

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

April 7, 2026

The Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Alpena met in regular session on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gerry MacArthur, at 3:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, Lucas, Augustyn, and Hein.

Absent: None.

Staff present: Ryan Brege, Managing Director; John Bygden, Road Superintendent; Julia Patterson, Finance Director/Board Secretary.

Others Present: Dan Florip, Road Commission Attorney; Bill LaHaie, Alpena County Commissioner; Mark Herman, Huron Engineering and Surveying.

AGENDA

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2026, and the special meeting of March 23, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A memo dated March 16, 2026, from Chairman Tom Doty of CRASIF for the annual call for the Board of Trustees candidates for the open board positions to fill on the CRASIF Board.

An email dated April 6, 2026, from Sabrina Gallagher regarding Indian Reserve Road.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Jane Meyer, Beaver Lake Road, appeared before the Board to inquire about the seventeen feet of right-of-way the Road Commission would require for the Beaver Lake Road project.

Paul Daugharty, Alta Equipment Account Manager, appeared before the Board to clarify his bid for the Volvo excavator that he submitted to the Road Commission in March.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road Bridge over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River was opened to thru traffic on November 14th. Need to complete Silane treatment and epoxy overlay in 2026.
- Jacks Landing Road crush and shape, Spruce Road overlay, and Grand Lake Overlay bids were opened on March 20th.
- Working on the bid package for the Ossineke Road wedge and overlay to be sent out next week.
- Attended CRA Conference.
- Met with Cam Cavit.
- Working with JP Ritter from the Sheriff's Department to get an enclosed trailer next week from Ohio and two water pumps from Massachusetts for the water tanker.
- Lots of flooding going on with many washed out roads and overflowing culverts.
- Anderson Road is still flooded and closed to traffic.
- Wikaryasz Bridge was flooded with water over the bridge. Spoke with Josh Jobins from R.S. Scott's and should not see any negative results.
- Spoke with Grace Phillips from EGLE about the dams and she does not have the control to open or close them.
- Met with LS Engineering, MacArthur Construction, Grand River, and SSI Bolen Asphalt to come up with a plan to correct the dip in Long Rapids Road

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

Road Superintendent John Bygden presented the Board with an update on the County Roads.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ending February 28, 2026.

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, that all reports become part of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND PURCHASES

MARCH BILLS

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the March 2026 bills in the amount of \$465,611.58. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Augustyn, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$619,315.61:

9B. PURCHASES				
Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	1261509	4/6/26	Action Traffic Maintenance, Inc., Guardrail repair on US-23 N for MDOT.	\$4,800.00
2	1261508	4/6/26	Action Traffic Maintenance, Inc., Guardrail repair on US-23 S for MDOT.	\$2,325.00
3	E89587	3/9/26	AIS Construction Equipment, parts, and labor to fix leaking rocker box on used chassis at Etnyre Factory on Equipment #045. (from 2025)	\$3,193.21

4	IN027086	3/26/26	Atmax Equipment Co., for new MowerMax with boom, fecon mulcher, and front lift arms (Budget item)	\$283,311.50
5	829330	3/17/26	Blarney Castle Oil, 1996.9 gallons fuel at \$4.348 per gallon	\$8,684.11
6	829902	3/19/26	Blarney Castle Oil, 1000 gallons fuel at \$4.04329 per gallon	\$4,043.29
7	1759531-IN	3/20/26	Blarney Castle Oil, 12,000 gallons diesel fuel at \$4.11524 per gallon.	\$49,382.88
8	CTCS265226	4/1/26	Cliff Anschuetz, parts, and labor for new engine for pickup #007.	\$10,783.42
9	500169	3/13/26	Crystal Flash, 2,600 gallons nolead gas at \$ 2.774 per gallon.	\$7,212.62
10	PO 186	4/1/26	Crystal Flash, 2,600 gallons nolead gas at \$ 3.145 per gallon.	\$8,178.19
11	51553	3/23/26	Frank's Key & Lock, keyless entry for shop entrances (Budget)	\$17,385.00
12	R85705678101	3/4/26	MacAllister CAT Rental, 308R Excavator Rental for 3/4/26 thru 4/1/26.	\$3,174.46
13	31786	3/17/26	McVeigh's Truck Springs, Inc., parts to rebuild rear suspension on Truck #086.	\$3,134.46
14	2026-0004	4/1/26	MCRCSIP, General liability insurance premium for 2026	\$140,952.00
15	01P137842	3/24/26	Michigan Trucksprings, 54" beam assembly for Truck #086.	\$5,248.34
16	12127	2/18/26	Ted Festerling LLC, to replace floor chains on #309.	\$3,490.00
17	BJO002843	3/12/26	Truck & Trailer Specialties, remaining balance for Truck Equipment package for Western Star truck (Budget 2024)	\$56,097.88
18	BS030011	3/13/26	Truck & Trailer Specialties, 50 wing shoes @ \$157.76 each.	\$7,919.25
TOTAL PURCHASES				\$619,315.61

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Hein, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$5,510.00:

9C. CONTRACT PAYMENTS				
Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	3185	3/30/26	L.S. Engineering, Inc., construction engineering services for Long Rapids Road Bridge.	\$5,510.00
TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS				\$5,510.00

Motion carried unanimously.

JACK'S LANDING ROAD CRUSH & SHAPE BID

Two bids were received on March 20, 2026, for Jack's Landing Road Crush and Shape:

MacArthur Construction	\$579,639.00
Bolen Asphalt Paving	\$532,496.00

Moved by Hein, seconded by Spaulding, to accept the bid from Bolen Asphalt Paving at a price of \$532,496.00. Motion carried unanimously.

SPRUCE ROAD AND GRAND LAKE ROAD OVERLAY BIDS

One bid was received for Spruce Road Overlay and Grand Lake Road Overlay on March 20, 2026, from Bolen Asphalt Paving:

Spruce Road Overlay. \$567,205.00
Grand Lake Road Overlay \$130,976.20

Moved by Hein, seconded by Augustyn, to accept the bids from Bolen Asphalt Paving for the two overlay projects. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Spaulding inquired if country curb was going to be done this year and that Wilson Township roads need extra attention. Mr. Spaulding also mentioned that there is new cracking on Long Rapids Road.

Commissioner MacArthur commented that the farmers are leaving mud on the roads and what the Road Commission is doing to take care of this issue.

Commissioner Hein questioned if there is an update on the building beam repair.

NEW HIRES, RETIRES, and TRANSFERS

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported that the Road Commission is still looking to hire truck drivers, a mechanic, and engineering tech. Three college students were hired for the summer months.

KEETCH ROAD ABANDONMENT

A survey was done by Huron Engineering and Surveying on Keetch Road and given to the Board from Mark Herman of Huron Engineering.

ANNUAL ACT 51 FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the Annual Act 51 Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2025, as presented by the Finance Director Julia Patterson. Patterson will review it at the next regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TANDEM TRUCK PURCHASE

In February, the Road Commission's 2009 International Tandem Truck was damaged when it hooked a driveway on Long Rapids Road. MCRCSIP totaled the truck and will pay \$163,080.00 for it. Moved by Hein, seconded by Augustyn, to purchase a 2027 International HX520 SFA from Zarembo Equipment for a cost of \$163,080.00 Motion carried unanimously.

TOWNSHIP DUST CONTROL AGREEMENTS

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following Road Agreements for Dust Control:

Township	ACRC	Total
<u>Match</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Estimate</u>

Ossineke Township

2026 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$38,000.00	\$0.00	\$38,000.00

Sanborn Township

2026 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$32,500.00	\$0.00	\$32,500.00

Wellington Township

2026 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00
Motion carried unanimously.			

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Alpena County Road Commissioners’ next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary