

Alcona County Road Commission August 12, 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, August 12, 2026, at 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Michael Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Administrative Assistant/Board Clerk Lori Grush. One guest was present from Curtis Township

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to accept the August 12, 2026 meeting agenda with addition of Commissioners Seminar under Correspondence. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Zemaitis from Curtis Township let the board know that the road commission was out and addressed his water problem and everything was okay after this last rain. He said thank you for the nice job. He asked about Bissonette Road. Chair Somers stated that a solution is being worked on.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno let the board know that we've been ditching in several areas around the county. They've resolved a lot of the drainage issues. Jumped into seal coating the other day and completed Ritchie Road. Moved on to F41 and then into Black River. Other than that blading gravel, hauling material, and durapatching. Commissioner Somers asked how the equipment was holding up and Escareno stated it was holding up well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to approve payment of open accounts from August 12, 2026, in the amount of \$295,086.10.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The MDOT letter regarding Contract 2021-0331 Review Report for 2024 was provided to the board along with the itinerary for the Commissioners Seminar September 27 & 28.

BUSINESS

Public ACT 51 Section 18j, Certification Of Employee Related Conditions

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to approve the Annual Certification of Employee related conditions for submittal and authorize Chairman of the Board and Managing Director to sign and submit the annual certification form.

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

Township Agreements

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to approve the following agreement(s) with HAWES Township with the terms agreed upon:

- HW2602 to apply double sealcoat with fog seal to **Trask Lake Road** from Stout Road west for .99 mile
 - HW2603 to apply single sealcoat with fog seal to **Montana Road, Almond Road, Ester Road,** and **Chris Road** for 1.79 miles
- Roll call vote: Harvey – yes, Somers – yes Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell began by asking the board's thoughts about cancelling the next regular board meeting on August 26th. Discussion followed.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to cancel the August 26th regular meeting. The next meeting will be on September 9, 2026. Motion Carries

Manager Campbell went on to say that we have received two new trucks that were on order. The state contract has all been submitted. He will go in and finalize it. Our four days, 10-hour shift schedule ends on the 3rd of September. The Foreman's retirement is tomorrow at 3:30 and the position will be posted next week. Campbell did sign up with Omnia group for the testing and questioning. He anticipates mid-September to have the position filled. Campbell stated has requested the spec sheet for Bamfield Road on what needs to be done. The road is still moving. The plans hopefully will be drafted next week and then sent out for quotes from contractors. Manager Campbell does not believe it can be completed this year. A temporary solution will have to be placed for the winter. Discussion followed including projected costs, and what does and does not qualify for FEMA reimbursement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Zemaitis asked about the reconstituted asphalt. Manager Campbell said it's not available right now. The company that was selling, it is recycling it.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:22pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 4:00pm.

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant