

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

March 10, 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; Rebecca Rivard, Huron Engineering and Surveying.

AGENDA

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Hein, to adopt the agenda with two additional items: adding the Chairmanship Policy under old business and adding a "Meeting with Cam Cavitt" under new business. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - KEETCH ROAD ABANDONMENT

Chairman MacArthur opened the public hearing for Keetch Road abandonment at 3:05 p.m. The Board recognizes no objectives and is in favor of proceeding with Keetch Road abandonment. The public hearing was closed at 3:16 p.m.

MINUTES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Augustyn, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A memo from Gayle Cummings, CPA, Administrator of MCRCSIP, asking for resumes and/or letters of candidacy from member Road Commissioners and staff interested in serving as a member of the MCRCSIP Board of Directors.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Goren, 109 Glenridge, commented that the Road Commission should consider paving their parking lot off of Burkholder Drive.

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, from South end of HMA to M-32 in the March 20th bid letting.
- Spruce Road overlay from Nicholson Hill to Precour and Grand Lake Road overlay from US-23 to County line are in the March 20th bid letting.
- Working on the bid package for the Ossineke Road wedge and overlay.
- Attended MCRC SIP Annual Manager's meeting and discussed road abandonments.
- Was asked to sit on CRA's committee to help develop a crisis plan for a disaster and what is needed in the first 48 hours of a disaster.
- Conducted two truck driver interviews.
- Secured two generators.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

Road Superintendent John Bygden 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 ending January 31, 2026 .

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

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND PURCHASES

FEBRUARY BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the February 2026 bills in the amount of 455,329.52. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$106,147.23:

1	1612847	1/22/26	Compass Minerals, 492.96 tons of county salt at \$71.23 per ton.	\$35,113.54
2	CRA0009528	2/10/26	CRASIF, Fourth Quarter Workers' Comp Premium.	\$8,284.00
3	631666	3/9/26	CRC Contractors Rental, monthly rental for tag trailer to haul excavator rental.	\$2,617.80
4	009729	2/17/26	Forward Energy, 2,601 gallons of nolead gas at \$1.99496 per gallon.	\$5,070.91
5	208378	2/19/26	G&K Plumbing & Heating, installation of oil separator. (budget)	\$5,500.00
6	1500030174	2/5/26	Pomp's Tire Service, 16 recap 12R22.5 tires at \$350.00 per tire for stock.	\$5,600.00
7	112727	2/25/26	Northern Energy, Inc. 85 gallons 15W40 bulk oil at \$11.70	

			per gallon, 135 gallons AW46 bulk oil at \$10.68 per	
			gallon, and 120 pounds of grease at \$3.62 per pound.	\$2,870.70
8	PO 179	2/11/26	Scotland Oil, 12,000 gallons winter blend diesel fuel at	
			\$2.5896 per gallon.	\$31,075.03
9	X316028627	2/19/26	Stoops, emissions filter for truck #99.	\$10,015.25
			TOTAL PURCHASES	\$106,147.23

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

There were no contract payments.

PAVEMENT MARKINGS BIDS

Three bids were opened on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 for annual pavement traffic markings:

Michigan Pavement Markings, LLC	\$70,182.68
M & M Pavement Markings	\$71,255.08
P.K. Contracting.	\$71,290.18

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Augustyn, to accept all bids in the best interest of the Road Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

TANDEM AXLE TRUCK BIDS/PURCHASE

The following bids were opened Tuesday, March 3, 2026, to furnish one 66,000 lb. GVWR Truck Chassis:

Bid #1

<u>Stoops Western Star of Michigan</u>	
2027 Western Star Truck 47X	\$181,500.00
EW4 7 Yr.250K Miles Warranty (included in price)	
Transmission=Eaton 8 LL	
Engine = Detroit DD13	
Delivery Date = 120 to 180 days	
Total Bid	\$181,500.00

Alternate Bid: #2

<u>Stoops Western Star of Michigan</u>	
2027 Freightliner 114SD Plus.	\$166,000.00
EW4 7 Yr.250K Miles Warranty (included in price)	
Transmission=Eaton 8 LL	
Engine = Cummins X12	
Delivery Date = 120 to 180 days	
Total Bid	\$166,000.00

Alternate Bid #3

<u>Stoops Western Star of Michigan</u>	
2027 Western Star Truck 47X	\$180,000.00
EW4 7 Yr.250K Miles Warranty (included in price)	
Transmission=Alison 4500RDS	
Engine = Cummins X12	
Delivery Date = 120 to 180 days	
Total Bid	\$180,000.00

Bid: #1

Zaremba Equipment

2027 International HX520 SFA \$ 163,080.00
5Yr/200K Miles Warranty \$4,970.00
Transmission= Eaton Endurant XD Pro
Engine = Cummins X15
Delivery Date = 90 to 120 days
Total Bid \$ 168,050.00

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Alternate Bid: #2

Zaremba Equipment

2027 International HV615 SBA \$ 141,546.00
7Yr/250K Miles Warranty \$ 8,440.00
Transmission=International S13
Engine = International T14 515 hp
Delivery Date = 120 days
Total Bid \$ 149,986.00

One Nation Dist. - Volant , PA

2027 Kenworth T880. \$ 214,989.00
7Yr/250K Miles Warranty \$9,000.00
Total Bid \$ 223,989.00

JX Truck Center - Wyoming, MI

2027 Peterbilt 567. \$ 192,422.53
Transmission = Paccar TX-18 Pro
Engine = Paccar Mx-13.
Delivery Date = 90 days
Total Bid \$ 192,422.53

Wieland Sales - Saginaw, MI

2027 International HX520 SFA \$ 169,207.16
5Yr/200K Miles Warranty (included in bid price)
Transmission=Allison
Engine = Cummins X15
Delivery Date = 180 days
Total Bid \$ 169,207.16

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Spaulding, to award Bid #1 Zaremba Equipment as recommended, to furnish one 2027 International HX520 EW4 5 yr./200K mile warranty for a total cost of \$168,050.00, and to add battery disconnect, per their bid dated March 3, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

TILT BED TRAILER QUOTES

Two quotes were received for a tilt bed trailer:

AIS Construction Equipment Corp \$34,780.00
MacAllister CAT \$39,338.07

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Augustyn, to accept the lowest quote of \$34,780.00 from AIS Construction for a tilt bed trailer. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Hein commented that when traveling over the weekend, he noticed that the Alpena County roads were clear unlike the neighboring counties.

Commissioner Augustyn commented that he would like to look at areas that would improve the road budget. He would like to see a list of primary roads that need to be paved, and the county roads that need an overlay. He would also like to view the roads that are on that list. Managing Director Ryan Brege responded that there are different types of funding that determine which roads are able to be improved. The Road Commission does have a three-year plan for road projects.

Commissioner MacArthur inquired what the plans are for the Gradall. Mr. MacArthur also questioned if the Road Commission has purchased new water pumps for the water truck.

NEW HIRES, RETIRES, and TRANSFERS

No update.

EXCAVATOR PURCHASE

Alta Equipment
2026 Volvo Excavator. \$217,712.00
Warranty 5 year/5K hours. 9,134.00
Delivery Date = have in yard
Total Quote. \$226,846.00

AIS Construction Equipment
2026 John Deere 135P Excavator. \$259,752.64
Warranty 5 year/5K hours. 5,480.00
Delivery Date = two weeks
Total Quote. \$265,232.64

MacAllister CAT
2026 CAT 313 Excavator. \$259,554.96
Warranty 5 year/5K hours included in quoted price
Delivery Date =
Total Quote. \$259,554.96

MacAllister CAT
2026 CAT 315 Excavator. \$268,804.38
Warranty 5 year/5K hours included in quoted price
Delivery Date =
Total Quote. \$268,804.38

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Lucas, to approve the quote received from Alta Equipment to furnish a Volvo Excavator for a price of \$226,846.00. Ayes: Hein, Lucas, Augustyn, and MacArthur. Nays: Spaulding. Motion carried.

CELL PHONE STIPEND

After a short discussion, the cell phone stipend was dismissed.

COMMISSIONER CHAIRMANSHIP POLICY

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Augustyn, to adopt the following policy #002 Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship:

The Chairmanship of the Board shall be rotated among the Commissioners on an annual basis, beginning with the January 2027 organizational meeting. Rotation shall be in descending order of seniority of appointment to the Board of County Road Commissioners, beginning with the most senior Commissioner serving at the time of the January 2027 organizational meeting. At the time this Policy is adopted, the order of seniority of the Commissioners is as follows:

1. Thomas D. Spaulding
2. Gerald E. Lucas
3. Gerry W. MacArthur
4. Cameron Augustyn
5. Chuck Hein

A Commissioner may refuse the Chairmanship for any reason, in which case, the Chairmanship shall rotate to the next Commissioner on the seniority list, in descending order of seniority.

A Commissioner shall not serve as Chairman during the Commissioner's first year on the Board of County Road Commissioners, and, during the Commissioner's first year of service, such Commissioner shall be skipped in rotation in like manner as if the Commissioner had refused the Chairmanship.

The Vice-Chairmanship of the Board shall similarly rotate among the Commissioners on an annual basis; the Commissioner next on the seniority list after the Chairman shall serve as Vice-Chairman.

A Commissioner may refuse the Vice-Chairmanship for any reason, in which case, the Vice-Chairmanship shall rotate to the next Commissioner on the seniority list, in descending order of seniority.

A Commissioner shall not serve as Vice-Chairman during the Commissioner's first year on the Board of County Road Commissioners, and, during the Commissioner's first year of service, such Commissioner shall be skipped in rotation in like manner as if the Commissioner had refused the Vice-Chairmanship.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adopted March 10, 2026.

APPROVE 2025 AMENDED BUDGET

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Hein, to approve the 2025 Amended Budget:

	APPROVED BUDGET 2025	BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2025	AMENDED BUDGET 2025
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES:	\$10,996,301	\$781,316	\$11,777,618
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$12,365,370	(\$1,264,407)	\$11,100,963
NET REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)	(\$1,369,069)	\$2,045,723	\$676,654
FUND BALANCE	\$4,411,549	\$6,457,272	\$6,457,272
	12/31/2025	12/31/2025	12/31/2025

With Depreciation, Fringes, and CORD
Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF ALPENA
FORM 2008E

Moved by Commissioner Augustyn and seconded by Commissioner Spaulding to approve the Act 51 mileage certification increase in mileage on Bussie Road, T30NR07E Sec 6 & 7, D-14, by 211'.

Carried by a vote as follows:

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

COUNTY-WIDE AND URBAN-AREA MILEAGE
ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

Moved by Commissioner Lucas, supported by Commissioner Augustyn, 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, 2025, 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 450.78 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.

RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAMS

Moved by Commissioner Spaulding, supported by Commissioner Lucas that the Managing Director, Ryan Brege, file an application for State/Federal financial assistance in funding for the reconstruction of the Hubbard Lake Road Bridge over the lower South branch of the Thunder Bay River. Due to its age and level of deterioration risking closure or restrictions of this crossing would have a major impact to the motoring public. This impact is primarily the result of this bridge being a County primary road classified as a major collector.

It is resolved that the Board of County Road Commissioners for Alpena County supports the rehabilitation project; and whereas the Alpena County Road Commission is actively seeking participation in the rehabilitation of this structure; and whereas the Alpena County Road Commission will commit the necessary funds for design and construction engineering and the required ten percent matching funds for rehabilitation of the structure if approved.

Motion carried by a vote as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, Lucas, Hein, and Augustyn
Nays: None
Absent: None

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Motion carried by a vote as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, Lucas, Hein, and Augustyn
Nays: None
Absent: None

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION
ANDERSON ROAD OVER THE DEVILS RIVER**

WHEREAS the crossing of Anderson Road over the Devils River is in danger of failure and requires replacement
WHEREAS the crossing of Anderson Road over the Devils River would pose a critical risk to the motoring public, transportation infrastructure, and environmental resources
WHEREAS funding is available from the U.S. Department of Commerce through the Water Resources Division of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
WHEREAS the total project cost is estimated to be \$575,000, 80 percent of which would be funded through the Water Resources Division and 20 percent would be local match
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alpena County Road Commission approves the submission of the grant application to the Water Resources Division in the amount of \$575,000 for the improvements to the Anderson Road over Devils River crossing and commits that the local match shall be provided if the project is funded.

DATED: March 10, 2026

AYES: Commissioner MacArthur, Spaulding, Lucas, Hein, and Augustyn
NAYS: None

EQUIPMENT STORAGE

Managing Director Ryan Brege updated the Board of the \$150,000 that was budgeted for a lean-to building. Mr. Brege suggested that a pole barn be built to store the new equipment purchases.

TOWNSHIP ROAD AGREEMENTS

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

	<u>Township Share</u>	<u>ACRC Share</u>	<u>Total Estimate</u>
<u>OSSINEKE TOWNSHIP:</u>			
<u>Surface Gravel:</u>			
Bushey Rd @ S. of Beaver Lake Rd 0.66 mi	\$ 11,475	\$ 11,475	\$ 22,950
Ratz Rd @ 1,800' of Hubbard Lake Rd-0.34 mi.	\$ 6,438	\$ 6,438	\$ 12,876
<u>TOTAL OSSINEKE TOWNSHIP:</u>	<u>\$ 17,913</u>	<u>\$ 17,913</u>	<u>\$ 35,826</u>

Motion carried unanimously.

CAM CAVITT MEETING

Commissioner MacArthur commented that Cam Cavitt's office had reached out to him to set up a meeting for the area Commissioners and Managers as an informational meeting. Managing Director Ryan Brege was also contacted by Cavitt's office. No meeting was set up at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Alpena County Road Commissioners' next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 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 5:38 p.m.

Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary