

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

September 5, 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, MacArthur, and Spaulding.

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, County Engineer and Kirt Stout from Huron Engineering and Surveying; Bill LaHaie, Alpena County Commissioner.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jerry Kaschner, 3621 Werth Road, appeared before the Board to question if the Road Commission will clean the ditch off Werth Road.

Linda Krentz and Terry Ayres, 10635 Beaver Lake Road, representing residents of Beaver Lake Road, attended the meeting to ask when Beaver Lake Road will be paved. Mr. Ayres expressed his concerns regarding the safety of the residents of Beaver Lake Road with how dusty the road is.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Spruce Road is complete.
- GI plans for Long Rapids Road signing project's programming were accepted but there is not an update.
- Entering into union negotiations in two weeks. Chairman Gerald Lucas will sit in.
- Should receive the 2023 CAT grader by the end of October. The

2022 tandem truck should be here by the end of December and there is no delivery date for the 2023 tandem truck.

- Paser road ratings from July of 2023 are 20% in good condition, 36% are in fair condition, and 44% are in poor condition.

**COUNTY ROAD REPORT**

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

**JULY CASH REPORT**

The Finance Director reviewed the July Cash Report for the month ended July 31, 2023.

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

**PURCHASES**

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$329,246.79:

**9B. PURCHASES**

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	1252988	8/25/23	Action Traffic Maintenance Inc., to replace the damaged guardrail from the accident on Long Rapids Road.	\$6,825.00
2	T12368	8/17/23	AIS Construction Equipment, new boom roller assembly for Equipment #137.	\$5,048.82
3	202308-B0099	8/21/23	Bit-Mat Products of Michigan, LLC, 1,922.16 gallons of AE-90 at \$2.45 per gallon plus \$300.00 freight.	\$5,009.29
4	CRA0008611	8/10/23	CRASIF Insurance, second quarter premium for workers' compensation policy.	\$11,264.00
5	98	8/21/23	Crystal Flash, 2,800 gallons nolead gas at \$2.769 per gallon.	\$7,753.20
7	99	8/31/23	Crystal Flash, 12,000 gallons diesel at \$3.187 per gallon.	\$38,244.00
8	64863	7/13/23	L & S Concrete Co., 48 yards of concrete at \$152.75 per yard for building drains and catch basins.	\$7,332.00
9	174893	8/8/23	Michigan Paving & Materials Co., 19181.29 gallons of HFRS-2 at \$2.31 per gallon for primary roads sealcoats.	\$44,308.78
10	175029	8/15/23	Michigan Paving & Materials Co., 15,412.34 gallons of HFRS-2 at \$2.31 per gallon for primary roads sealcoats.	\$35,602.50
11	175215	8/22/23	Michigan Paving & Materials Co., 5,048.87 gallons of CQSEA at \$2.005 per gallon for primary roads sealcoats.	\$10,126.24
12	175368	8/29/23	Michigan Paving & Materials Co., 5,091.78 gallons of CQSEA at \$2.00189 per gal. for primary roads sealcoats.	\$10,193.18
13	551-622110	8/29/23	Michigan State Police, Frost law patrol for October-June mileage=\$884.19 and labor =\$4410.22.	\$5,294.41
14	1500017660	8/3/23	Pomp's Tire, Eight (8) 12R22.5/16 tires at \$479.59 per tire for inventory.	\$3,836.72
15	1500017636	8/2/23	Pomp's Tire, Four (4) 17.5R25 recap tires at \$1195.00 per	

			tire for Equipment #115.	\$4,780.00
16	866261	7/31/23	Team Elmer's, 29,263 tons crushing at \$3.55 per ton at Weiss Pit.	\$103,883.65
17	1671	8/11/23	Thunder Bay Tree Service, herbicide application for Wellington Township-15 hours and 620 gallons	\$6,935.00
18	1672	8/11/23	Thunder Bay Tree Service, herbicide application for Alpena Township-17.5 hours and 440 gallons	\$5,682.50
19	1673	8/11/23	Thunder Bay Tree Service, herbicide application for Maple Ridge Township-20 hours and 670 gallons	\$7,915.00
20	1674	8/11/23	Thunder Bay Tree Service, herbicide application for Alpena Township-22.5 hours and 790 gallons	\$9,212.50
			<b>TOTAL PURCHASES</b>	<b>\$329,246.79</b>

Motion carried unanimously

#### **CONTRACT PAYMENTS**

There were no contract payments.

#### **AUGUST BILLS**

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the August 2023 bills in the amount of \$507,135.22. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner MacArthur commented that the specifications could be changed in the next bidding process for gravel crushing in the pits. The Road Commission should provide the clay and not the contractor.

#### **ACT 51, MCL 247.668j**

#### **ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE-RELATED CONDITIONS**

Moved by MacArthur, 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 medical benefits are offered to employees or elected public officials in compliance with the publicly funded health insurance contribution act, 2011 PA 152 and authorize Chairman Gerald Lucas and Finance Director Julia Patterson to sign the compliance form. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF ROAD COMMISSIONS BALLOT**

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to cast a vote for the following candidates for the CRA Board:

Two (2) two-year terms (2024-2026)

- \* Mark Christiansen—Montcalm County Road Commission
- \* David Pettersch—Gladwin County Road Commission

Motion carried unanimously.

**RETIREMENT COMMENDATION - CURTIS GONYEA**

WHEREAS, Curtis L. Gonyea has served the citizens of Alpena County and the motoring public as a loyal member of the Alpena County Road Commission leadership team, and  
WHEREAS, Mr. Gonyea retired on August 3, 2023, after nearly sixteen years of continuous dedicated service with the Road Commission as Superintendent, and  
WHEREAS, his commitment to the responsibilities of his office, to the well-being of his co-workers, and to the welfare of the public has earned him the respect and appreciation of his peers, his colleagues, township officials and the public alike, and  
WHEREAS, his many contributions to the efficient operation of the Road Commission and improvement of the roads in Alpena County Road are in keeping with the finest traditions of public service;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alpena County, Michigan, does hereby gratefully congratulate Mr. Gonyea for his many years of exceptional public service and wish him well in all his future endeavors.  
Resolution unanimously adopted the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

BOARD OF ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
ALPENA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**WAGE DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Spaulding commented that non-union employee wages should all be raised to be effective on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board directed Managing Director Ryan Brege to make wage recommendations for those employees and bring to the October meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 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 4:04 p.m.

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Gerald Lucas, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,  
Board Secretary