

## Alcona County Road Commission April 8, 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, April 8, 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. Two guests were present.

### **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to accept the April 8, 2026, meeting agenda with the addition of closed session to discuss a personnel matter in new business after managing director's review. Motion Carries

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alcona County Commissioner liaison Craig Johnston shared that there wasn't really anything to report. They've been discussing ideas for the brush removal. He praised the road commission crew for the work during the ice storm.

### **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Superintendent Escareno shared that there has been a lot of storm cleanup. A few guys have been working overtime. They've been focused on the major connectors. MDOT is here helping on Lakeshore Drive and around Hubbard Lake. The brush tractors are going, there's been some pothole patching and they've been working on removing the snow wings, washing them and painting and putting them up.

*4:05pm a new guest arrived*

Chairman Somers greeted the new attendee and reopened Public Comment for him. Marty from Curtis Township addressed the board regarding Kings Corner Road. He is looking for a little improvement. He lives on Cody Road. His streets are in pretty good shape. Stated that it is in bad shape. He was aware that Iosco County maintains that section. Kings Corner is the only way in and out for them. Discussion followed.

*Marty left the meeting.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion Carries

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from March 19, 2026, in the amount of \$58,500.00.

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to approve payment of open accounts from March 25, 2026, in the amount of \$337,915.10.

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

Motion Carries

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from April 8, 2026 in the amount of \$228,477.61.

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

Motion Carries

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The packet for the East Central District meeting on 4-16-2026 was provided to the board.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **RFP for Engineering Services for Structure 13- Hubert Road over Thunder Bay**

Moved by Commissioner Wright Harvey to allow the managing director to issue an RFP for engineering services for replacement of structure #13.

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

Motion Carries

### **MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Manager Campbell shared that we did receive the FEMA funds for the 2025 Ice Storm. It was just under \$250,000. Rural Road Alliance packets were delivered to you. He will have it on the next agenda. A few of the road commissions have joined in addition to CRA for more concentration on the rural roads. It's \$10,000 per year to join and will focus on specific legal priorities.

Regarding the Beaton Road Bridge, he's still battling to start construction on May 15<sup>th</sup>. There have been some issues. Campbell will be starting drive arounds with the townships within the next few weeks. He is finalizing the contract for the bridges on 4433 with Huron Pines and the Forest Service. He meets with the forest service next week on the 15<sup>th</sup> about future road services and some changes they have. The LUST (Leaking Underground Storage Tanks) program is finalized for our water contamination here, just need to get it submitted. It tested really well this year. He had a meeting with Spicer Group regarding our bridge inspections. Our annual isn't until next year but five of ours were chosen for this year. They are also the general overseer for Beaton Road and LaVergne Road bridges.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **Closed Session – Managing Director Review**

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to recess the regular meeting at 4:28pm and enter into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

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

Motion Carries

Moved by Commissioner Andrew, Harvey to return to the open meeting at 4:54pm

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

Motion Carries

Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Andrew Wright, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. No guests were present.

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to increase the managing director's salary by \$13,000 for the last year of his contract effective March 1, 2026.

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

Motion Carries

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:57pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 4:00pm.

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Theodore Somers, Chairman

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Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant