

Alcona County Road Commission March 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, March 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. Guest present included County Commissioner liaison Craig Johnston and ACRC Fleet and Facilities Foreman Ken LaLonde.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to accept the March 11, 2026, meeting agenda with the additions of Superintendents Report after the first public comment and the Bridge Funding Resolution and Grant Application Resolution under new business. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Johnston shared that the county board did hire an executive secretary. He also spoke of the solar projects in the county. Conversation took place.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that both brush tractors have been out, the crew has done quite a bit of ditching and tree cutting. We were able to grade a few of the gravel roads before it got too wet and had a patching crew out addressing some potholes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2025 meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from March 11, 2026 in the amount of \$60,327.04.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The MDOT National Bridge Inspection Standards Program letter and Spicer Group – Notification of Prime Consultant letter for Bridge Program were provided to the board.

BUSINESS

Purchase of New Pickup Truck

Manager Campbell briefed the board on the new quotes received. Discussion followed.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to accept the quotes received and authorize the Managing Director to purchase one of the pickups.

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

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Wright to rescind the motion made on February 25, 2026 authorizing the Managing Director to purchase the one-ton pickup truck from Alcona Motors due to the cost difference in the quoted price.

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

Purchase of New Loader from SourceWell

Manager Campbell provided the quote from SourceWell which included the trade-in information. The loader is actually here now as a demo.

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve the purchase of a CAT 950 loader through SourceWell for price of \$252,746.20 which includes the trade-in of our old loader.

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

Bridge Funding Resolution

Manager Campbell explained that he was going to hold off this year but doesn't want to miss an opportunity for funding.

RESOLUTION 2026-004
Bridge Funding Support

WHEREAS, The Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners fully supports the efforts to secure State and Federal Local Bridge Program Funds for replacement or preventative maintenance of the bridges in Alcona County

WHEREAS, the Alcona County Road Commission will participate in funding the local share of project costs; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners approve the bridge replacement or preventative maintenance of any bridge structure in Alcona County, Michigan.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to adopt Resolution 2026-004 for bridge funding support.

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

Grant Application Resolution – South Branch/Curtisville Road over Smith Creek

Manager Campbell explained that the EGLE High Water Infrastructure Program may have over a million dollars in surplus funds that were left from savings on previous projects.

Discussion followed.

RESOLUTION 2026-005

Grant Application for South Branch/Curtisville Road over Smith Creek

WHEREAS, The Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners fully supports the efforts to secure available funding for replacement or preventative maintenance of the bridges and culverts in Alcona County

WHEREAS, the crossing of South Branch Road/Curtisville Road over Smith Creek located between Sections 30 and 29, T25N, R5E, in Curtis Township, Alcona County, Michigan is in danger of failure and requires replacement

WHEREAS, the crossing of South Branch Road/Curtisville Road over Smith Creek is vital in the connectivity for motorists traveling in the southwest area of Alcona County and the culvert failure poses a danger to the public, infrastructure, and would have negative environmental impacts to the area including erosion, flooding, and impeding the natural aquatic life habitat

WHEREAS, funding is available from the U.S. Department of Commerce through the Water Resources Division of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated to be \$200,000, 80 percent of which would be funded through the Water Resources Division and 20 percent would be local match

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alcona County Road Commission approves the submission of the grant application to the Water Resources Division in the amount of \$200,000 for the improvements to the South Branch Road/Curtisville Road over Smith Creek crossing and commits that the local match shall be provided if the project is funded

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to adopt Resolution 2026-005 in support of applying for grant funds to replace the culvert at the South Branch Road/Curtisville Road over Smith Creek crossing.

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

Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Manager Campbell stated that he is applying again this year for the Category F funding which would be to pave Cedar Lake Road from Kings Corner to F30. He’s working on an RFQ for the Hubert Road Bridge for design and construction engineering. It’s still a couple of years out. He received notification that the ice storm will be paid out at 75% which will be \$247,632.48. It still could be 4 to 6 weeks for receipt of payment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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, April 8, 2026, at 4:00pm.

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant