

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

February 4, 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, Superintendent; Julia Patterson, Finance Director/Board Secretary.

Others Present: Dan Florip, Road Commission Attorney; Rebecca Rivard of Huron Engineering and Surveying; Bill LaHaie and Travis Konarzewski, County Commissioners.

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 January 7, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter received in an email from Brian Tadajewski, 488 Geronimo Road, regarding alleged damage on his property. The Board requested that legal counsel review.

CITIZENS 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 Bridge over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River should be in the April bid letting.
- Lake Winyah Road is complete on all but slope restoration.
- Continuing to work on the Third Street/Tamarack Road plans with an update in progress.
- Wolf Creek Road resurfacing project. Should be in the March bid letting.
- Attended the 2nd MCRCSIP Managers' meeting last month; more round table discussions.
- Currently the Road Commission has Verizon Connect for the trucks GPS but noticing there is a lack of reception in some areas. Looking at changing service providers.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

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

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND PURCHASES

STREET SIGNS QUOTES

The following two quotes were received for various street signs:

Dornbos Signs \$5,142.38
Newman Traffic \$5,256.29

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to accept the lowest quote from Dornbos Signs of Charlotte, Michigan for a quote of \$5,142.38. Motion carried unanimously.

TANDEM TRUCK BIDS

After a brief discussion, moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to table the tandem truck bid decision until the next monthly meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TANDEM TRUCK EQUIPMENT QUOTE

This item was also tabled until the next monthly meeting.

ONE-TON TRUCK QUOTES

RFQ's were sent to the following dealerships for a 2025 One-ton, four-wheel drive, dual rear wheel cab/chassis:

Berger Chevrolet \$47,076.00
Gorno Ford No Quote
LaFontaine Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep No Quote
Todd Wenzel GMC, Buick No Quote

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to accept the quote for \$47,076.00 from Berger Chevrolet of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously.

JANUARY BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the January 2025 bills in the amount of \$522,622.63. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$47,795.53:

9F. PURCHASES

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	1132025	1/13/25	Alcona County Road Commission, for 50 14'U-Channel posts for inventory.	\$3,318.50
2	78270	1/20/25	Cogitate Inc., Pro Fund Accounting Software Support for	

			2/1/25 through 4/30/25.	\$2,854.00
3	8288304-IN	1/29/25	Corrigan Oil, 12,002 winter blend diesel fuel at \$2.313 per gallon.	\$27,760.85
4	007718	1/24/25	Forward Distributing, 2,699 gallons of nolead gas at \$2.218 per gallon.	\$5,986.38
5	24-8338	12/31/24	Great Lakes Engineering Group, Underwater Bridge Inspection of Bagley Street Bridge	\$7,400.00
6	744880	1/21/25	Team Elmers, 486.45 tons of 23A road gravel at \$7.80 per ton for yard inventory.	\$3,794.30
			TOTAL PURCHASES	\$47,795.53

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

There were no contract payments.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner MacArthur commented that the Beaver Lake Park caretaker complained that the Road Commission plow trucks are not going around the curve when they plow snow at the park road. Road Superintendent John Bygden will go check it out. Commissioner MacArthur also commented that after a review of the design plans of Long Rapids Road Bridge, he is not happy with the detours that are planned during construction. He also feels that the Bolton Road and Long Rapids Road intersection should not be torn up.

MDOT AUTHORIZATION - WOLF CREEK ROAD

**ALPENA COUNTY WOLF CREEK ROAD
MDOT CONTRACT NO. 24-5592
JOB NO. 214607CON
CONTROL SECTION STL 04000**

Moved by Commissioner Lucas and seconded by Commissioner Spaulding, that Ryan J. Brege, Managing Director, and Julia Patterson, Secretary, are hereby authorized to sign the contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Alpena, Michigan, for the following described project:

STL 04000; JOB #214607CON

Hot mix asphalt base crushing and shaping and paving along Wolf Creek Road from Nicholson Hill Road to Werth Road, including aggregate base and shoulders, culverts, guardrail and permanent paving markings; and all together with necessary related work.

Carried by a vote as follows:

Ayes: Commissioner Lucas, MacArthur, and Spaulding
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously.

2024 ACT 51 MILEAGE CERTIFICATION

Moved by Commissioner Spaulding, seconded by Commissioner Lucas to approve the Act 51 mileage certification decrease in mileage on Hinks Park Road, T32NR08E Sec 03, E-43, by 1203'. Motion carried unanimously.

**2024 COUNTY-WIDE AND URBAN-AREA MILEAGE
ANNUAL CERTIFICATION**

Moved by Commissioner Lucas, supported by Commissioner Spaulding, to adopt the following resolution.

In accordance with the provisions of Act 51, Public Acts of 1951, as amended, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alpena County, Michigan, does hereby certify to the Michigan Department of Transportation that, as of December 31, 2024, the Alpena County Road System included 209.52 miles in the County-Wide Primary Road System, of which 11.28 miles are Urban Primary Roads, and included 450.74 miles in the County-Wide Local Road System, of which 43.31 miles are Urban Local Roads; and does further certify that said County-Wide Primary and Local Road Systems are under the jurisdiction of the Alpena County Road Commission and are normally open to automobile traffic during the months of May through October.

Motion carried by vote as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, and Lucas.
Nays: None
Absent: None

COUNTY ROAD ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to cast a vote for Kirk Harrier, Otsego County, Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions, as a candidate to serve on the Board of Directors of the County Road Association of Michigan for a three-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to cast a vote for Dave Pettersch, Gladwin County, Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions, as a candidate to serve on the Board of Directors of the County Road Association of Michigan for a four-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 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 4:24 p.m.

Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary