to **Major Collector**, thereby making this portion of roadway eligible for federal aid funding through the Surface Transportation Program; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to accept Resolution 2026-002 as read.

Motion Carries

CRA Board Of Directors Ballot

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to accept the ballot and allow the Managing Director Campbell to complete the ballots on behalf of the Alcona County Road Commission for the 2026 CRA Board of Directors.

Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that he met with the new auditors this week. They will be here the week of March 9th to do our audit.

County Board liaison Craig Johnston joined the meeting.

Campbell had some consultation on the Harrisville fiber but nothing from Brightspeed yet. Weight restrictions look to be still two weeks out. Bought two used trucks and a shoulder machine. The Consumer's poles have been moved back where they should be. The Marijuana tax we will not see this year. The CIT tax we will still see this year around the third or fourth quarter this year. There will be all new reporting guidelines as the NRF won't be included in the MTF check

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alcona County Board liaison Johnston shared that they are looking to hire an executive secretary at the county building. They received 26 applications. Discussion took place on the status of solar in the county.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:28pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 4:00pm.

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant