

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

February 3, 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; Mark Herman, Huron Engineering and Surveying.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING - KEETCH ROAD ABANDONMENT

Chairman MacArthur opened the public hearing for Keetch Road abandonment at 3:01 p.m. Road Commission Attorney Dan Florip informed the Board and those is attendance that due to a clerical error in the initial notice that was mailed, another public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at 3:00 p.m. The public hearing was closed at 3:13 p.m.

MINUTES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Augustyn, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 6, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments at this time.

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.

- Working on the bid proposals with Huron Engineering for Jack's Landing Road-Crush and shape project, Spruce Road Overlay, Grand Lake Overlay, and Ossineke Road Wedge and Overlay.
- Working on the annual pavement markings and crack sealing bid proposals.
- Attended an Emergency Planning meeting.
- Met with RA Townsend for the boiler replacement.
- Received RFP's for Beaver Lake Road design.
- Applied for the Federal Aid buyout program (90 cents on a dollar) to use on Werth Road.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ending December 31, 2025.

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

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND PURCHASES

ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Aggregate:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Everett Goodrich</u>	<u>Spec. Stone</u>	<u>Team Elmer's</u>	<u>C & S Carrier</u>
Tailgate Spread Agg.:				
County-Wide	\$21.50/Ton 22A	\$22.05 22A		
	\$20.75/Ton 23A	\$21.30 23A	\$15.23/Ton	\$21.84
Pit Loaded Agg.				
22A	No Bid	\$ 11.99/Ton	\$9.50/Ton	No Bid
23A	No Bid	\$ 11.49/Ton	\$9.25/Ton	No Bid
21AA	No Bid	\$ 11.75/Ton	\$9.50/Ton	No Bid
29A	No Bid	\$ 16.47/Ton	\$15.00/Ton	No Bid

2. Bituminous Patching Materials:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Ace-Saginaw Paving</u>	<u>Everett Goodrich</u>	<u>Unique Paving</u>
	<u>Delivered/At Plant</u>	<u>Trucking</u>	<u>Materials</u>
		<u>Delivered/At Plant</u>	<u>Delivered/At Plant</u>
CP-6	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
CP-7	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
CP-7 Appr. Equal	No Bid	No Bid	\$154.00-train/\$129.00/ton
QPR	141.75/\$138.00/ton	\$143.30/ton	

3. Emulsified Asphalts:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Bit-Mat Products</u>	<u>Michigan Paving</u>
	<u>Unit Price/Gal.</u>	<u>Unit Price/Gal.</u>
AE-90	\$2.26100	NO BID
AE-90 Alt.	NO BID	\$2.3900
CRS-2m	\$2.34100	\$2.5500
Fog seal	\$1.7500	\$1.7400

4. Brine Application for Dust Control:

Mineral Well>26%:
GFL Environmental, Inc. DBA: Northern A-1 Services \$.305/gal.
D & J Bowen, Sterling, MI \$.310/gal.

Bay Dust Control NO BID
Michigan Chloride Sales NO BID

5. Liquid Calcium Chloride, Applied:

Bay Dust/Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales. \$0.786/gal.

35% Calcium Chloride Solution,
Applied, Continuous Application

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Augustyn, to accept all the bids received for furnishing annual requirements allowing staff the option to purchase material from the firm offering the most economical cost and timely delivery of the product desired. Motion carried unanimously.

MOWER MAX QUOTES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Augustyn to accept the quote #Q002402 from ATMAX Equipment Company for a Mower Max Prime Mover at a cost of \$294,999.00 less the 6-way dozer blade attachment for \$11,687.50 for an adjusted cost of \$283,311.50. Motion carried unanimously.

BEAVER LAKE ROAD DESIGN ENGINEERING

The following four RFP's were received for the design of Beaver Lake Road:

Scott Civil Engineering. \$89,000
OHM \$81,719
RS Scott \$52,510
Huron Surveying and Engineering \$40,000

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Hein, to accept Huron Surveying and Engineering's not-to-exceed \$40,000 quote. Motion carried unanimously.

JANUARY BILLS

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the January 2026 bills in the amount of \$516,088.36. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Augustyn, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$67,638.75:

1	S88380	1/13/26	Alpena Diesel Service, to replace broken turbo on Truck #093.	\$5,934.02
2	S88452	1/21/26	Alpena Diesel Service, to replace exhaust after treatment on Truck #093.	\$4,205.27
3	W21881	1/29/26	Alpena Diesel Service, to replace head gasket on Truck #89.	\$10,155.61
4	81043	1/20/26	Cogitate Software, PFA Support for 2/1/26-4/30/26.	\$2,854.00
5	PO 177	1/19/26	Corrigan Oil, 12,001 gallons winter blend diesel fuel at \$2.2130 per gallon.	\$26,557.24
6	25-015-1	1/21/26	Environmental & Asbestos Services, Inc., Consulting services for close-out for contamination on the Road Commission grounds.	\$3,021.00
7	IN-009625	1/27/26	Forward Energy, 2,600 gallons of nolead gas at	

			\$1.9810 per gallon.	\$5,150.60
8	3533804	1/21/26	Hubbard Supply Co., Six handheld radios with programming and speakers.	\$2,963.71
9	112630	1/23/26	Northern Energy, 145 gallons of bulk 15W40 oil at \$11.70 per gallon and 85 gallons bulk AW46 oil at \$10.38 per gallon.	\$2,604.30
10	BS0029979	1/28/26	Truck & Trailer Specialties, 20 Wing Reverse Blades at \$209.65 per blade	\$4,193.00
TOTAL PURCHASES				\$67,638.75

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of \$31,467.22:

1	3167	12/18/25	L.S. Engineering, Inc., construction engineering services for Long Rapids Road bridge	\$10,430.00
2	10426	01/04/26	Michigan Department of Transportation, Progress Billing #4 for Long Rapids Road Bridge	\$21,037.22
TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS				\$31,467.22

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

There were no comments.

NEW HIRES, RETIRES, and TRANSFERS

No update.

CELL PHONE STIPEND

After a short discussion, the cell phone stipend was tabled until a future meeting.

SOILS & STRUCTURES PROPOSAL

Moved by Hein, seconded by Lucas, to accept the proposal from Soils & Structures for the fee for the garage beam repair drawings. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER CHAIRMANSHIP POLICY

Commissioner Spaulding commented that a new policy regarding the Chair of the Board should be implemented. Road Commission Attorney Dan Florip will draw up a new policy for the Commissioner Chairman.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jane Meyer, 9514 Beaver Lake Road, appeared before the Board to thank the Board for pursuing and accepting the RFP's for Beaver Lake Road.

Amy Matuzak, 11096 Beaver Lake Road, inquired if the Road Commission would be interested in working with Huron Pines funding for the culverts on Beaver Lake Road.

Josh Aube, 5266 Beaver Lake Road, questioned the Board how it was decided what portion of Beaver Lake Road will be paved and when the remaining will be paved.

OLD OSSINEKE ROAD DETOUR RESOLUTION

Moved by Commissioner Lucas, supported by Commissioner Spaulding, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Michigan Department of Transportation will be reconstructing Lake State Railway Crossing on US-23 South in Alpena County in Alpena, Michigan, and

WHEREAS, the temporary closing of the Lake State Railroad Crossing on US-23 South may occur in 2026 has resulted in the Michigan Department of Transportation requesting the use of Old Ossineke Road as a detour during the reconstructing process,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alpena County, Michigan, does hereby allow the Michigan Department of Transportation to use the Old Ossineke Road in Alpena County in Alpena, Michigan as a detour during the reconstruction of Lake State Railway Crossing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the detour on Old Ossineke Road shall become effective upon placement of a 1 ½ inch wedge and overlay and traffic marking additionally, the appropriate traffic control signs on the aforesaid designated road shall be placed and remain in effect until such time that the Lake State Railway Crossing is complete.

Carried by a vote as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, Lucas, Augustyn, and Hein.

Nays: None.

COUNTY ROAD ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to cast a vote for Michael Ingison, Mason 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 Alpena County Road Commissioners' next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 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 4:35 p.m.

Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary