

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

August 11, 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; Rebecca Rivard, Huron Engineering & Surveying.

AGENDA

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Augustyn, to adopt the agenda with the addition of the following items under New Business:

- 25 m.p.h. Speed Limit Signs
- Burkholder Drive Paving
- Managing Director Evaluation
- Union Negotiations

Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Hein, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A memo dated August 6, 2026, from Janet Wise, Administrative Assistant at County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund (CRASIF) recognizing the Alpena County Road Commission for Outstanding Workplace Safety Performance.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Hiser, 1500 Burkholder Drive, attended the meeting to inquire if the Alpena County Road Commission would participate in the cost of the paving of 1,100 feet of Burkholder Drive.

Brian Tadajewski, 488 Geronimo Road, appeared before the Board to question the status of his claim with trees that were damaged during snowplowing. Mr. Tadajewski also objected to his FOIA response.

Kathy Fannon, 10283 Kasubowski Road, inquired when the ditches on Kasubowski Road were going to be cleaned.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Spruce Road Overlay, from Nicholson Hill to Precour, was awarded to Bolen Asphalt for \$567,205.
- Grand Lake Road Overlay, from US-23 to County Line, was awarded to Bolen Asphalt for \$130,976.20.
- Old Ossineke Road Overlay bid letting was on May 4th and awarded to Ace-Saginaw Paving for \$130,976.20 and approved by MDOT. This week should be completed.
- Working on capital outlay purchases.
- Competitive bid threshold bill has passed through the House and increases the \$15,000 to \$75,000 for everyday purchases and from \$50,000 to \$250,000 for emergency purchases.
- Attended the LEPC and LPT meetings.
- Continuing to work on flood reimbursement. Meeting with FEMA representatives on Thursday.
- Wrapping up the Ice Storm 2025 reimbursement.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ending June 30, 2026.

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

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND PURCHASES

JULY BILLS

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the July 2026 bills in the amount of \$1,315,660.54. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$422,994.99:

9B. PURCHASES				
Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	32607120	7/31/26	Bit-Mat of Michigan, 4,000 gallons of AE-90 at \$2.3235 per gallon, and 44,922.15 gallons of CRS-2M at \$ 2.3410 per gallon for county road sealcoats.	\$114,456.75
2	12094	7/30/26	C & C Excavating of Alpena, saw cut area, hauled away material, and installed 15 ton HMA on Bartz Road and Nicholson Hill Road Township road project.	\$3,500.00
3	81508	7/20/26	Cogitate Software, for PFA Support for 8/1/26 through 10/31/26	\$2,890.17
4	PO 195	7/20/26	Forward Distributing, 2,600 gallons nolead gas at \$3.318	

			per gallon.	\$8,626.80
5	ES18935133	7/31/26	Michigan CAT, 309 Mini excavator	\$191,139.48
6	PO 196	8/4/26	Scotland Oil, 11,500 gallons diesel fuel at \$3.9795 per gallon.	\$45,764.24
7	R317000366	7/30/26	Stoops, parts and labor to replace harness and repair electrical faults for Truck #095.	\$7,285.97
8	796519	7/9/26	Team Elmer's, 415.37 tons of 23A gravel at \$9.25 per ton for county roads.	\$3,842.23
9	798043	7/20/26	Team Elmer's, 898.70 tons of 29A gravel at \$15.00 per ton for stockpiling at Wyers Pit.	\$13,480.50
10	797594	7/16/26	Team Elmer's, 1264.17tons of 23A gravel at \$9.25 per ton for county roads.	\$11,693.60
11	798250	7/21/26	Team Elmer's, 740.71 tons of 29A gravel at \$15.00 per ton for stockpiling at Hansen's	\$11,110.65
12	808942	8/6/26	Team Elmer's, 267.87 tons of 29A gravel at \$15.00 per ton for stockpiling at Hansen's	\$4,018.05
13	798252	7/21/26	Team Elmer's, 345.77 tons of 29A gravel at \$15.00 per ton for stockpiling at Weiss Pit.	\$5,186.55
TOTAL PURCHASES				\$422,994.99

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Hein, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of \$65,737.58:

9C. CONTRACT PAYMENTS

PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
07052026	7/05/26	Michigan Department of Transportation, Progress Billing #6 for Long Rapids Road Bridge	\$3,988.53
264063-01	7/30/26	PK Contracting, pavement Markings for county roads.	\$61,749.05
TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS			\$65,737.58

Motion carried unanimously.

GARAGE STRUCTURAL COLUMN REPAIR BID

One bid was received on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, for the Garage Structural Column Repair:

Devere Industrial LLC \$ 68,800.00

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Hein, to accept the bid from Devere Industrial, LLC of Alpena for the bid of \$68,800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner MacArthur inquired about the status of Beaver Lake Road. Rebecca Rivard of Huron Engineering and Surveying responded that it is still in the design stage with 75% completed.

Commissioner MacArthur also commented that he was not happy with the grading of Gamage Road. The operator took the crown off the road. Mr. MacArthur stated the drivers/operators need more training.

Commissioner Lucas commented that he was pleased with the roadside mowing and clearing.

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. Working with Star Staffing to recruit a mechanic.

KEETCH ROAD ABANDONMENT

Road Commission Attorney Dan Florip reported that there is no update as they are still in the process but still cannot get hold of one property owner. Mr. Florip will send letters out to the remaining residents.

RURAL ROAD ALLIANCE OF MICHIGAN

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Hein, to join the Rural Road Alliance of Michigan with an annual membership fee of \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
ANNUAL MEETING**

Moved by Hein, seconded by Lucas, that Mike Girard be appointed as the Employee Delegate to serve at the 2026 MERS Annual Meeting to be held October 8th and 9th 2026, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, 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.

FOIA LETTER DENIAL

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the FOIA appeal denial letter to Brian Tadajewski. Motion carried unanimously.

TOWNSHIP ROAD AGREEMENTS

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

	Township Share	ACRC Share	Total Estimate
<u>MAPLE RIDGE TOWNSHIP:</u>			
<i>Surface Gravel:</i>			
Metzke Rd @ Bolton Rd .49 mile	\$ 9,299	\$ 9,299	\$ 18,598

Maple Lane Rd @ 2200' E. of Dietz Rd .58 mi.	\$ 10,945	\$ 10,945	\$ 21,890
Orchard Hill Rd @ Ellsworth Rd .49 mi.	\$ 9,299	\$ 9,299	\$ 18,598
TOTAL MAPLE RIDGE TOWNSHIP:	\$ 29,543	\$ 29,543	\$ 59,086

	<u>Township Share</u>	<u>ACRC Share</u>	<u>Total Estimate</u>
<u>WILSON TOWNSHIP:</u>			
<i>Surface Gravel:</i>			
Emerson Rd/Carney Rd @ M-32 then S. 2.07 mi.	\$ 36,250	\$ 36,250	\$ 72,500
Badder Rd @ Briar Hill Rd .55 mi.	\$ 9,531	\$ 9,531	\$ 19,062
Bussie Rd @ 2,675 W. of Prevo Rd 0.49 mi.	\$ 8,628	\$ 8,628	\$ 17,256
TOTAL WILSON TOWNSHIP:	\$ 54,409	\$ 54,409	\$ 108,818

Motion carried unanimously.

25 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

Commissioner MacArthur opened the discussion on 25 mph speed limit signs being placed on every residential neighborhood road. Managing Director Ryan Brege was directed to reach out to other Road Commissions and to the Alpena Sheriff's office to inquire on their processes. It will be addressed at a later meeting.

BURKHOLDER DRIVE PAVING

Commissioner MacArthur questioned whether or not the Road Commission would be willing to pave Burkholder Drive. Managing Director Ryan Brege informed the Board that the road would need design engineering to bring it up to the Road Commission standards. The estimated cost could range anywhere from \$75,000 to \$95,000. No action was taken until a formal request is received from the residents to pursue the request.

UNION NEGOTIATIONS

Commissioner MacArthur inquired if union negotiations have started for the crew. Managing Director Ryan Brege stated that he has not heard anything from their union representative. A few items were discussed pertaining to the union contract.

MANAGING DIRECTOR EVALUATION

Steps are in the process to prepare for the annual performance evaluation for Managing Director Ryan Brege.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Alpena County Road Commissioners' next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 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 4:47 p.m.

Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary