

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

September 2, 2025

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, and Lucas.
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; Becky Rivard, Huron Engineering and Surveying.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 5, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter dated August 15, 2025, from Michael Mead, MDOT Transportation Planner, with the approval of the actual Act 51 Mileage Certification submittal. Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to make the communication a part of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no citizens appearing before the Board.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River contract was awarded to Grand River Construction with a bid of \$1,787,792.10. Bolton Road will stay open during the construction. Utilizing a sign to let the travelers know when Bolton Road is open or closed.
- Reviewing prospective projects for next year.
- No Federal aid projects for 2026.

- Met with EGLI regarding the environmental spill from 1996 by the Road Commission gas tanks. A restrictive covenant was filed and needs to be signed by October 1, 2025.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ending July 31, 2025.

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

AUGUST BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the August 2025 bills in the amount of \$842,218.56. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$345,366.32:

9B. PURCHASES				
Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	325080004	8/9/25	Bit-Mat Michigan, 68,044.86 gallons of CRS-2M at \$2.49 per gallon for seal coat projects.	\$169,674.90
2	CRA0009313	8/10/25	CRASIF, Quarterly Workers Comp Premium.	\$8,285.00
3	PO 165	8/18/25	Forward Distributing, 2,700 gallons of nolead gas at \$2.2131 per gallon.	\$5,975.37
4	76691666	7/25/25	Gov Connection, new computer server.	\$4,417.73
5	184195	8/26/25	Michigan Paving Materials, 9,793.65 gallons of CQSEA at \$1.9578 pe gallon for seal coat projects.	\$19,174.60
6	2325	8/12/25	Montchilvo Sewer Service LLC, cleaned & camera inspected storm system for MDOT.	\$65,277.00
7	PO 164	8/11/25	Scotland Oil Co., 11,997 gallons diesel fuel at \$2.524 per gallon.	\$30,280.43
8	3025173	8/7/25	Specification Stone Products, 189.68 tons 29A at \$15.25 per ton for sealcoat projects	\$2,892.64
9	765172	8/20/25	Team Elmer's, 741.33 tons 23A road gravel at \$9.00 per ton for county roads.	\$6,671.97
10	764179	8/12/25	Team Elmer's, 302.52 tons 23A road gravel at \$9.00 per ton for county roads.	\$2,722.68
11	2522	8/18/25	Thunder Bay Tree Service, herbicide for primary roads.	\$29,994.00
TOTAL PURCHASES				\$345,366.32

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of \$368,592.93:

9C. CONTRACT PAYMENTS				
Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	3103	8/29/25	L.S. Engineering, Inc., construction engineering services for Long Rapids Road bridge.	\$5,445.50
2	08042025	8/4/2025	Michigan Department of Transportation, Progress Billing #2 for Wolf Creek Road resurfacing project.	\$363,147.43
TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS				\$368,592.93

Motion carried unanimously.

EXCAVATOR PURCHASE

This item was tabled until the next monthly Board meeting.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Lucas commended the Road Commission crew for keeping Salina Road in great condition. Commissioner MacArthur inquired if the Road Commission could dura-patch Beaver Lake Park Road. Managing Director Ryan Brege responded that it can be done and then billed to the County Park.

NMARC 2026 BOARD MEMBERS BALLOT

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to cast a vote for the following candidates for the NMARC Board:

Two 2-year at-large terms (2026-2028):

- *Tony Casali, Isabella CRC
- *Rob Putman, Montcalm CRC

Motion carried unanimously.

ACT 51, MCL 247.668j
ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE-RELATED CONDITIONS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to certify that the Alpena County Road Commission is in compliance with MCL 247.668j (1) (b), and as such, certifies that the local road agency has exempted itself from the publicly funded health insurance contribution act, 2011 PA 152 and authorize Chairman Gerald MacArthur and Finance Director Julia Patterson to sign the compliance form. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary