

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

March 7, 2023

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, Gerald Lucas, at 3:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Lucas, MacArthur, and Spaulding.  
Absent: None.

Staff present: Ryan Brege, Managing Director; Curt Gonyea, Superintendent; Julia Patterson, Finance Director/Board Secretary; and Kourtney Boldrey, Assistant Finance Director.

Others Present: Dan Florip, Road Commission Attorney; County Engineer Rebecca Rivard and Mark Tolkacz of Huron Engineering and Surveying; Travis Konarzewski, Alpena County Commissioner; Nathan Skibbe, Supervisor of Charter Township of Alpena.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 6, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nathan Skibbe, Supervisor of Charter Township of Alpena, appeared before the Board to comment that the Oxcart Permit System that the Alpena County Road Commission utilizes for all permits has a deficiency in terms of residence use. Managing Director Ryan Brege responded that Oxcart was implemented in October of 2022 and has been actively used. Mr. Brege said he was made aware of the issue last week and it will be corrected as soon as Operations Foreman Glenn McConnell returns from vacation.

Mr. Skibbe also addressed the infrastructure damage done by the Road Commission equipment and what corrective action will be taken by the Road Commission to remedy the damage and future damage to the infrastructure. Mr. Brege inquired to Mr. Skibbe as to why he was not informed of this issue.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Attended the Managers' meeting, MTA quarterly meeting, held a crew meeting; also attended the quarterly Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. The Committee requires four meetings per year.
- Working on bids and quotes for the budgeted capital outlay.
- Received a report from Soils and Structures for the soil investigation on Herron Road. Report shows nothing conclusive without further investigation. Consulted with other Road Commission Managers who have experienced this same problem. We have encountered this problem once in our county on Nicholson Hill Road and Hawkins Road. Based on that report which Soils and Structures was helpful with our best fix would be a wedge and overlay. Bolen Asphalt has agreed to hold their price as last year. Cost could be approximately \$22,000 to \$25,000 for a wedge and overlay process. Cutting out that section of the failed section out and rebuilding could cost as high as \$125,000 and no guarantee that repair will work. Commissioner Spaulding questioned if that section was still dropping. Mr. Brege responded that it has not moved since November. Commissioner MacArthur suggested that the road be pulverized and add another 4" of asphalt to it. Commissioner Lucas directed Mr. Brege to get estimates for the repair ideas. County Engineer Becky Rivard commented to remove the pavement from the failed section and then repave it instead of crushing it. This process would save mobilization cost of crusher. Heavy vibrations from the crusher might cause more problems.
- Spruce Road Project anticipated for October bid letting. A pre-con will be set up after the fourth of July.
- Long Rapids Road Signing Project: Huron Engineering & Surveying working on the design.

**COUNTY ROAD REPORT**

The Superintendent presented the Board with an update on the County Roads.

**JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ended January 31, 2023.

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, that all reports become part of the minutes.

**BIDS**

**TANDEM TRUCK EQUIPMENT**

A quotation, dated February 20, 2023, was received from Truck and Trailer Specialties of Boyne Falls for the equipment package for a tandem axle truck based on MiDeal purchasing contract, in the amount of \$137,866.00. Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to accept the quotation submitted from Truck and Trailer Specialties of Boyne Falls. Motion carried unanimously.

**PAVEMENT MARKING BIDS**

The following bids were opened March 7, 2023, for annual pavement traffic markings:

M & M Pavement Markings . . . . . \$60,426.22

P.K. Contracting. . . . . \$65,325.94

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Lucas, to award the bid to the low bidder, M & M Pavement Markings of Grand Blanc, Michigan in the amount of \$60,426.22. Motion carried unanimously.

**TRANSPORT AND STOCKPILE 29A COARSE AGGREGATE**

The following two quotes were received March 7, 2023, to transport and stockpile MDOT Specification 29A Coarse Aggregate at three locations in Alpena County for use during sealcoating operations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Goodrich Trucking</u>			<u>C &amp; S Carriers</u>	
Spens Pit on Brillinski Rd	350T	\$5.25	\$1,837.50	\$4.50	\$1,575.00
Long Rapids & M-65 (church)	700T	\$4.47	\$3,129.00	\$5.10	\$3,570.00
Male's Corner	750T	\$3.36	\$2,520.00	\$4.50	\$3,375.00
			\$7,486.50		\$8,520.00

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to accept the quotation submitted by Goodrich Trucking to transport and stockpile MDOT Specification 29A Coarse Aggregate for a total quote of \$7,486.50. Motion carried unanimously.

**CARBIDE BLADE QUOTES**

The following three quotes were received for carbide blades.

AIS Construction . . . . .	\$1,980.00
Ironhawk Industrial . . . . .	\$2,428.56
Winter Equipment (48" long) . . . . .	\$2,945.64

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to receive the quote from AIS Construction Equipment, Traverse City, Michigan for the quote of \$1,980.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**PURCHASES**

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$291,914.87:

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	010X0990	2/14/23	Art's Auto & Truck Parts, 50-ton hydraulic press (Budget item).	\$3,947.42
2	71	2/27/23	Gary Oil & Propane Co., 2,600 gallons nolead gas at \$2.489 per gallon.	\$6,471.40
3	72	02/27/23	Gary Oil & Propane Co., 11,982 diesel fuel winter-blend at \$3.058 per gallon.	\$36,640.96
4	SVL75-2	2/23/23	Ginop Sales Inc., new skid-steer with bucket, broom, and fork attachments.	\$70,171.84
5	22723	2/27/23	MERS, for ACRC-OPEB annual contribution	\$30,000.00
6	83190	2/28/23	Northern Energy, Inc., 155 gallons 15W40 bulk oil at \$11.63 per gallon and 95 gallons AW46 bulk oil at	

			\$10.68 per gallon.	\$2,817.25
7	87514	2/28/23	Soils & Structures, Herron Road Soil Investigation.	\$4,000.00
8	70	2/23/23	Truck & Trailer Specialties, equipment package for 2024 tandem truck.	\$137,866.00
				<b>TOTAL PURCHASES \$291,914.87</b>

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CONTRACT PAYMENTS**

There were no contract payments.

#### **FEBRUARY BILLS**

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the February 2023 bills in the amount of \$494,266.47. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner MacArthur commented that he had questions after reviewing the inspection notes/sketches for Herron Road. He questioned why the Road Commission paid the extra payment of \$58,000. Mr. MacArthur believes the Road Commission was charged too much for materials. Managing Director Ryan Brege responded that he negotiated on behalf of the Road Commission the quantity of sand with Team Elmer's and stated that it was agreed that more than double of quantity of sand was used than the Road Commission paid for. Commissioner MacArthur insisted that the documentation with the calculations doesn't show any extra materials were used. Team Elmer's will be asked to attend the next Board meeting to continue to discuss this issue.

#### **LONG RAPIDS ROAD BRIDGE LOAD RATINGS**

Managing Director Ryan Brege updated the Board on a recent bridge audit that was conducted by MDOT, sampling 10% of the twenty-one bridges in Alpena County Road Commission's jurisdiction. One of the three bridges that was selected was the Long Rapids Road over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River which is slated for rehabilitation in 2025. Audit findings revealed that load rating for a two unit vehicle should be reduced from seventy-seven ton to fifty-five ton. Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to accept the weight restricted recommendation on Long Rapids Road Bridge. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **DANNY DOMKE RETIREMENT COMMENDATION**

WHEREAS, Danny R. Domke has honorably served the citizens of Alpena County and the motoring public with distinction as an employee of the Alpena County Road Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Domke retired on February 1, 2023, after nineteen years of dedicated service with the Road Commission as a Truck Driver and Heavy Equipment Operator, and, through the performance of his many duties, responsibilities, and conscientious efforts in his respective positions, provided the high level of service that the community expects from its public servants;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the recognition of the many contributions made by Danny R. Domke in the interest of Alpena County residents, and his untiring effort to make our road network safer and thereby making our County a better place for all, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alpena County, Michigan, does hereby make public acknowledgement of their deep appreciation and gratitude for his faithful service and wish him good health and much happiness during his retirement years.

Resolution unanimously adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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Gerald Lucas, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,  
Board Secretary