

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

July 11, 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 and Spaulding.

Absent: Commissioner MacArthur.

Staff present: Ryan Brege, Managing Director; John Bygden, Superintendent; Julia Patterson, Finance Director/Board Secretary.

Others Present: Tim Gulden, Road Commission Attorney; Rebecca Rivard, County Engineer of Huron Engineering and Surveying; Bill LaHaie, Alpena County Commissioner.

AGENDA

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, 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 June 6, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter dated June 7, 2023 from Daniel J. Florip, of Gillard, Bauer, Mazrum, Florip, Smigelski, & Gulden, informing the Alpena County Road Commission of their merger with the law firm of White & Wojda.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Matuzak, 11096 Beaver Lake Road, attended the Board meeting to offer her appreciation for the dust control that was applied to Beaver Lake Road. Ms. Matuzak stated that she and the others in attendance are inquiring about the process for paving Beaver Lake Road.

Jane Meyer, 9514 Beaver Lake Road, appeared before the Board to understand the process of being placed to the top of the priority list to have their road paved or sealed. Ms. Meyer questioned why Wolf Creek Road from Nicholson Hill Road to Hubert Road can be paved, and why Scott Road from Hubbard Lake Road to Lytle Road can be paved, and Nicholson Hill Road from Wolf Creek Road to the dump can be paved, why can't Beaver Lake Road be paved? There is more traffic on Beaver Lake Road than the others that were paved.

Donnalee Krentz, 9720 Beaver Lake Road, commented that she has lived on Beaver Lake Road for 45 years and the road has never been so dusty. Ms. Krentz asked if the Road Commission could pave it.

Linda Krentz, 10635 Beaver Lake Road, questioned why the Road Commission Board meetings are held at 3:00 p.m. More people would attend if the meetings were held in the evening.

Ken Hatch, 11136 Beaver Lake Road, has lived there since 1981. He questioned if the Road Commission could work with Ossineke Township to pave or sealcoat three to five miles. Mr. Hatch commented that the legislators have stated there is money budgeted for infrastructure including roads. He is willing to look for grants for this road improvement.

Lenny Avery, Coordinator of Economic Development/Target, stated that he is concerned about the road conditions and health of the residents that live on Beaver Lake Road. Mr. Avery also commented that the Briar Hill intersection is very dangerous.

Jerry Kaschner, 3621 Werth Road, appeared before the Board to discuss the water drainage on his property. Mr. Kaschner commented that he has called several different times to contact the Road Commission and was unable to get through.

Terry Ayres, 121 E. Lewis Street, commented that what he is hearing is the road commission has a communication problem with the phones not being answered or messages being returned. There should be a person answering the phones. Also, the board meetings need to be held at a later time. He does not live on that road but drives the road all the time and it is very dusty.

Managing Director Ryan Brege addressed the people in attendance about the Road Commission's new phone service not working well with Frontier. Mr. Brege has reached out to Frontier several times regarding the phone issue. The Road Commission would not deliberately avoid the telephone calls, and there is a person who answers the phone calls. He also suggested sending an email if you have questions or concerns. The emails are checked several times an hour and a response is only sent if you ask for a return call or a response to the email.

Chairman Lucas responded to the residents that most of the county gravel roads are dusty, and the Road Commission had a difficult time getting brine from our supplier to be able to apply it to the roads. Currently the dust control program is only 75% complete.

Lenny Avery, Coordinator of Economic Development/Target, asked for the option for an online meeting so that others can do the meeting virtually if they cannot attend at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Brege responded the Road Commission does not have the infrastructure to do that type of meeting. The Road Commission Board decides the time of the meeting but believe it's better to be in person than on a screen or on the phone if a person wants to address the Board.

Managing Director Ryan Brege commented that the recently paved roads that you are questioning were funded in part by Ossineke Township. Mr. Brege stated that by State law, the Road Commission can only pay for 50% of the cost for local road projects. Although Beaver Lake Road is a primary road, there is a funding issue. The cost to pave a road is approximately \$650,000 per mile. Currently, the Road Commission is under a tremendous amount of pressure from the community to extend Third Street to Tamarack Road to allow another way out from the Thunder Bay Junior High School. This project alone could cost approximately \$1 to 1.5 million. High-

Risk Rural Road funding is available to upgrade gravel roads, but typically a fatal accident or one resulting in an incapacitating injury has to occur on that road before the application is even considered. The infrastructure budget that was discussed is money that was always available but has been reclassified. The biggest change was adding more money to non-motorized transportation. Mr. Brege said the Road Commission does the best they can to keep Beaver Lake Road in the best possible condition and are very aware of all your concerns of this road.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Herron Road overlay is complete. Cost was estimated at \$22,000 but the final bill was a little over \$14,000.
- Scott Road Overlay is complete.
- Spruce Road anticipated start date is Monday July 17th.
- Still working on design on the Long Rapids Road Bridge.
- 2024 projects--Airport Road, Hamilton Road, and Bagley Street is in preliminary design phase.
- Attended MTA Meeting at Wellington Township Hall.
- Started communications for preliminary union negotiations. Chairman Lucas will sit in on them.
- Interviewed a candidate for the Finance Director position.
- Attended the last full Alpena County Board meeting.
- Road Superintendent John Bygden is waiting for a return call from Green Township Supervisor Eric Smith regarding the condition of James Road. The road is in very bad condition and John wants to talk to Eric on how Green Township wants to handle the maintenance of the road with dust control and blading.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ended June 30, 2023.

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

BIDS

FLOOR HOIST REPLACEMENT BID

One sealed bid was received on July 10, 2023 for the truck floor hoist replacement. Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to accept the bid from Kessler Equipment for an amount of \$77,694.00. Motion carried unanimously.

FLATBED TRAILER BIDS

The following three bids were received July 10, 2023, for the purchase of a flatbed trailer:

Technology International	\$13,700.00
AIS Construction Equipment	\$16,470.00
Holden Industries, Inc..	\$19,160.00

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to award the bid for the flatbed trailer to AIS Construction Equipment of Acme, Michigan at a price of \$16,470.00. Motion carried unanimously.

FLAGGING CONTROL DEVICE BIDS

The following five bids were received July 10, 2023, for the purchase of a flagging control device:

Give'em a Brake.	\$25,695.00
Action Traffic Maintenance	\$28,250.00
John Thomas, Inc	\$29,990.00
Street Smart Rental	\$31,286.00
Action Traffic Maintenance (Alternate Bid) . .	\$30,240.00

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to award the bid for the flagging control device to Give'em a Brake of Grandville, Michigan at a price of \$25,695.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PORTABLE TRAFFIC SIGNAL BIDS

The following four bids were received July 10, 2023, for the purchase of a set of portable traffic signals:

John Thomas Inc(PTS-2000 NEMA).	\$55,900.00
Action Traffic Maintenance(Horizon)	\$57,750.00
Action Traffic Maintenance (VER-MAC)	\$58,500.00
Give'em A Brake (VER-MAC)	\$62,000.00

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to award the bid for the flagging control device to Action Traffic Maintenance of Grand Blanc, Michigan at a price of \$58,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

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Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	202306-B0018	6/7/23	Bit-Mat Products, 2,034.73 gallons of AE-90 at \$2.45 per gallon and \$300.00 freight.	\$5,285.09
2	87	6/20/23	Forward Energy Corp. (formerly Gary Oil Co.) 12,000 gallons diesel fuel at \$2.627 per gallon.	\$31,524.00
3	88	6/26/23	Forward Energy Corp. (formerly Gary Oil Co.) 2,700 gallons nolead gas at \$2.534 per gallon.	\$6,841.80
4	212200	6/30/23	Keystone Rental Equipment, LLC., excavator rental for the building drains and catch basins	\$3,140.00
5	677611	6/8/23	Team Elmer's, 838.39 tons of 23A road gravel at \$6.85 per	

			per ton for county roads.	\$5,743.00
6	677376	6/7/23	Team Elmer's, 686.32 tons of 23A road gravel at \$6.85 per per ton for county roads.	\$4,701.30
7	865323	6/2/23	Team Elmer's, 5,006.40 tons of tailgate 23A road gravel at \$13.20 per ton for Township Road projects.	\$66,084.48
8	865392	6/9/23	Team Elmer's, 907.8 tons of tailgate 23A road gravel at \$13.20 per ton for Township Road projects.	\$11,982.96
9	865578	6/16/23	Team Elmer's, 6036.89 tons of tailgate 23A road gravel at \$13.20 per ton for Township Road projects.	\$79,686.95
10	865699	6/23/23	Team Elmer's, 350.94 tons of tailgate 23A road gravel at \$13.20 per ton for Township Road projects.	\$4,632.41
11	3-1223021	6/13/23	Valley Truck Parts, new manual transmission, and clutch parts for Truck #047.	\$9,270.00
				TOTAL PURCHASES \$228,891.99

Motion carried unanimously

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

<u>Item</u>	<u>PO/Inv</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	4209	6/25/23	Bolen Asphalt Paving, Inc., Wedge and Overlay on Scott Road-Wolf Creek to Hubbard Lake.	\$306,217.28
2	4214	6/30/23	Bolen Asphalt Paving, Inc., Wedge and Overlay on Herron Road	\$14,107.80
				TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS \$320,325.08

Motion carried unanimously

JUNE BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the June 2023 bills in the amount of \$1,153,073.32. Motion carried unanimously.

MCRCSIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

One At-Large position for a three-year term (2023-2026)

*Brett Laughlin - Ottawa CRC

Two Northern positions for three-year terms (ending 2026).

*Brent Shank - Emmet CRC

*Mark Timmer - Oceana CRC

Motion carried unanimously.

MERS DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, that Ryan Brege be appointed as the Officer Delegate to serve at the 2023 MERS Annual Meeting to be held September 28-29, 2023, in Detroit, Michigan, and Julia Patterson be appointed as Officer Alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY PARKS DUST CONTROL AGREEMENTS

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

	COUNTY PARKS <u>Match</u>	ACRC <u>Match</u>	Total <u>Estimate</u>
SUNKEN LAKE PARK			
2023 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$300	\$0	\$300
LONG LAKE PARK			
2023 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$400	\$0	\$400
BEAVER LAKE PARK			
2023 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$250	\$0	\$250

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

There were no Commissioners comments.

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission building.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Gerald Lucas, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary