OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

January 7, 2025

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 of Huron Engineering and Surveying; Bill LaHaie, 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 December 3, 2024, and the Budget meeting of December 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no citizens appearing before the Board.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Working on final plans for the Long Rapids Road Bridge over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River.
- Lake Winyah Road is complete on all but slope restoration.
- Continuing to work on the Third Street/Tamarack Road plans with an update in progress.
- Final plans are complete on the Wolf Creek Road resurfacing project. Should be in the March bid letting.
- Held interviews for truck drivers with one starting work at the Road Commission on Monday, January 6th. Interviewing another applicant on Wednesday.
- Worked on the 2025 Budget.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ended November 30, 2024.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ended December 31, 2024.

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

DECEMBER BILLS

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the December 2024 bills in the amount of $1,050,613.11. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to approve the following purchases in the amount of $327,168.42:

1	P.O. 139	1/2/25	Crystal Flash, 2,500 gallons of nolead gas at $2.234 per gallon.	$5,585.99
2	IN-007426	12/10/24	Forward Distributing, 2,799 gallons of nolead gas at $2.0685 per gallon.	$5,789.74
3	1949	12/6/24	Frost Solutions LLC., mini weather station annual subscription to be split with MDOT.	$3,000.00
4	HP60294	11/27/24	Ginop Sales Inc., skid steer rental for tree removal for Ossineke Township project and MDOT projects.	$2,900.00
5	00162028-1	12/05/24	MERS, Voluntary Contribution to Defined Benefit Retirement	$200,000.00
6	334785	12/27/24	Scotland Oil Co., 11,998 gallons winter blend diesel fuel at $2.27 per gallon.	$27,235.46
7	BJO002681-1	12/13/24	Truck & Trailer Specialties, equipment package for Truck #064 (Equipment only, no labor)	$82,657.23
			TOTAL PURCHASES	**$327,168.42**

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

There were no contract payments.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Spaulding commented that he is very pleased with the Road Commission fund balance and in a good position for the upcoming year. Mr. Spaulding would like to have an account reserved for road equipment only. He would like for the staff to be able to buy equipment as needed from this fund and not have to budget an amount each year in the annual budget.

BOARD RECESS

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m. for recess.

BOARD RECONVENED

Board Secretary Julia Patterson, reconvened the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Lucas, MacArthur, and Spaulding.
Absent: None.

The first order of business was the election of officers.

CHAIRMAN

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to nominate Gerry MacArthur as Chairman of the Board for 2025. There being no further nominations, a unanimous vote was cast in favor of Mr. MacArthur.

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Moved by Lucas, seconded by MacArthur, that Thomas Spaulding be nominated as Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2025. There being no further nominations, a unanimous vote was cast in favor of Mr.Spaulding.

The Board Secretary turned the meeting over to the 2025 Chairman, Gerry MacArthur.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

A. MANAGING DIRECTOR:
Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, Ryan Brege be appointed as Managing Director for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

B. BOARD SECRETARY:
Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, that Julia Patterson be appointed as Board Secretary for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

C. LEGAL COUNSEL:
Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, that the law firm of Bauer, Florip, & Wojda PLC be retained as the Alpena County Road Commission’s Attorneys for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

SET REGULAR MEETING TIME, DATES AND PLACE FOR 2025

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, that the regular meetings of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alpena County for 2025 be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. unless a second meeting is needed, in the lower-level conference room at the Road Commission offices. Motion carried unanimously.

CHECKING ACCOUNT DEPOSITORY

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to designate Huntington Bank as the checking account depository for the General Road Fund, Payroll Account, and Accounts Payable Account for 2025. Also, Huntington Bank, PNC Bank, Nicolet, or any other Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or a savings and loan association which is a member of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation or a credit union which is insured by the National Credit Union Administration maintaining an office in the County that is authorized by statute, be designated as depositories for County Road Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

CHECK SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, that Ryan Brege, Managing Director, and Julia Patterson, Finance Director/Board Secretary, are hereby authorized to sign checks for the Payroll Account and for the Accounts Payable Account. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S RETAINER FEE AGREEMENT

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to authorize the Chairman and Board Secretary to sign the annual Retainer Agreement, with the law firm of Bauer, Florip, and Wojda PLC, for one year, from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. The annual retainer fee of $15,600 per year, payable monthly as the same accrues, at the rate of $1,300 per month. Retained services in excess of 70 hours of legal services shall be billed as additional charges. The Attorneys shall provide a semi-annual billing, showing services performed and time expended on Retained Services. Any additional legal work outside the scope of routine legal work will be at the standard hourly rate charged by the attorney handling the type of service, to the maximum of $225.00 per hour, plus out-of-pocket expenses. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

February 4, 2025

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, and Lucas.
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 of Huron Engineering and Surveying; Bill LaHaie and Travis Konarzewski, County Commissioners.

AGENDA

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, 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 January 7, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter received in an email from Brian Tadajewski, 488 Geronimo Road, regarding alleged damage on his property. The Board requested that legal counsel review.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no citizens appearing before the Board.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road Bridge over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River should be in the April bid letting.
- Lake Winyah Road is complete on all but slope restoration.
- Continuing to work on the Third Street/Tamarack Road plans with an update in progress.
- Wolf Creek Road resurfacing project. Should be in the March bid letting.
- Attended the 2nd MCRCSIP Managers' meeting last month; more round table discussions.
- Currently the Road Commission has Verizon Connect for the trucks GPS but noticing there is a lack of reception in some areas. Looking at changing service providers.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

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

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND PURCHASES

STREET SIGNS QUOTES

The following two quotes were received for various street signs:

Dornbos Signs. $5,142.38
Newman Traffic $5,256.29

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to accept the lowest quote from Dornbos Signs of Charlotte, Michigan for a quote of $5,142.38. Motion carried unanimously.

TANDEM TRUCK BIDS

After a brief discussion, moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to table the tandem truck bid decision until the next monthly meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TANDEM TRUCK EQUIPMENT QUOTE

This item was also tabled until the next monthly meeting.

ONE-TON TRUCK QUOTES

RFQ’s were sent to the following dealerships for a 2025 One-ton, four-wheel drive, dual rear wheel cab/chassis:

Berger Chevrolet $47,076.00
Gorno Ford . . . . . No Quote
LaFontaine Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep . . . . . No Quote
Todd Wenzel GMC, Buick . . . . . No Quote

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to accept the quote for $47,076.00 from Berger Chevrolet of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously.

JANUARY BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the January 2025 bills in the amount of $522,622.63. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to approve the following purchases in the amount of $47,795.53:

9F. PURCHASES

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	1132025	1/13/25	Alcona County Road Commission, for 50 14'U-Channel posts for inventory.	$3,318.50
2	78270	1/20/25	Cogitate Inc., Pro Fund Accounting Software Support for	

			2/1/25 through 4/30/25.	$2,854.00
3	8288304-IN	1/29/25	Corrigan Oil, 12,002 winter blend diesel fuel at $2.313 per gallon.	$27,760.85
4	007718	1/24/25	Forward Distributing, 2,699 gallons of nolead gas at $2.218 per gallon.	$5,986.38
5	24-8338	12/31/24	Great Lakes Engineering Group, Underwater Bridge Inspection of Bagley Street Bridge	$7,400.00
6	744880	1/21/25	Team Elmers, 486.45 tons of 23A road gravel at $7.80 per ton for yard inventory.	$3,794.30
			TOTAL PURCHASES	**$47,795.53**

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

There were no contract payments.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner MacArthur commented that the Beaver Lake Park caretaker complained that the Road Commission plow trucks are not going around the curve when they plow snow at the park road. Road Superintendent John Bygden will go check it out. Commissioner MacArthur also commented that after a review of the design plans of Long Rapids Road Bridge, he is not happy with the detours that are planned during construction. He also feels that the Bolton Road and Long Rapids Road intersection should not be torn up.

MDOT AUTHORIZATION – WOLF CREEK ROAD

ALPENA COUNTY WOLF CREEK ROAD
MDOT CONTRACT NO. 24-5592
JOB NO. 214607CON
CONTROL SECTION STL 04000

Moved by Commissioner Lucas and seconded by Commissioner Spaulding, that Ryan J. Brege, Managing Director, and Julia Patterson, Secretary, are hereby authorized to sign the contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Alpena, Michigan, for the following described project:

STL 04000; JOB #214607CON

Hot mix asphalt base crushing and shaping and paving along Wolf Creek Road from Nicholson Hill Road to Werth Road, including aggregate base and shoulders, culverts, guardrail and permanent paving markings; and all together with necessary related work.

Carried by a vote as follows:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

2024 ACT 51 MILEAGE CERTIFICATION

Moved by Commissioner Spaulding, seconded by Commissioner Lucas to approve the Act 51 mileage certification decrease in mileage on Hinks Park Road, T32NR08E Sec 03, E-43, by 1203'. Motion carried unanimously.

2024 COUNTY-WIDE AND URBAN-AREA MILEAGE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

Moved by Commissioner Lucas, supported by Commissioner Spaulding, 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, 2024, 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 450.74 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.

Motion carried by vote as follows:
Ayes: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, and Lucas.
Nays: None
Absent: None

COUNTY ROAD ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to cast a vote for Kirk Harrier, Otsego 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 three-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to cast a vote for Dave Pettersch, Gladwin 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 next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

March 4, 2025

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, and Lucas.
Absent: None.

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

Others Present: Tim Gulden, Road Commission Attorney; Rebecca Rivard of Huron Engineering and Surveying; Bill LaHaie and Travis Konarzewski, County Commissioners.

Vendors Present: Roger Hansen and Jim Zaremba from Zaremba Equipment in Gaylord.

AGENDA

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, 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 February 4, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Eastman and Bill Bridge, residents of Lappan Road, attended the meeting to learn more about the Road Commission process.

TANDEM AXLE TRUCK BIDS/PURCHASE

Following a review of the bids from the February 4, 2025, board meeting, the staff recommended awarding the bid to Zaremba Equipment. The following bids were opened Friday, January 31, 2025, for furnishing one 66,000 lb. GVWR Truck Chassis:

Stoops Western Star of Michigan
2026 Western Star Truck 47X $167,000.00
EW4 7 Yr.250K Miles Warranty (included in price)
Transmission=Detroit DT12
Engine = Detroit DD13
Delivery Date = 180 days
Total Bid $167,000.00

Alternate Bid: #2
Stoops Western Star of Michigan
2026 Western Star Truck 47X $172,000.00
EW4 7 Yr.250K Miles Warranty (included in price)
Transmission=Alison 4500RDS
Engine = DD13
Delivery Date = 180 days
Total Bid $172,000.00

Zaremba Equipment
2026 International HV615 SBA . . . . . $ 129,281.00
7Yr/250K Miles Warranty $ 8,513.00
Transmission=International T 14
Engine = International S-13 515 hp
Delivery Date = 120 days
Total Bid . . . . . $ 147,794.00

Alternate Bid: #2
Zaremba Equipment
2026 International HX520 SFA . . . . . $ 157,543.00
6Yr/250K Miles Warranty $4,175.00
Transmission= Eaton Endurant XD Pro
Engine = Cummins X15
Delivery Date = 120 days
Total Bid . . . . . $ 161,718.00

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to award the bid to Zaremba Equipment as recommended, for furnishing one 2026 International HX520 EW4 6 yr./250K mile warranty for a cost of $161,718.00, per their bid dated January 31,2025. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road Bridge over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River should be in the April bid letting.
- Lake Winyah Road is complete on all but slope restoration.
- Third Street/Tamarack Road plans reviewed and an update in progress.
- Wolf Creek Road resurfacing project. Scheduled for the March bid letting.
- Attended the City of Alpena's meeting on February 18th for safety issues about the traffic signal on Third and Hobbs Drive. The same concerns were addressed as in previous Third Street extension meetings. Alternate routes were discussed and asked to participate in a new study. The next meeting is tentatively planned for March 26th.
- Attended the MTA meeting on February 24th and reported on the Third Street.
- Attended the UP Builders conference in Marquette. Lots of great presentations.
- Attended the County Engineers Workshop with Engineering Tech Jake Heltsley at Shanty Creek in Bellaire.
- Met with EGLE representative Janice Adams to discuss the high salt content in the Charter's water well on the neighboring property. Spoke with Gayle Cummings and Bill Henn from MCRCSIP before the meeting for direction on this issue. Mr. Henn decided to attend the meeting with EGLE.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

The Superintendent 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 ended January 31, 2025.

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

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND PURCHASES

ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Aggregate:

Item	Everett Goodrich	Spec. Stone	Team Elmer's	C & S Carrier
Tailgate Spread Agg.:				
County-Wide	$20.55/Ton 22A	$21.15 22A		
	$19.80/Ton 23A	$20.50 23A	$13.95/Ton	$16.00
Pit Loaded Agg.				
22A	No Bid	$ 11.24/Ton	$9.25/Ton	No Bid
23A	No Bid	$ 10.74/Ton	$9.00/Ton	No Bid
21AA	No Bid	$ 10.99/Ton	$9.25/Ton	No Bid
29A	No Bid	$ 15.25/Ton	Ck. Availability	No Bid

2. Bituminous Patching Materials:

Item	Ace-Saginaw Paving Delivered/At Plant	Everett Goodrich Trucking Delivered/At Plant	Unique Paving Materials Delivered/At Plant
CP-6	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
CP-7	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
CP-7 Appr. Equal	No Bid	No Bid	$148.82-train/$125.00/ton
QPR	137.00/$125.00/ton	$125.00/$120.00/ton	

3. Emulsified Asphalts:

Item	Bit-Mat Products Unit Price/Gal.	Michigan Paving Unit Price/Gal.
AE-90	$2.3500	NO BID
AE-90 Alt.	NO BID	$2.3900
CRS-2m	$2.4900	$2.5500
Fog seal	$1.8500	$1.7400

4. Brine Application for Dust Control:

Mineral Well>26%:

GFL Environmental, Inc. DBA: Northern A-1 Services .$0.305/gal.

D & J Bowen, Sterling, MI . . . . . $0.310/gal.

Bay Dust Control . . . . . NO BID

Michigan Chloride Sales . . . . . NO BID

5. Liquid Calcium Chloride, Applied:

Bay Dust/Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales. . . . . $0.764/gal.

35% Calcium Chloride Solution,
Applied, Continuous Application

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, 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.

PAVEMENT MARKINGS BIDS

Three bids were opened on Friday, February 21, 2025, for annual pavement traffic markings:

Michigan Pavement Markings, LLC $75,317.20
P.K. Contracting. $77,121.21
M & M Pavement Markings $81,970.68

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to award the lowest bid to Michigan Pavement Markings of Wyoming, Michigan in the amount of $75,317.20. Motion carried unanimously.

FEBRUARY BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the February 2025 bills in the amount of $429,800.53. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of $58,849.82:

1	SI25-30490	2/24/25	Detroit Salt Co., 56.60 tons at $75.02/ton for salt for county roads.	$4,246.13
2	SI25-30565	2/25/25	Detroit Salt Co., 54.85 tons at $75.02/ton for salt for county roads.	$4,114.85
3	SI25-30639	2/26/25	Detroit Salt Co., 54.66 tons at $75.02/ton for salt for county roads.	$4,100.59
4	IN-007911A	2/21/25	Forward Distributing, 3,000 gallons of nolead gas at $2.2085 per gallon.	$6,625.50
5	337438	2/18/2025	Scotland Oil, 11,1962 winter blend diesel fuel at $2.4735 per gallon.	$29,672.11
6	BSO026410	2/10/2025	Truck & Trailer Specialties, 25 wing shoes for stock at $157.76 per item and 2 air valves for Trucks #094 & 098.	$4,302.02
7	BSO026879	2/25/2025	Truck & Trailer Specialties, 12 wing shoes for stock at $157.76 per item and 25 Wing Reverse Blades at $155.82 per blade.	$5,788.62
			TOTAL PURCHASES	**$58,849.82**

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of $382,200.00:

1	6876	2/12/2025	Huron Engineering and Surveying, Inc., design services for Third Street & Tamarack.	$7,200.00
2	591-11301207	1/29/2025	Michigan Department of Transportation, Advance Construction deposit for Wolf Creek Road Crush & Shape.	$375,000.00
			TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS	**$382,200.00**

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Spaulding commended the crew for a great job for clearing the roads after the last storm. Commissioner Lucas inquired if the trucks had wings and questioned the road width after a snowstorm. Commissioner MacArthur stated that he is strongly against the new plan study that the City of Alpena is proposing. Mr. MacArthur commented that Tamarack Road to Werth Street would be a great addition to the Third Street Extension project.

LONG RAPIDS ROAD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING

Since the Road Commission does not have all the necessary engineering equipment/program (MDOT will not allow the Field Manager program) to properly track the Long Rapids Road Bridge construction engineering, Managing Director Ryan Brege is recommending LS Engineering. MDOT now utilizes a program called Ashtoware and Engineering Tech Jake Heltsley is not trained in that program. Heltsley would still be the head one onsite. LS Engineering assisted with the construction engineering of the Bagley Street/Long Rapids Road intersection traffic signal project in 2023.

CAMERAS FOR TRUCKS/ROAD EQUIPMENT

Managing Director Ryan Brege informed the Board that the Road Commission is switching from Verizon to Samsara for $19.99 per month per unit for the trucks and road equipment. Front-facing cameras have not been discussed in length with the crew. County Commissioner Travis Konarzewski offered to share his positive experience with the crew with the cameras on his business road equipment.

PLOW QUOTE FOR TRUCK #035

Moved by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Spaulding, to accept the quote of $9,194.00 from Freese Hydraulics and Equipment Repair, Inc. for a Western Plow for truck #035. Motion carried unanimously.

LOCAL BRIDGE RESOLUTION-STATE STREET BRIDGE

Moved by Commissioner Spaulding, supported by Commissioner Lucas, that Managing Director Ryan Brege file an application for State/Federal financial assistance in funding for the reconstruction of the State Street Bridge over Devil’s River. Due to its age and level of deterioration, risking closure or restrictions of this crossing would have a major impact on the motoring public. This impact is primarily the result of this bridge being the only means of ingress/egress to several homes and recreational areas.

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 five percent matching funds for rehabilitation of the structure if approved. Motion carried unanimously.

LOCAL BRIDGE RESOLUTION-HUBBARD LAKE ROAD BRIDGE

Moved by Commissioner Spaulding, supported by Commissioner Lucas, that 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 on 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 five percent matching funds for rehabilitation of the structure if approved. Motion carried unanimously.

2024 COUNTY-WIDE AND URBAN-AREA MILEAGE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

Moved by Commissioner Spaulding, supported by Commissioner Lucas, 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, 2024, 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 450.74 miles in the County-Wide Local Road System, of which 47.71 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. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lappan Road Resident Dave Eastman inquired about the process for having the drainage improved on Bloom Road.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

April 1, 2025

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, and Lucas.
Absent: None.

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

Others Present: Dan Florip, Road Commission Attorney; Todd Britton, Bill LaHaie, and Travis Konarzewski, Alpena County Commissioners.

AGENDA

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, 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 March 4, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. A letter dated March 3, 2025, from Gayle Cummings, CPA, Administrator of Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool (MCRCSIP) asking for nominations to serve as a member of the Board.
B. A letter dated March 11, 2025, from John Kozlowski, Chairman of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners, informing the Alpena County Road Commission of the possibility of expanding from a three-member board to a five-member Board and inviting them to attend that meeting.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no citizens appearing before the Board.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Bid letting for the Long Rapids Road Bridge over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River is scheduled for April 4th.
- Lake Winyah Road is complete on all but slope restoration.
- Continuing to work on the Third Street/Tamarack Road plans with an update in progress.
- Wolf Creek Road resurfacing project contractor is Pyramid Paving.

- LS Engineering Company's construction support for Long Rapids Road Bridge for thirteen weeks is estimated at $102,667.00.
- County wide ice storm began on Saturday, March 29th. Road Commission lost power and borrowed a back-up generator from CRTC to run power for the gas/fuel pumps and overhead garage doors. Crew worked Sunday to clear trees from the roads. Night Patrol ran over a downed power line that caused damage to ACRC pickup #003. He was not injured. Equipment was rented to help the crew with all the downed trees and damage. Purchased five new chainsaws and more chaps for the crew. Iosco County has two tree crews in our County aiding with the cleanup. Divided the county into fourteen sections with two crews from Iosco and five crews from the Road Commission. Currently running the Road Commission internet through the Sheriff's patrol car until Charter gets back on.
- Recommending the Road Commission purchase a generator instead of replacing the boiler that was budgeted in the 2025 budget.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege presented the Board with an update on the County Roads.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ended February 28, 2025.

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

BIDS AND QUOTATIONS

OVERBAND CRACK SEAL BIDS

Four bids were received on Thursday, March 19, 2025, for 15.81 miles of overband crack seal:

Prime Results LLC $42,687.00
Wolverine Sealcoating $49,785.69
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers $56,473.32
Scodeller Construction $62,876.37

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to award the bid to Prime Results LLC, of Alpena, Michigan in the amount of $42,687.00. Motion carried unanimously.

TANDEM TRUCK EQUIPMENT

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to receive the quote of $141,678.00 for the equipment package from Truck and Trailer Specialties of Boyne Falls. Motion carried unanimously.

MARCH BILLS

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the March 2025 bills in the amount of $779,737.33. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of $218,629.63:

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	1258093	3/20/25	Action Traffic Maintenance Inc., miscellaneous guardrail for US-23 for MDOT project.	$4,500.00
2	1258095	3/20/25	Action Traffic Maintenance Inc., miscellaneous guardrail for US-23 for MDOT project.	$3,300.00
3	FCQ8981PV	3/17/25	Alro Steel, 40' steel bean for rack for snow wings	$3,810.55
4	N59141	3/10/25	AIS Construction Equipment, turbo replacement for John Deere loader #125.	$6,127.28
5	P.O. 150	3/20/25	Blarney Castle Oil Co., 12,000 gallons diesel fuel at $2.285 per gallon.	$27,420.00
6	5670812	4/1/25	Fitzpatrick's Hardware, five chainsaws and three apron chaps.	$5,541.83
7	PO 149	3/14/25	Forward Distributing, 2,600 gallons of nolead gas at $2.2665 per gallon.	$5,892.90
8	6344	3/3/25	Frank's Key & Lock Shop, Keyless entry for two office doors including materials and labor.	$5,121.00
9	48369	3/10/25	Freese Hydraulics & Equipment Repair, Western 9'6" MVP Stainless Steel V-Plow for Truck #035.	$9,194.00
10	7236	4/1/25	MCRCSIP, General liability and physical damage insurance policy for May 1, 2025, thru April 30, 2026.	$127,713.00
11	1500025460	3/10/25	Pomp's Tire Service, eight (8) 12R22.5 recaps at $249.33 and Eight (8) casings at $95.00 each.	$2,754.64
12	X316017096	3/11/25	Stoops Western Star, new DPF clamp for Truck 052 for emissions.	$5,162.30
13	X316019198	3/14/25	Stoops Western Star, new radiator for Truck #098.	$3,752.33
14	744538	1/6/2025	Team Elmer's, 360.55 tons of 23A at $7.80 per ton road gravel for yard stockpile.	$2,812.27
15	746284	3/20/2025	Team Elmer's, 614.17 tons of 23A at $9.00 per ton road gravel for yard stockpile.	$5,527.53
			TOTAL PURCHASES	**$218,629.63**

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of $2,502.50:

PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
7808	3/26/2025	Scott Civil Engineering Co., Design engineering services for Long Rapids Road Bridge.	$2,502.50
		TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS	**$2,502.50**

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

All the Commissioners agreed that the Road Commission crew did an outstanding job of clearing trees off the roads during the ice storm.

TOWNSHIP DUST CONTROL AGREEMENTS

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

	Township Match	ACRC Match	Total Estimate
Green Township			
2025 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	$20,000.00	$0.00	$20,000.00
Long Rapids Township			
2025 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	$24,500.00	$0.00	$24,500.00
Maple Ridge Township			
2025 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	$16,500.00	$0.00	$16,500.00
Ossineke Township			
2025 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	$22,500.00	$0.00	$22,500.00
Sanborn Township			
2025 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	$32,000.00	$0.00	$32,000.00

Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL ACT 51 FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the Annual Act 51 Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2024, as presented by the Finance Director Julia Patterson. Patterson will review it at the next regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION-MDOT CONTRACT LONG RAPIDS ROAD BRIDGE

ALPENA COUNTY LONG RAPIDS ROAD BRIDGE
MDOT CONTRACT NO. 25-5099
JOB NO. 218201CON
CONTROL SECTION BFP 04000

Moved by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Spaulding, that Ryan J. Brege, Managing Director, and Julia Patterson, Secretary, are hereby authorized to sign the contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Alpena, Michigan, for the following described project:

BFP 04000; JOB #218201CON
PART A - FEDERAL AND STATE PARTICIPATION

The removal and replacement of the structure #343 with 17-inch spread prestressed concrete box beams and epoxy overlay of concrete deck, which carries Long Rapids Road over the North Branch of the Thunder Bay River, Section 33, T34N, R07E, Maple Ridge Township, Alpena County, Michigan; Including earthwork, riprap around abutments, underdrain, silane treatment, epoxy overlay, concrete curb & gutter, hot mix asphalt approach, aggregate base, bridge railing, guardrail, permanent signing and pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

PART B - NO FEDERAL OR STATE PARTICIPATION
Contractor staking for the structure as described in PART A; and all together with necessary related work.

Carried by a vote as follows:
Ayes: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, and Lucas.
Nays: None
Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

April 22, 2025

The Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Alpena met in session in conjunction with the Alpena County Board of Commissioners monthly Board meeting. The purpose of the Road Commission meeting was to close seasonal roads.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, and Lucas.
Absent: None.

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

AGENDA

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

SEASONAL ROAD CLOSURE

Managing Director Ryan Brege informed the Board of Road Commissioners that the seasonal roads in Alpena County are maintained starting on May 1st but with the ice storm damage, there is too much cleanup to open them at this time. Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to authorize the temporary closure of all seasonal roads, effective immediately, due to ongoing cleanup and debris removal operations following the recent ice storm. Seasonal roads will be closed until cleanup efforts are substantially complete and the roads are clear for travel. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

May 6, 2025

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, and Lucas.
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, Engineer of Huron Surveying and Engineering.

AGENDA

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, 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 April 1, 2025 and the Alpena County Board of Commissioners meeting on April 22, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristy Schulze, CPA from Schulze, Oswald, Miller, and Edwards PC appeared before the Board to present a summary of the Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2024. Ms. Schulze noted there were no significant issues during the audit and that the Alpena County Road Commission is in sound financial condition.

Gary Goren, 109 Glenridge, appeared before the Board to thank Managing Director Ryan Brege and the Alpena County Road Commission crew for the ice storm clean up.

Jerry Kaschner, 3621 Werth Road, inquired why some of the trees were picked up out of his ditch and others were left. Commissioner MacArthur responded that most of the ditches are still full of wood and it was not intentional. Road Superintendent John Bygden responded that the trees that were left were too big for the chipper.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River contract was awarded to Grand River Construction with a bid of $1,787,792.10. Pre-con scheduled for May 13th at 10:00 a.m.
- Lake Winyah Road is complete on all but slope restoration.
- Continuing to work on the Third Street/Tamarack Road plans with an update in progress.
- Wolf Creek Road's resurfacing project contractor is Pyramid Paving with a bid of $1,625,714.42.
- Met with FEMA representatives for the County wide ice storm cleanup and did ride-along to estimate the cost of damages for the Federal disaster declaration grant. FEMA representatives spoke highly of the Alpena County Road Commission. The National Guard didn't help the crew since roads were open enough. Others needed the National Guard more.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

APRIL BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the April 2025 bills in the amount of $619,272.10 Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of $83,414.19

1	T62355	3/18/25	AIS Construction Equipment, 900 grader bits at $6.18 per bit.	$5,564.85
2	25-124	4/9/25	A1 Tree Service, Right-of-way brush clean up	$9,000.00
3	3917365	3/31/25	Blarney Castle Oil Co., 1592.20 gallons nolead gas at $2.481 per gallon.	$3,950.60
4	78915	4/20/25	Cogitate Software, ProFund Accounting Software Support.	$2,854.00
5	INV81163	4/11/25	Dornbos Signs, Inc. miscellaneous street signs and posts.	$5,142.38
6	PO 153	4/14/25	Forward Distributing, 2,600 gallons of nolead gas at $2.1765 per gallon.	$5,658.90
7	ACRC	4/9/25	J. Main Services LLC, Ossineke subdivision tree and brush clean up.	$3,200.00
8	1719641	4/19/25	Michigan CAT, machine rental to assist in ice storm damage.	$7,464.00

9	PO 154	4/28/25	Scotland Oil Co., 12,000 gallons diesel fuel at $2.2960 per gallon.	$27,552.00
10	X316018597	3/19/25	Stoops Western Star, diesel exhaust filter for truck #052	$5,139.46
11	BSO026876	4/10/25	Truck & Trailer Specialties, 50 wing plow shoes at $157.76 per plow shoe for inventory.	$7,888.00
			TOTAL PURCHASES	**$83,414.19**

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of $10,000:

1	83491	3/31/2025	Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards PC, progress billing for 2024 year end audit.	$10,000.00

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Lucas questioned if the grading of the primary roads have started. Commissioner Spaulding inquired how many trucks have carbide blades and the belly blades do a great job cutting the road.

TOWNSHIP DUST CONTROL AGREEMENTS

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

	Township Match	ACRC Match	Total Estimate
Wellington Township			
2025 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	$6,500.00	$0.00	$6,500.00

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

June 3, 2025

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, and Lucas.
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 and Travis Konarzewski, Alpena County Commissioners; Mark Herman, Huron Engineering and Surveying; Ben Mead, AIS Construction Equipment.

AGENDA

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of "Abandonment of Bussey Road" under New Business. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 6, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tom Doty, Chair, CRASIF Board of Trustees, memorandum dated May 15, 2025, regarding a call for Board of Trustees candidates.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Virginia Tadajewski, Cowper Street, appeared before the Board to question if the Road Commission had marked trees with ribbon in her ditch in front of her house. Ms. Tadajewski also questioned the dumpster near the road on Lowell, and water in her ditch. Managing Director Ryan Brege responded the Road Commission crew is only cleaning trees from ditches for what is deemed necessary. Mr. Brege stated that the dumpster is not in the traveling area of the road. The ditch was looked at and while the culverts are heaving, it is not negatively impacting the road.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River

contract was awarded to Grand River Construction with a bid of $1,787,792.10. The tentative start date is planned for mid-July with completion date of October 26th and open to traffic November 14, 2025.

- Lake Winyah Road is complete on all but slope restoration.
- Continuing to work on the Third Street/Tamarack Road plans with an update in progress. Waiting on grant application.
- Wolf Creek Road's resurfacing project is one-third complete with prime contractor Pyramid Paving.
- Budgeted for new boiler for the building but since we have switched service contractors, the maintenance issues were identified. Would prefer to purchase a backup generator for power for all the Road Commission buildings. Could apply for a grant through the Michigan State Police for hazard mitigation with a 80/20 match. Thunder Bay Electric estimates $100,000 cost.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ending April 30, 2025.

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

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND PURCHASES

HEAVY DUTY MOTOR GRADER

The following bids were opened Monday, May 19, 2025, to furnish one new 40,000# Operating Weight Heavy Duty Motor Grader:

Michigan Cat:

2025 Caterpillar 150	$ 402,684.43
Re-use Snow Wing Assembly	- 0 -
Re-use Bulldozer Assembly	- 0 -
72 months/7000 hours Powertrain & Hydraulics Warranty	$12,909.00
Guaranteed Repurchase Price.	(132,900.00)
Total Purchase Cost	$415,593.43

AIS CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT:

2025 Deere 770 GP.	$ 371,473.24
Re-use Snow Wing Assembly	- 0 -
Re-use Bulldozer Assembly	- 0 -
72 months/7000 hours Powertrain & Hydraulics Warranty	21,606.00
Plus: Premium Circle.	12,000.00
Trade-In Price	$(135,000.00)
Total Purchase Cost	$ 405,079.24

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to award the bid to AIS Construction Equipment, for furnishing one 2025 John Deere 770 GP with snow wing and bulldozer assemblies, 72 months/7,000-hour

powertrain & hydraulics warranty, and premium circle per their bid dated May 16, 2025, for $405,079.24. Motion carried unanimously.

STOCKPILING 29A QUOTES

The following three quotes were received June 2, 2025, to transport and stockpile MDOT Specification 29A Coarse Aggregate at three locations in Alpena County for use during sealcoating operations:

	Location#1 Weiss Pit		**Location#2** Long Rapids & N M-65		**Location#3** Nicholson Hill & Hubbard Lake Church		Total
	800 tons		100 tons		1,050 tons		1,950 tons
Team Elmer's	$2.78/ton	$2,224	$4.63/ton	$463	$4.60/ton	$4,830	**$7,517.00**
Goodrich Truck	$3.57/ton	$2,856	$5.35/ton	$535	$6.25/ton	$6,562.5	$**9,953.50**
C&S Carriers	$3.20/ton	$2,560	$4.89/ton	$489	$4.89/ton	$5,134.5	**$8,183.50**

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to accept the quotation submitted by Team Elmer's to transport and stockpile MDOT Specification 29A Coarse Aggregate for a total quote of $7,517.00. Motion carried unanimously.

HERBICIDE APPLICATION

Thunder Bay Tree Service submitted the only bid for 6,000 gallons of intermittent brush spraying at a bid price of $8.90 per gallon plus two-man crew at $128.00 per hour. Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to accept the bid from Thunder Bay Tree Service. Motion carried unanimously.

MAY BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the May 2025 bills in the amount of $479,084.48 Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of $121,199.74:

9E. PURCHASES

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	325050012	5/10/25	Bit Mat Products, 3,490.82 gallons of AE-90 at $2.40 per gallon	$8,401.08
2	CRA0009242	5/15/25	CRASIF, July 1, 2025, thru June 30, 2026, Quarterly Workers Compensation premium.	$8,285.00
3	365527	6/3/25	CRC Contractors Rental, excavator rental for MDOT TWA Road projects	$6,880.00
4	PO 156	5/12/25	Forward Distributing, 2,701 gallons of nolead gas at $2.2555 per gallon.	$6,092.11
5	200249	5/7/25	Iosco County Road Commission, labor, and equipment for ice storm cleanup assistance.	$15,899.21
6	752358	5/22/25	Team Elmer's. 721.90 tons 23A road gravel at $9.00 per ton for county roads.	$6,497.10
7	11634	5/28/25	Ted Festerling LLC, parts to rebuild underbody scraper #144 on Truck #094.	$3,190.67

8	BJO002681	5/9/25	Truck & Trailer Specialties, remaining balance for equipment package for Tandem Truck #064 from 2024 Budget.	$55,208.77
9	3-1228082	5/27/25	Valley Truck Parts, manual transmission and clutch parts for Truck #094.	$6,145.80
10	51424-CRV24	5/9/25	Watkins Ross, Preparation of post-employment for GASB Compliance for year ending 2024.	$4,600.00
			TOTAL PURCHASES	**$121,199.74**

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of $40,959.19:

9F. CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	Est #3	5/23/25	MacArthur Construction, Inc., progress billing #3 for Lake Winyah Road in Alpena Township.	$8,987.10
2	Est #3	5/23/25	MacArthur Construction, Inc., progress billing #3 for Lake Winyah Road in Maple Ridge Township.	$31,972.09
			TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS	**$40,959.19**

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Spaulding commented that he is happy that dust control is being applied to the gravel roads and that the roads are in good shape. Commissioner MacArthur inquired how the Road Commission is doing on the remaining budgeted items.

TOWNSHIP DUST CONTROL AGREEMENTS

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

	Township Match	ACRC Match	Total Estimate
Charter Township of Alpena			
2025 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	$34,650.00	$0.00	$34,650.00

Motion carried unanimously.

TOWNSHIP ROAD AGREEMENTS

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

		Township Share	ACRC Share	Total Estimate
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA:				
Surface Gravel:				
Thunder Bay Ave @ end of pavement	.15 mi.	$ 2,630	$ 2,630	$ 5,260

Wall Ave @ Mac Ave then s. 0.25 mi.	$ 4,355	$ 4,355	$ 8,710
Jensen Ave @ Wall Ave then NW .06 mi.	$ 986	$ 986	$ 1,972
Jensen Ave @ Mac Ave then E. .07 mi.	$ 1,150	$ 1,150	$ 2,300
Henry Ave @ Wall Ave then E. 0.12 mi.	$ 2,137	$ 2,137	$ 4,274
Partridge Point Rd @ 6336’ E of US-23 0.49 mi	$ 8,578	$ 8,578	$ 17,156
Wessel Rd @Bloom Rd then S. 5,280’ 1.00 mi.	$ 17,353	$ 17,353	$ 34,706
Piper Rd @ 7,000’ S, of pavement 0.34 mi.	$ 10,092	$ 10,092	$ 20,184
Turnbull Mill Rd @ Bloom Rd then N. 0.66 mi	$ 9,614	$ 9,614	$ 19,228
Truckey Rd @ end of pavement then N. 0.57 mi	$ 8,990	$ 8,990	$ 17,980
Haken Rd @ Lacomb Rd then S. 5,280’ 1.00 mi.	$ 15,823	$ 15,823	$ 15,823
Monaghan Point Rd @ 4,500 E of Anderson 0.82	$ 12,306	$ 11,592	$ 23,898
Ditching:			
Michigan Ave @ 535’ S. of Thunder Bay 0.10 mi	$ 9,448	$ 9,448	$ 18,896
Genschaw Rd @ Golf Course-ditch W. side 0.27 mi.	$ 3,974	$ 3,974	$ 7,948
Sealcoats:			
Meyer Rd @ US-23 to West end 0.25 mi	$ 4,828	$ 4,828	$ 9,656
Pohl Rd @ US-23 to West end 0.25 mi.	$ 4,828	$ 4,828	$ 4,828
Burke Manor Sub. 0.86 mi.	$ 15,587	$ 15,587	$ 31, 174
TOTAL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA:	***$ 131,846***	**$ 132,679**	**$ 264,525**

	Township Share	ACRC Share	Total Estimate
GREEN TOWNSHIP:			
Surface Gravel:			
Alfalfa Rd @ M-65 then E. 4,000’ 0.76 mi.	$ 11,986	$ 11,986	$ 23,972
Carney Rd. @ Calcut 3280’ E. of Manning 0.38 mi.	$ 6,574	$ 6,574	$ 13,148
Fishing Site Rd @ Palmateer . 0.79 mi	$ 13,722	$ 13,722	$ 27,444
Ditching:			
Jones Rd @ Emil’s Landing then ditch 0.06 mi	$ 5,679	$ 5,679	$ 11,358
TOTAL GREEN TOWNSHIP:	***$ 37,961***	**$ 37,961**	**$ 75,922**

	Township Share	ACRC Share	Total Estimate
LONG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP:			
Surface Gravel:			
Salina Rd @ McEwan Rd then N. 0.53 mi.	$ 9,203	$ 9,203	$ 18,406
Olsen Rd @ 3,693’ W of Leer Rd. 0.29 mi.	$ 5,012	$ 5,012	$ 10,024
Zajkowski Rd @ M-65 then E. 1900’ 0.36 mi.	$ 4,745	$ 4,745	$ 9,490
Sealcoat:			
Hibner Road Seal @ M-65 then E. 0.625 mi	$ 12,885	$ 12,885	$ 25,770
TOTAL LONG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP:	***$ 31,845***	***$ 31,845***	***$ 63,690***

	Township Share	ACRC Share	Total Estimate
MAPLE RIDGE TOWNSHIP:			
Surface Gravel:			
Shannon Rd @ Herron Rd then E. 0.53 mi	$ 7,623	$ 7,623	$ 15,246

Lake Winyah Rd @ End of pavement 0.58 mi.	$ 10,024	$ 10,024	$ 20,048
Ellsworth Rd Orchard Hill then E. 0.51 mi.	$ 7,395	$ 7,395	$ 14,790
Maple Lane Rd @ Bolton Rd then E. 0.61 mi	$ 10,518	$ 10,518	$ 21,036
TOTAL MAPLE RIDGE TOWNSHIP:	***$ 35,560***	***$ 35,560***	***$ 71,120***

	Township Share	ACRC Share	Total Estimate
OSSINEKE TOWNSHIP:			
Surface Gravel:			
Clewley Rd @ end of pavement then S. 0.44 mi	$ 6,892	$ 6,892	$ 13,784
Doctors Club Rd @ M-65 then W. 1.78 mi.	$ 33,205	$ 28,585	$ 61,790
Ditching:			
Indian Reserve Rd @ Nicholson Hill	$ 35,710	$ - 0 -	$ 35,710
Berm Removal & Gravel:			
Nicholson Hill Rd @ 1,750' W. 0.28 mi	$ 6,372	$ 6,372	$ 12,744
TOTAL OSSINEKE TOWNSHIP:	***$ 82,179***	***$ 41,849***	***$ 124,028***

	Township Share	ACRC Share	Total Estimate
WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP:			
Surface Gravel:			
McConnaughey Rd @ Shepard Rd. 0.49 mi.	$ 12,736	$ 1,506	$ 14,242
MacArthur Rd @ 1,700' W of Collins Rd 0.34 mi.	$ 4,930	$ 4,930	$ 9,860
Avery Rd @ Reider School Rd then N. 0.50 mi.	$ 6,831	$ 6,831	$ 14,790
Hunt Rd @ Shepard Rd then E. 0.19 mi.	$ 3,013	$ 3,013	$ 6,026
TOTAL WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP:	***$ 27,510***	***$ 16,280***	***$ 43,790***

Motion carried unanimously.

MDOT ENGINEERING REIMBURSEMENT

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to request reimbursement from the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount up to $10,000.00 for payments made during the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 to licensed professional engineers employed or retained by this Commission, in accordance with Sec. 12(2) of Act 51, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

BUSSIE ROAD ABANDONMENT

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to abandon an approximate 0.03 mile portion of 66 foot right-of-way of Bussie Road in Wilson Township, Alpena County, Michigan, beginning 0.473 miles East of the intersection of Bussie Road and Herron Road and extending 0.027 miles East to a point located 0.50 miles East of same said road. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

July 1, 2025

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, and Lucas.
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; Alpena County Commissioners; Becky Rivard, Huron Engineering and Surveying;

AGENDA

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of "Keetch Road" under New Business. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Virginia Tadajewski, 902 Cowper Street, appeared before the Board to continue to express her concern with the neighbor's filled in ditch causing water to not to go through the culvert. Commissioner MacArthur stated that he looked at the ditch and could not tell where it was filled in. Ditch is uniformly wet and filled with water.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River contract was awarded to Grand River Construction with a bid of $1,787,792.10. The tentative start date is planned for mid-July with completion date of October 26th and open to traffic November 14, 2025.
- Continuing to work on the Third Street/Tamarack Road plans. No update on the grant.

- Wolf Creek Road's resurfacing project is nearly complete with prime contractor Pyramid Paving.
- As of today, ice storm costs are $280,000. No response from FEMA.
- Held a crew meeting to discuss their safety issues and concerns.
- Was contacted by EGLE regarding water samples that were taken from nearby residences. Charter Communications drilled a well next to the Road Commission salt barn. Elevated levels of sodium content were detected in the water samples. Working with Bill Henn from MCRCSIP.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

Road Superintendent John Bygden 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 ending May 31, 2025.

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

COMPUTER SERVER

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas to receive the quote from Thatch Consulting Services for a new computer server for $12,596.97. The server was budgeted in the 2025 Budget for $10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

JUNE BILLS

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the June 2025 bills in the amount of $603,801.27. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of $222,637.70:

1	1259136	6/25/25	Action Traffic Maintenance Inc., guardrail replacement after a traffic accident on Long Rapids Road.	$6,662.50
2	343511	7/01/25	Berger Chevrolet, 2025 Chevrolet One-ton four-wheel drive Silverado Truck.	$47,076.00
3	325060049	6/14/25	Bit Mat Products, 2011.98 gallons of AE-90 at $2.35 per gallon plus $200.00 split load fee.	$4,928.15
4	62425	6/24/25	Don's Tractor & Equipment Sales, 72" Brush Grapple for skid steer	$3,500.00
5	PO 159	6/9/25	Forward Distributing, 2,800 gallons of nolead gas at $2.2355 per gallon.	$6,259.40
6	PO 162	6/30/25	Forward Distributing, 2,000 gallons of nolead gas at $2.269 per gallon.	$4,538.00
7	1002	5/22/25	Premium Hydro Solutions, hydrodemolition & mobilization for Devil River for MDOT TWA.	$8,500.00
8	PO 161	6/19/25	Scotland Oil Co., 12,000 gallons diesel fuel at $2.708	

			per gallon.	$32,496.00
9	X316021823	6/18/25	Stoops, emissions filter for Truck #096.	$10,324.28
10	876528	6/6/25	Team Elmer's. 909.17 tons 23A road gravel at $13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	$12,682.92
11	876616	6/13/25	Team Elmer's, 2,461.42 tons 23A road gravel at $13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	$34,336.81
12	876723	6/20/25	Team Elmer's, 3,417.61 tons 23A road gravel at $13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	$47,675.66
13	BSO027617	6/4/25	Truck & Trailer Specialties, grader bit board for underbody scraper #143	$3,657.98
			TOTAL PURCHASES	**$222,637.70**

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of $8,530.00:

1	3074	6/26/25	L.S. Engineering, Inc., Construction Engineering Services for Long Rapids Road Bridge.	$8,530.00
			TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS	**$8,530.00**

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner MacArthur commented that the manhole is sinking on Hobbs Drive by Colorado Road and Werth Road. Commissioner Lucas commented that Salina Road, South of Long Rapids Road, has a deep wash out in the road after the rain.

DUST CONTROL AGREEMENTS

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

	Township Match	ACRC Match	Total Estimate
Wilson Township			
2025 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	$47,500.00	$0.00	$47,500.00
Sunken Lake Park			
2025 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	300.00	$0.00	$300.00
Long Lake Park			
2025 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	$400.00	$0.00	$400.00

Beaver Lake Park

2025 Local Road Dust Control Program

35% Solution/Brine	$250.00	$0.00	$250.00

Motion carried unanimously.

TOWNSHIP ROAD AGREEMENTS

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

	Township Share	ACRC Share	Total Estimate
SANBORN TOWNSHIP:			
Surface Gravel:			
Brousseau Rd @ Wilds Road then North 0.49 mi.	$ 7,833	$ 7,833	$ 15,666
Pratt Rd @ Scott Road then South 0.47 mi.	$ 7,532	$ 7,532	$ 15,064
Lytle Rd. 4,000’ S of Kitter Rd 0.25 mi	$ 4,272	$ 4,272	$ 8,544
Hubert Rd @ Hanah Rd then West 0.76 mi.	$ 13,147	$ 13,147	$ 26,294
Ditching:			
Scott Rd @ 1,150’ W. of US-23 0.09 mi	$ 10,402	$ 10,402	$ 20,804
Tolan Rd @ 100’ S. of Scott Rd	$ 6,244	$ 6,244	$ 12,488
TOTAL SANBORN TOWNSHIP:	***$ 49,430***	**$ 49,430**	**$ 98,860**

	Township Share	ACRC Share	Total Estimate
WILSON TOWNSHIP:			
Surface Gravel:			
Napper Rd @ Wegmeyer Rd then W. 0.19 mi.	$ 2,997	$ 2,997	$ 5,994
Bussie Rd @ Prevo Rd then W. 0.51 mi.	$ 8,016	$ 8,016	$ 16,032
Carney Rd @ Rogers Rd then W. 0.75 mi.	$ 13,015	$ 13,015	$ 26,030
Briar Hill Rd @ Thiem Rd then N. 0.51 mi.	$ 7,656	$ 7,656	$ 15,312
Ditching:			
Harrison Rd @ 1,400’ E of Emerson 1.67 mi	$ 7,739	$7,739	$15,478
Seal Coat:			
Dege Rd @ Wolf Creek Rd then 0.88 mi.	$ 15,435	$15,435	$ 30,870
TOTAL WILSON TOWNSHIP:	***$ 54,858***	***$ 54,858***	***$ 109,716***

Motion carried unanimously.

MCRCSIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to cast a vote for Lester Livermore from Mackinac CRC, for the At-Large candidate for a three-year term ending in 2028 for the MCRCSIP Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

KEETCH ROAD

Managing Director Ryan Brege informed the Board that a resident had purchased property on this seasonal road and is planning to build a house, but the road is in rough shape and concerned about the heavy equipment. At the special meeting on April 22, 2025, the Board had approved to close all seasonal roads indefinitely after

the ice storm in late March. Mr. Brege also commented that Gayle Cummings, MCRCSIP Administrator, said that the Road Commission has a duty to maintain seasonal roads for reasonable vehicular traffic. Mr. Brege explained that it could be open to the public and add gravel to it. Options were discussed such as establishing a policy to maintain seasonal roads or to abandon Keetch Road. No decision was made regarding this issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

August 5, 2025

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, and Lucas.
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; Becky Rivard, Huron Engineering and Surveying; Adam Tountas and Drew Broaddus, Attorneys from Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge.

AGENDA

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, 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 July 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no citizens appearing before the Board.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River contract was awarded to Grand River Construction with a bid of $1,787,792.10. Planning to start on August 11th and open to traffic November 14, 2025.
- Third Street Extension-update will be under new business.
- Wolf Creek Road's resurfacing project is complete with prime contractor Pyramid Paving.
- Ice Storm – Update is under new business.
- Attended Emergency Planning meeting.
- Met with MDOT Office of Rail for the Ossineke Bridge. Flashing lights will be installed by MDOT and the Road Commission will

be billed an annual maintenance fee.

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, 2025.

BUDGET STATUS REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Budget Status Report for the month ending June 30, 2025.

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

JULY BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the July 2025 bills in the amount of $923,159.73. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of $357,088.63:

9B. PURCHASES

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	325070156	8/2/25	Bit-Mat Michigan, 8,902.99 gallons of CRS-2M at $2.49 per gallon for seal coat projects.	$22,168.45
2	79155	7/20/25	Cogitate Software, quarterly PFA Computer Software Supp.	$2,854.00
3	IN-008811	7/22/25	Forward Distributing, 2,499 gallons of nolead gas at $2.3290 per gallon.	$5,817.67
4	551-659914	6/26/25	Michigan State Police, frost law activity for March thru April 2025.	$5,290.90
5	2298	7/1/25	Monchilov Sewer Service LLC., jetted and cleaned road culverts for MDOT highways.	$6,580.00
6	107742	7/21/25	Northern Energy, Inc., 254 gallons EC15W40 bulk oil at $11.70 per gallon.	$2,971.80
7	310519554214889	7/31/25	Samsara, for 30 GPS devices for road equipment.	$7,198.30
8	3008944	6/26/25	Specification Stone Products, 1020.27 tons of 29A stone at $15.25 per ton for stockpile for seal coat projects.	$15,559.14
9	3015214	7/16/25	Specification Stone Products, 904.36 tons of 29A stone at $15.25 per ton for stockpile for seal coat projects.	$13,791.49
10	VM316000280	7/2/25	Stoops Western Star of Michigan, new 2026 Western Star Tandem truck from 2024 Budget.	$167,000.00
11	876818	6/27/25	Team Elmer's, 3,519.78 tons 23A road gravel at $13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	$49,100.93
12	876924	7/4/25	Team Elmer's, 597.440 tons 23A road gravel at $13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	$8,334.29

13	877084	7/11/25	Team Elmer's, 2127.88 tons 23A road gravel at $13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	$29,683.92
14	877177	7/18/25	Team Elmer's, 844.38 tons 23A road gravel at $13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	$11,779.10
15	877304	7/30/25	Team Elmer's, 1,020.27 tons to Hubbard Lake 29A stockpile at $4.60 per ton (Transport only).	$4,693.24
16	BSO27618	7/30/25	Truck & Trailer Specialties, grader bit board for underbody scraper	$4,265.40
			TOTAL PURCHASES	**$357,088.63**

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of $222,683.75:

9C. CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	7127	6/23/25	Huron Engineering and Surveying, Inc., Density testing for Wolf Creek Road Resurfacing project.	$5,865.00
2	7207	7/21/25	Huron Engineering and Surveying, Inc., Density testing for Wolf Creek Road Resurfacing project.	$13,425.00
3	70625	7/6/25	Michigan Department of Transportation, Progress Billing #1 for Wolf Creek Road resurfacing project.	$203,393.75
			TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS	**$222,683.75**

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner MacArthur commented the timing of traffic signal at Hobbs Drive and Third Street is off. Becky Rivard of Huron Engineering explained the issue with this signal.

MERS DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, that Irma McDonald be appointed as the Officer Delegate to serve at the 2025 MERS Annual Meeting to be held October 16-17, 2025, in Acme, Michigan, and Julia Patterson be appointed as Officer Alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

CRASIF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Three 3-year at-large terms (2025-2028):

*Bill Luetzow-Commissioner-Marquette CRC
*Wayne Schoonover-Commissioner-Charlevoix CRC
*Michael Scott-Commissioner-Montcalm CRC

Motion carried unanimously.

ICE STORM EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to authorize Managing Director Ryan Brege to enter into an agreement with ICF to assist in the FEMA reimbursement process for the costs incurred from the March ice storm. Motion carried unanimously.

TURNBULL MILL ROAD

Managing Director Ryan Brege received a call from a resident on Turnbull Mill Road, South of North Point Road, requesting that portion of Turnbull Mill Road be removed from the seasonal road status. Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to follow and reinforce Alpena County Road Commission's Policy #059 "Policy for Removing Roads from Seasonal Road Designation" and deny the resident's request. Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD STREET UPDATE

On July 16th, Managing Director Ryan Brege received an email that the BUILD grant submission for the construction of the Third Street extension was unsuccessful. The wetland delineation will not be performed until an alternate source of funding source is available.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to authorize Managing Director Ryan Brege to sign the Intergovernmental agreement to allow the twelve counties to perform work in other counties to help with ice storm cleanup. Motion carried unanimously.

OSSINEKE TOWNSHIP SOLAR FARM PERMIT

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to direct Ryan to work with Adam Tountas from Smith Haughey Rice and Roegge to draft an agreement before the permit is issued for the solar farm. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Motion carried unanimously at 4:01 p.m.

The room was cleared and closed session began at 4:02 p.m.

Present for closed session: Commissioners MacArthur, Lucas, and Spaulding.

Absent: None.

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

Others present for closed session: Dan Florip, Road Commission Attorney.

The Commissioners discussed the status of pending litigation.

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to return to open session at 4:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session resumed at 4:15 p.m.

Present for resumption of open session: Commissioner MacArthur, Lucas, and Spaulding.

Absent: None.

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

Others present for resumption of open session: Dan Florip, Road Commission Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

September 2, 2025

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, and Lucas.
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; Becky Rivard, Huron Engineering and Surveying.

AGENDA

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, 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 August 5, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter dated August 15, 2025, from Michael Mead, MDOT Transportation Planner, with the approval of the actual Act 51 Mileage Certification submittal. Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to make the communication a part of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no citizens appearing before the Board.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River contract was awarded to Grand River Construction with a bid of $1,787,792.10. Bolton Road will stay open during the construction. Utilizing a sign to let the travelers know when Bolton Road is open or closed.
- Reviewing prospective projects for next year.
- No Federal aid projects for 2026.

- Met with EGLE regarding the environmental spill from 1996 by the Road Commission gas tanks. A restrictive covenant was filed and needs to be signed by October 1, 2025.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

AUGUST BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the August 2025 bills in the amount of $842,218.56. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of $345,366.32:

9B. PURCHASES

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	325080004	8/9/25	Bit-Mat Michigan, 68,044.86 gallons of CRS-2M at $2.49 per gallon for seal coat projects.	$169,674.90
2	CRA0009313	8/10/25	CRASIF, Quarterly Workers Comp Premium.	$8,285.00
3	PO 165	8/18/25	Forward Distributing, 2,700 gallons of nolead gas at $2.2131 per gallon.	$5,975.37
4	76691666	7/25/25	Gov Connection, new computer server.	$4,417.73
5	184195	8/26/25	Michigan Paving Materials, 9,793.65 gallons of CQSEA at $1.9578 pe gallon for seal coat projects.	$19,174.60
6	2325	8/12/25	Montchilvo Sewer Service LLC, cleaned & camera inspected storm system for MDOT.	$65,277.00
7	PO 164	8/11/25	Scotland Oil Co., 11,997 gallons diesel fuel at $2.524 per gallon.	$30,280.43
8	3025173	8/7/25	Specification Stone Products, 189.68 tons 29A at $15.25 per ton for sealcoat projects	$2,892.64
9	765172	8/20/25	Team Elmer's, 741.33 tons 23A road gravel at $9.00 per ton for county roads.	$6,671.97
10	764179	8/12/25	Team Elmer's, 302.52 tons 23A road gravel at $9.00 per ton for county roads.	$2,722.68
11	2522	8/18/25	Thunder Bay Tree Service, herbicide for primary roads.	$29,994.00
			TOTAL PURCHASES	**$345,366.32**

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of $368,592.93:

9C. CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	3103	8/29/25	L.S. Engineering, Inc., construction engineering services for Long Rapids Road bridge.	$5,445.50
2	08042025	8/4/2025	Michigan Department of Transportation, Progress Billing #2 for Wolf Creek Road resurfacing project.	$363,147.43
			TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS	**$368,592.93**

Motion carried unanimously.

EXCAVATOR PURCHASE

This item was tabled until the next monthly Board meeting.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Lucas commended the Road Commission crew for keeping Salina Road in great condition. Commissioner MacArthur inquired if the Road Commission could dura-patch Beaver Lake Park Road. Managing Director Ryan Brege responded that it can be done and then billed to the County Park.

NMARC 2026 BOARD MEMBERS BALLOT

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

Two 2-year at-large terms (2026-2028):

*Tony Casali, Isabella CRC
*Rob Putman, Montcalm CRC

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

September 2, 2025

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, and Lucas.
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; Becky Rivard, Huron Engineering and Surveying.

AGENDA

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, 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 August 5, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter dated August 15, 2025, from Michael Mead, MDOT Transportation Planner, with the approval of the actual Act 51 Mileage Certification submittal. Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to make the communication a part of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no citizens appearing before the Board.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River contract was awarded to Grand River Construction with a bid of $1,787,792.10. Bolton Road will stay open during the construction. Utilizing a sign to let the travelers know when Bolton Road is open or closed.
- Reviewing prospective projects for next year.
- No Federal aid projects for 2026.

- Met with EGLE regarding the environmental spill from 1996 by the Road Commission gas tanks. A restrictive covenant was filed and needs to be signed by October 1, 2025.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

AUGUST BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the August 2025 bills in the amount of $842,218.56. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of $345,366.32:

9B. PURCHASES

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	325080004	8/9/25	Bit-Mat Michigan, 68,044.86 gallons of CRS-2M at $2.49 per gallon for seal coat projects.	$169,674.90
2	CRA0009313	8/10/25	CRASIF, Quarterly Workers Comp Premium.	$8,285.00
3	PO 165	8/18/25	Forward Distributing, 2,700 gallons of nolead gas at $2.2131 per gallon.	$5,975.37
4	76691666	7/25/25	Gov Connection, new computer server.	$4,417.73
5	184195	8/26/25	Michigan Paving Materials, 9,793.65 gallons of CQSEA at $1.9578 pe gallon for seal coat projects.	$19,174.60
6	2325	8/12/25	Montchilvo Sewer Service LLC, cleaned & camera inspected storm system for MDOT.	$65,277.00
7	PO 164	8/11/25	Scotland Oil Co., 11,997 gallons diesel fuel at $2.524 per gallon.	$30,280.43
8	3025173	8/7/25	Specification Stone Products, 189.68 tons 29A at $15.25 per ton for sealcoat projects	$2,892.64
9	765172	8/20/25	Team Elmer's, 741.33 tons 23A road gravel at $9.00 per ton for county roads.	$6,671.97
10	764179	8/12/25	Team Elmer's, 302.52 tons 23A road gravel at $9.00 per ton for county roads.	$2,722.68
11	2522	8/18/25	Thunder Bay Tree Service, herbicide for primary roads.	$29,994.00
			TOTAL PURCHASES	**$345,366.32**

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of $368,592.93:

9C. CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	3103	8/29/25	L.S. Engineering, Inc., construction engineering services for Long Rapids Road bridge.	$5,445.50
2	08042025	8/4/2025	Michigan Department of Transportation, Progress Billing #2 for Wolf Creek Road resurfacing project.	$363,147.43
			TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS	**$368,592.93**

Motion carried unanimously.

EXCAVATOR PURCHASE

This item was tabled until the next monthly Board meeting.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Lucas commended the Road Commission crew for keeping Salina Road in great condition. Commissioner MacArthur commented that Beaver Lake Park Road will need to be durapatched by the Road Commission. Managing Director Ryan Brege responded that it can be done and then billed to the County Park.

NMARC 2026 BOARD MEMBERS BALLOT

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

Two 2-year at-large terms (2026-2028):

*Tony Casali, Isabella CRC
*Rob Putman, Montcalm CRC

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

October 7, 2025

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, and Lucas.
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 and John Kozlowski, Alpena County Commissioners; Becky Rivard, Huron Engineering and Surveying.

AGENDA

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, 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 September 2, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A memo from Joyce Porter, CRASIF Administrator & CEO, announcing the "Goose Egg Award" for the Alpena County Road Commission employees.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Goren, 109 Glenridge, appeared before the Board to suggest that the public be included in process for future road projects. Mr. Goren also gave positive feedback of Managing Director Ryan Brege.

Amy Matuzak, 11096 Beaver Lake Road, appeared before the Board to inquire about the extra road funding that was passed in the Senate and how it could benefit Beaver Lake Road. Also, Ms. Matuzak stated Ossineke Township would be willing to contribute $300,000 towards the paving of those three miles of Beaver Lake Road.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road Bridge over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River is continuing on schedule with an open to traffic date of November 14th.
- Continuing to work on future projects.
- Projected $2.212 million dollars with the passing of House Bill #4961.
- Plans for Small Urban Task Force for 2028 is to resurface Third Street, from the traffic signal to Barrington Circle. Charter Township of Alpena Supervisor Abby Kasubowski has verbally agreed to providing the match of approximately $105,000. The Road Commission does not construct sidewalks, but the Township could add to the project with their match.
- Gave a presentation at the Commissioners' Conference regarding the ice storm.
- Applied for an extension for the FEMA program for the ice storm expenses.
- Shop beams were sandblasted and painted but discovered more damage that will need to be repaired.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

SEPTEMBER BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the September 2025 bills in the amount of $955,885.87. Motion carried unanimously.

TANDEM TRUCK PURCHASE

On March 5, 2025, a purchase order was sent to Zaremba Equipment for the purchase of a 2026 International HX 520 for a total bid price of $161,718.00, including the extended warranty of $4,175.00. An invoice was received from Zaremba Equipment on September 2, 2025, with additional $3,200.00 steel surcharge. Staff was directed to review the bid document submitted by Zaremba Equipment for language regarding tariff charges. Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to refuse the truck if the $3,200.00 is not removed from the invoice. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of $710,718.27 (excluding the $164,918.00 invoice for Zaremba Equipment).

9C. PURCHASES

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	1543556	9/25/25	Compass Minerals, 639.28 tons of salt at $66.83 per ton for County roads.	$42,723.06
2	1544116	09/26/25	Compass Minerals, 837.1 tons of salt at $66.83 per ton for County roads.	$55,943.39
3	1544300	9/27/25	Compass Minerals, 50.94 tons of salt at $66.83 per ton for County roads.	$3,404.32
4	PO 166	9/15/25	Forward Distributing, 2,800 gallons of nolead gas at $2.2139 per gallon.	$6,198.92
5	25230004	10/01/25	County Road Association of Michigan, CRA Road Agency Service Charges and NACE Membership.	$12,172.29
6	2347	9/30/25	MEC Underground Solutions LLC, Clean, camera and line multiple cross culverts for State Trunkline TWA.	$379,305.00
7	184240	9/03/25	Michigan Paving Materials, 11,174.10 gallons of CQSEA at $1.8988 per gallon for seal coat projects.	$21,217.67
8	184344	9/9/25	Michigan Paving Materials, 3,849.62 gallons of CQSEA at $2.088 per gallon for seal coat projects.	$8,037.44
9	2025-ACRC-0100	9/18/25	Mobile Blast Man, sand blast and paint shop beams. (budget)	$10,880.00
10	878169	9/19/25	Team Elmer's, 4,874.40 tons 23A road gravel at $13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	$67,997.88
11	770794	9/24/25	Team Elmer's, 645.57 tons 23A road gravel at $9.00 per ton for county roads.	$5,810.13
12	878057	9/12/25	Team Elmer's, 2,704.78 tons 23A road gravel at $13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	$37,731.68
13	770563	9/23/25	Team Elmer's, 1639.01 tons 23A road gravel at $9.00 per ton for county roads.	$14,751.09
14	772461	10/3/25	Team Elmer's, 527.60 tons 23A road gravel at $9.00 per ton for county roads.	$4,748.40
15	2581	9/12/25	Thunder Bay Tree Service, herbicide for primary roads.	$39,797.00
~~16~~	~~3053~~	~~9/2/25~~	~~Zaremba Equipment, 2026 International HX 520 Tandem Truck.~~	~~$164,918.00~~
			TOTAL PURCHASES	~~**$875,636.27**~~ **$710,718.27**

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of $168,454.01:

9D. CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	8005	8/20/25	Huron Engineering and Surveying Co., engineering services for Wolf Creek Road project.	$2,757.50
2	3115	9/25/25	L.S. Engineering, Inc., construction engineering services for Long Rapids Road bridge.	$23,967.50
3	09042025	9/4/25	Michigan Department of Transportation, Progress	

			Billing #3 for Wolf Creek Road resurfacing project.	$28,202.11
4	alp-2501	8/4/25	Michigan Pavement Markings, LLC. Pavement markings for County roads.	$73,597.40
5	11096	9/3/25	Prime Results LLC, 15.81 miles of crack filling at $2,700.00 per mile for county roads.	$42,687.00
			TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS	**$168,454.01**

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Lucas commended the Road Commission Management for the CRASIF "Goose Egg Award" while promoting the crew's safety on the road.

Commissioner Spaulding inquired if other Road Commissions have used the crumb rubber mixed in their asphalt on their roads.

EXCAVATOR PURCHASE

After a brief discussion, the excavator purchase will be put out for bids.

AMEND CREDIT CARD POLICY #051

PA 266 of 1995

(UPDATES HIGHLIGHTED)

WHEREAS, Public Act 266 of 1995 authorizes a county road commission to be a party to a credit card arrangement if the county road commission board has adopted by resolution a written policy governing the control and use of credit cards, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alpena County deems that it is in the best interest of the County Road Commission to make certain County Road Commission financial transactions by using a credit card as described in the Act, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following policy shall govern the use of County Road Commission credit cards:

(a) The Finance Director is responsible for issuing, accounting for, monitoring, retrieving and generally overseeing compliance with the County Road Commission's credit card policy.

(b) County Road Commission credit cards may be used only by an officer or employee of the County Road Commission for the purchase of goods or services for the official business of the County Road Commission. The use of a credit card is limited to purchases up to $2,500.00, for the payment of travel, meals and accommodation expenses while on County Road Commission business (excluding expenses incurred in operating a privately owned automobile) and gas, oil and other necessary expenses incurred in operating a County Road Commission-owned vehicle. A credit card may be used for purchases in excess of $2,500.00 if such item is included in a current Board approved budget or in the event of an emergency under the direction of the Managing Director.

(c) County Road Commission officers and employees who use a County Road Commission credit card shall, as soon as possible, submit a copy of the vendor's credit card slip to the Finance Director. If no credit card slip was obtained that described the transaction, the employee shall submit a signed

voucher that shows the name of vendor or entity from which goods or services were purchased, the date and the amount of the transaction, the official business that required the transaction, and the chart of account number indicating the line item to which the transaction is to be charged. All credit card slips shall include this information as well. Vouchers shall also include a statement why a credit card slip was not obtained.

(d) An official or employee who is issued a credit card is responsible for its protection and custody. If a credit card is lost or stolen, the Finance Director shall be notified. The entity issuing the lost or stolen credit card shall be immediately notified to cancel the card.

(e) An officer or employee issued a credit card shall return the credit card to the Finance Director upon termination of his or her employment or service with the County Road Commission.

(f) The Finance Director shall maintain a list of all credit cards owned by the County Road Commission, along with the name of the officer and employee who has been issued the credit card, the credit limit established, the date issued, and the date returned. Each employee shall initial the list beside his or her name to indicate agreement that the credit card has been issued, and that the employee has received and read a copy of this policy.

The Finance Director shall review each credit card statement as soon as possible to ensure that transactions comply with this policy. Any transactions that appear on the statements that are not documented with a credit card slip or a signed voucher shall be immediately investigated. Transactions that do not appear to comply with this policy shall be reported to the Board of County Road Commissioners for Alpena County.

(g) The County Road Commission Board shall not approve a payment to the entity issuing the credit card until all transactions have been verified, including the approval of all transaction invoices if issued.

(h) The balance including interest due on an extension of credit' under the credit card arrangement shall be paid for within not more than 60 days of the initial statement date.

(i) Officers and employees who use a County Road Commission credit card in a manner contrary to this policy shall be subject to the following disciplinary actions, as deemed appropriate by the County Road Commission Board:

- verbal counseling
- written reprimand
- suspension
- termination
- reimbursement to the County Road Commission for unauthorized expenditures.

(j) The total amount of outstanding charges on the account shall not exceed the total credit limit on the account, currently $10,000.00.

(k) The Managing Director, Finance Director/Board Secretary, Office Clerk, and Foremen are designated as the Alpena County Road Commission staff authorized to carry and use a road commission credit card.

Adopted: April 23, 1996, Amended October 7, 2025

TURNBULL MILL ROAD

Managing Director Ryan Brege received a phone call from a resident that lives on Turnbull Mill Road requesting for the seasonal destination road sign be relocated up to his driveway. No action was taken, and the sign will not be relocated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to go into closed session at the request of Managing Director Ryan Brege, for the commissioners to conduct his periodic personnel evaluation (MCL 15.268(1)(a)).

Motion carried unanimously at 4:11 p.m.

The room was cleared, and the closed session began at 4:13 p.m.

Present for closed session: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, and Lucas.
Absent: None.

Staff present for closed session: Ryan Brege, Managing Director.

Others present for closed session: Dan Florip, Road Commission Attorney.

The Commissioners evaluated Ryan Brege's job performance as Managing Director for the time period October 9, 2024 to October 7, 2025.

OPEN SESSION

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously at 5:28 p.m.

Open session resumed at 5:29 p.m.

Present for resumption of open session: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, and Lucas.
Absent: None.

Staff present for resumption of open session: Ryan Brege, Managing Director.

Others present for resumption of open session: Dan Florip, Road Commission Attorney.

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to increase Ryan Brege's salary as Managing Director by 6% from $96,629.60 per year to $102,427.38, effective November 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

November 4, 2025

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, and Lucas.
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 Commissioners; Becky Rivard, Huron Engineering and Surveying; Chuck Hein, Alpena County Road Commissioner.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 7, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

An email dated October 31. 2025, from Brian Kowalski, regarding a culvert under Tolan Road at the corner of Scott Road in Sanborn Township.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no citizens appearing before the Board.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road Bridge over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River is continuing on schedule with an open to traffic date of November 14th.
- Continuing to work on the FEMA reimbursement.
- Completed the Transportation Asset Management Plan which will need approval under new business.
- Working on prospective projects for the 2026 budget.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ending September 30, 2025.

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

OCTOBER BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the October 2025 bills in the amount of $1,298,534.04. Motion carried unanimously.

CARBIDE BLADES PURCHASE

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to accept the quotation from St. Regis Culvert Inc. of Charlotte, MI for 42(¾"x6"x4') curved carbide blades at $577.00 per blade and 300 (5/8"x8"x6')truck blades at $115.20 per blade for a total of $58,794.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following purchases in the amount of $232,101.54:

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	79473	10/20/25	Cogitate Inc., PFA Support for 11-1-25 through 1-31-26.	$2,854.00
2	37229	10/21/25	Everett Goodrich Trucking Inc., grade shape & pave 3" asphalt on Lake Winyah Road & Sitting Bull.	$6,000.00
3	PO 168	10/13/25	Forward Distributing, 2,600 gallons of nolead gas at $1.9026 per gallon.	$4,946.76
4	R85677212201	10/8/25	MacAllister Rental, monthly rental of Cat Excavator 317GC.	$7,728.60
5	1500028534	10/3/25	Pomp's Tire Service, Inc., eight 12R2.5/16 tires at $493.98 per tire for Truck #059.	$3,951.84
6	1500028601	10/9/25	Pomp's Tire Service, Inc., eight recap 12R22.5 tires at $344.33 per tire for inventory.	$2,754.64
7	878548	10/10/25	Team Elmer's, 3,020.91 tons 23A road gravel at $13.95 per ton for M-65 Shoulder gravel.	$42,141.70
8	3053	9/2/25	Zaremba Equipment, 2026 International HX 520 Tandem Truck.	$161,724.00
			TOTAL PURCHASES	**$232,101.54**

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of $98,175.27:

Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	3136	10/28/25	L.S. Engineering, Inc., construction engineering services for Long Rapids Road bridge.	$49,500.00

2	11012025	10/04/25	Michigan Department of Transportation, Progress Billing #4 for Wolf Creek Rd resurfacing project for $2,458.31 and Billing #1 for Long Rapids Road Bridge for $46,216.96.	$48,675.27
			TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS	**$98,175.27**

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Spaulding questioned if there was any new update on the Third Street Extension.

NEW HIRES, RETIRES, and TRANSFERS

Managing Director Ryan Brege informed the Board that Engineering Tech, Jake Heltsley, has resigned from the Road Commission. Employment ads are currently being advertised for the engineering tech, a truck driver, and a mechanic position.

EXCAVATOR PURCHASE

After a brief discussion, the excavator purchase was tabled for a later meeting.

STAFF WAGES

Managing Director Ryan Brege commented that the union employees per their union contract were to receive a one percent raise effective November 1, 2025. Mr. Brege is recommending that the Board approve a two percent raise effective November 1st for the union employees. The non-union staff will receive wage increases per Mr. Brege's recommendations. Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the wage increases per Mr. Brege's recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

HERRON ROAD PATCH

Since Herron Road was used as a detour for the Long Rapids Road Bridge project, there has been no new movement with the crack in the road. Bolen Asphalt would hold their bid price from 2024 if the Road Commission wants to have it patched when they are in that area for the Long Rapids Road bridge.

KEETCH ROAD ABANDONMENT

Managing Director Ryan Brege was approached by a property owner of this seasonal road, Keetch Road. The owner has a petition to abandon it with the seven signatures verified. The Road Commission will need to hold a public hearing.

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas to hold a public hearing at the February 3, 2026 Board meeting. Roll call vote as follows:

MacArthur: Aye
Spaulding: Aye
Lucas: Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL WEIGHMASTER SERVICE

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to contract with Michigan State Police (MSP) for supplemental enforcement for the road systems during weight restriction season for a maximum of ten hours per week at approximately $99.38 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

PA 325 of 2018 amended Public Act of 1951 requires road agencies responsible for 100 or more certified centerline miles of public roads to submit asset management plans to the Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC). The Alpena County Road Commission's Asset Management Plan must be submitted by October 1, 2024. Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the asset management plan compiled by Managing Director Ryan Brege to be in compliance with PA 325. Motion carried unanimously.

MERS DEFINED CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the 2025 MERS Defined Contribution for employees hired after November 1, 2010, to 8 ¾% effective November 1, 2024, and approve the 2026 MERS Defined Contribution rate to 9% effective November 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

CELL PHONE STIPEND

Managing Director Ryan Brege commented that with the Road Commission plan to utilize electronic timecards, it was suggested that employees use their personal cell phones to input their time and equipment on a daily basis. Mr. Brege suggested that the employees be paid a stipend for this. No decision was made at this time and was tabled to a future meeting.

SAFETY RECOGNITION

With the Alpena County Road Commission receiving the CRASIF "Goose Egg" award this year, Mr. Brege suggested the crew get jackets for their safety efforts. Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to authorize Mr. Brege to order jackets for the crew. Motion carried unanimously.

GARAGE BEAMS

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to hire an engineer to look at the beams and what the necessary steps are to repair the beams in the salt barn. Motion carried unanimously.

LONG RAPIDS ROAD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING

Since the Long Rapids Road Bridge will not be finished when the Road Commission loses their Engineering Tech, LS Engineering has agreed to provide construction engineering with an estimated cost of $8,850. Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve LS Engineering to complete the construction engineering on the Long Rapids Road Bridge. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE
2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to schedule the 2026 Budget Workshop for Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.
Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

December 2, 2025

The Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Alpena met in a budget workshop meeting on the above date for the purpose of discussing the 2026 draft budget. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gerry MacArthur, at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner MacArthur, Spaulding, and Lucas.
Absent: None.

Staff present: Ryan Brege, Managing Director; Julie Patterson, Finance Director/Board Secretary; John Bygden, Superintendent; Dwayne Coffman, Foreman; C.J. Wise, Foreman; Timmy Beaudoin, Chief Mechanic; and Irma McDonald, Payroll/Accounts Payable Clerk; Cameron Augustyn, Alpena County Road Commissioner.

Others Present: Ken Lobert, Ossineke Township Supervisor; Amy Matsuzak, Beaver Lake Road resident.

AGENDA

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

2026 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Managing Director Ryan Brege reviewed the first draft of the proposed budget for 2026 to the Board that included a net deficit of $3,586,947. The draft budget presented would leave a fund balance of approximately $2.7 million for the year ending December 31, 2026. Mr. Brege explained the Neighborhood Road Funds that were passed in the 2025 Transportation Package in July. The Road Commission is anticipating an additional $2.2 million in 2026, but since there is not a definite plan or direction as of yet with the distribution of this extra money, the Neighborhood Road funds are not included in the 2026 budgeted revenue.

Mr. Brege reviewed the notes highlighting the revenues and expenditures and answered questions raised by the Board. After a short discussion, the reconstruction of 2.05 miles of Bloom Road for $1.65 million was stricken from the 2026 Draft Budget. Mr. Brege asked for suggestions on what roads the Commissioners would like to see improved. Commissioner MacArthur recommended that Beaver Lake Road be added to the 2026 draft budget with Ossineke Township offering to pay $200,000 towards that primary road project. Two miles of Beaver Lake Road, from Glazier to Wolf Creek Road, at a budgeted cost of $1.6 million was added to the 2026 draft budget.

The capital outlay for road equipment was discussed and it was decided to have the Road Commission crew try out a CAT 317 excavator.

The draft budget will continue to be reviewed by Mr. Brege and Finance Director Julie Patterson as the year progresses. The final budget will be submitted to the Board for their review/approval at a subsequent meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

December 2, 2025

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

December 2, 2025

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, and Lucas.
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 Commissioners; Becky Rivard, Huron Engineering and Surveying; Cam Augustyn, Alpena County Road Commissioner.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

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.
- Continuing to work on the FEMA reimbursement. Have an extension until July 2027.
- Going to the MCRCSIP meeting on Wednesday, December 3rd to explain the backstory of the civil action suit of the Geronimo Road resident since 2019. MCRCSIP was awarded restitution.
- Meeting with the union reps to discuss the language in their contract requiring the mechanic to have a CDL to be employed at the Road Commission. Currently, the mechanics must have a CDL and need to find a way to hire without one.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

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

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

NOVEMBER BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the November 2025 bills in the amount of $507,127.23. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following purchases in the amount of $345,907.86:

9B. PURCHASES

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	H67879	10/31/25	AIS Construction Equipment, new distributor tank (budget)	$189,350.00
2	S87746	11/06/25	Alpena Diesel Service, exhaust after treatment for Truck #092	$4,419.79
3	21329	10/20/25	Alpena Transmission Specialists, transmission repair for pickup #007.	$2,573.57
4	100098	7/22/25	Bedrock Contracting, dig out and remove existing culvert, set grade and replace with new culvert on Pebble/Memory.	$7,285.45
5	Pay Est #2	11/13/25	Bolen Asphalt Paving, Inc., HMA patching on Herron Road	$15,273.57
6	CRA0009456	11/10/25	CRASIF, Third Qtr. Workers Comp policy premium.	$8,285.00
7	PO 170	11/10/25	Forward Distributing, 2,600 gallons of nolead gas at $2.1597 per gallon.	$5,615.22
8	PO 171	12/1/25	Scotland Oil Co., 12,000 gallons diesel fuel-winter blend at $2.2444 per gallon.	$26,932.80
9	X316025956	11/18/25	Stoops Western Star, Turbocharger for Truck #095. $344.33 per tire for inventory.	$4,316.34
10	BJO002843	11/14/25	Truck & Trailer Specialties, equipment package for Truck #62 from 2024 Budget (No labor)	$81,856.12
			TOTAL PURCHASES	**$345,907.86**

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of $31,084.31:

9C. CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	12012025	11/04/25	Michigan Department of Transportation, Progress Billing #5 for Wolf Creek Rd resurfacing project for	

	$4,622.17 and Billing #2 for Long Rapids Road Bridge for $26,462.14.	$31,084.31
	TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS	**31,084.31**

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Spaulding commented he was happy to see Long Rapids Road Bridge was open to traffic on November 14th. Mr. Spaulding also thanked the crew for getting the roads quickly cleared after the snow storm.

Commissioner MacArthur questioned if LS Engineering was paid $8,000 for the construction engineering after the Engineer Tech left employment at the Road Commission.

NEW HIRES, RETIRES, and TRANSFERS

Managing Director Ryan Brege informed the Board that a truck driver started employment on December 2nd. A mechanic and an engineering tech positions still need to be filled.

EXCAVATOR PURCHASE

The crew will try out a CAT 317 excavator before a decision is made.

CELL PHONE STIPEND

The cell phone stipend was tabled until a future meeting.

VIRGINIA STREET – OSSINEKE TOWNSHIP

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to enter into an agreement with Ossineke Township for Virginia Street-to remove and replace cross culvert ends and fill low areas with gravel. Ossineke Township will be billed only for materials. The Road Commission will pay for labor and equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to set the Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget for Tuesday, December 30th at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND FISCAL OFFICER

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to designate Ryan Brege, Managing Director, as Chief Administrative Officer and Julia Patterson, Finance Director, as Fiscal Officer for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

DISTRIBUTIVE ITEM BUDGET ALLOWANCE TRANSFER

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, that authorization be approved for the expenditure amounts in the General Appropriations Act for Distributive Expense to be allocated to the various other expenditure line items in the same proportion as the allocation of actual Distributive Expense at year end. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION FOR BUDGET LINE-ITEM TRANSFER

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to transfer up to 25% of a Budget line-item amount approved in the General Appropriations Act to another line item without prior approval, but subject to approval of the Board of County Road Commissioners after the transfer. Motion carried unanimously.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to set the organizational meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners for Alpena County for 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at the offices of the Alpena County Road Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Alpena County Road Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Matuzak, 11096 Beaver Lake Road, thanked the Road Commission Board for considering to pave Beaver Lake Road and the many lives that will be impacted by the upgrade. Ms. Matuzak hopes to keep the ball rolling.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

December 30, 2025

The Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Alpena met in special session for the 2026 Proposed Budget hearing on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Gerry MacArthur, at 1:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, and Lucas
Absent: None.

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

Others present: Cameron Augustyn and Chuck Hein, newly appointed Road Commissioners.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

The Chairman opened the public hearing on the proposed 2026 budget.

Eight residents of Beaver Lake Road attended the hearing for the proposed 2026 Budget. Managing Director updated the Board and those in attendance that the only major change in the proposed budget was the removal of the Beaver Lake Road project at a budgeted cost of $1.6 million and the addition of Jack's Landing Road as a crush and shape project for budgeted cost of $700,000.

Mr. Brege informed the Board that there are two creek crossings that will involve EGLE. This process will delay the project too late into the construction season. Commissioner MacArthur inquired if Beaver Lake Road design engineering was included in the 2026 budget. RFP's will be sent out and will be received at the February 3, 2026 board meeting.

After a review of the capital outlay for road equipment, a water pump was added to the list for a budgeted amount of $20,000. Chairman MacArthur closed the public hearing at 1:26 p.m.

2026 BUDGET

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve proposed 2026 with the addition of the water pump for $20,000:

Revenues & Other Sources	**APPROVED BUDGET 2026**
Federal	$0
State	$6,731,042
Local	$604,000
State Trunklines	$993,386
Interest & Other	$144,500
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES:	**$8,472,928**
Expenditures	
Primary Heavy Maintenance/Structures	$1,816,000
Primary Maintenance	$2,068,000
Local Heavy Maintenance/Structures	$800,000
Local Maintenance	$1,893,000
State Trunkline Maintenance	$951,286
Equipment Expense (net)	($546,160)
Distributive Expense (net)	$2,008,299
Administrative Expense (net)	$382,899
Capital Outlay (net)	$1,745,751
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**$11,119,075**
NET REVENUE (EXPENDITURES)	**($2,646,147)**

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD POLICY #002 CHAIRMANSHIP

With the addition of two Road Commissioners to the Board, the length of the Chairman's term was discussed. No changes were made at this time to the current policy.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Managing Director Ryan Brege informed the Board that he had attended the City of Alpena's Third Street meetings. Michigan State University is planning to do a study for "Safe Routes to Schools" at a cost of $3,000 per school for a total of $24,000. Mr. Brege recommends that the Road Commission to not participate in the cost of this study.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners of Alpena County will be held Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Road Commission building.

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Gerry W. MacArthur,
Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary