

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

July 7, 2026

The Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Alpena met in regular session on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gerry MacArthur, at 3:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

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

Others Present: Dan Florip, Road Commission Attorney; Bill LaHaie, Alpena County Commissioner; Rebecca Rivard, Huron Engineering & Surveying.

AGENDA

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Augustyn, 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 June 2, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Lester Livermore, Mackinac County Road Commissioner and President of Rural Road Alliance of Michigan, appeared before the Board to inform them of the newly formed non-profit focus group that is dedicated to supporting Northern and Upper Peninsula Road Commissions.

Daniel Bills, 165 Sitting Bull Road, attended the meeting to voice his concern with the speed limit on Sitting Bull Road and the neighboring residential areas.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Spruce Road Overlay, from Nicholson Hill to Precour, was awarded to Bolen Asphalt for \$567,205. The start date has yet to be determined.
- Grand Lake Road Overlay, from US-23 to County Line, was awarded to Bolen Asphalt for \$130,976.20. No start date has

- of yet but will coordinate with Monaghan Point Road Overlay.
- Old Ossineke Road Overlay bid letting was on May 4th and awarded to Ace-Saginaw Paving for \$130,976.20 and approved by MDOT. Completion date is August 1st.
 - Working on capital outlay purchases.
 - Competitive bid threshold bill has passed through the House and increases the \$15,000 to \$50,000 for everyday purchases and from \$50,000 to \$250,000 for emergency purchases.
 - Signed the FEMA agreement for the 2025 Ice Storm and extended the cleanup deadline to October of 2026.
 - Looking for grants for Anderson Road. With the Federal declaration for flooding, FEMA will only reimburse what was there even though EGLE will expect 35-40' bankful width.
 - Did several walk-through's for the boiler replacement.
 - No update on the beam column repair.

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, 2026.

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

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND PURCHASES

JUNE BILLS

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Augustyn, to approve the June 2026 bills in the amount of \$621,673.79. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$385,165.91:

9B. PURCHASES				
Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	26-262	6/22/26	A-1 Tree Service LLC, tree removal on US-23 for MDOT.	\$4,800.00
2	8711875-IN	6/16/26	Corrigan Oil, 12,000 gallons diesel fuel at \$ 3.6892 per gallon.	\$44,269.43
3	IN-010091	6/26/26	Forward Distributing, 2,501 gallons nolead gas at \$3.106 per gallon.	\$7,768.11
4	2026-817	6/30/26	Jack Millikin, Inc. 5,000 tons 2NS Sand at \$5.00 per ton.	\$25,000.00
5	ES18818302	6/30/26	Michigan CAT, Caterpillar 315 Excavator.	\$268,804.38
6	120809	6/25/26	Northern Energy Inc., 165 gallons bulk 15W40 oil at \$13.30 per gallon and 85 gallons bulk AW46 oil at \$11.53 per gallon.	\$3,174.55
7	881776	05/29/26	Team Elmer's, 705.03 tons of 23A gravel tailgate spread at \$15.23 per ton for county roads.	\$10,737.61
8	882030	6/12	Team Elmer's, 901.72 tons of 23A gravel tailgate spread	

at \$15.23 per ton for county roads. \$13,733.20

TOTAL PURCHASES \$385,165.91

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Augustyn to approve the following contract payments in the amount of \$624,258.26:

9C. CONTRACT PAYMENTS			
PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
164801	6/27/26	Ace-Saginaw Paving Company, progress billing #1 for Jack's Landing Road crush and shape project.	\$546,133.26
8476	5/21/26	Huron Engineering and Surveying, Design engineering services for Grand Lake Road-US 23 to County Line.	\$3,823.50
8475	5/21/26	Huron Engineering and Surveying, Construction engineering services for Jack's Landing Road-South of HMA to M-32.	\$8,587.00
8477	5/21/26	Huron Engineering and Surveying, Design engineering services for Spruce Road-Nicholson Hill to Precour.	\$6,641.50
8527	5/26/26	Huron Engineering and Surveying, Design engineering services for Beaver Lake Road.	\$19,035.25
3220	6/25/26	L.S. Engineering, Inc., construction engineering services for Long Rapids Road Bridge.	\$21,002.50
TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS			\$624,258.26

Motion carried unanimously.

BOILER REPLACEMENT BID

One bid was received on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, for the boiler replacement and heating control renovations:

Control Solutions \$ 91,995.00
Alternate: With Zone Alternate \$ 109,835.00

Moved by Hein, seconded by Spaulding, to accept the alternate bid from Control Solutions of Alpena for the price of \$109,835.00. Motion carried unanimously.

CULVERT QUOTES

Two quotes were received by Tuesday, June 30, 2026, for culverts for inventory:

Cadillac Culvert. \$ 49,283.20
St. Regis Culvert \$ 51,277.56

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Augustyn, to accept all quotes in the best interest of the Road Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Hein inquired if the crew cover the monument boxes when they do chip seals.

NEW HIRES, RETIRES, AND TRANSFERS

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported that the Road Commission is still looking to hire truck drivers, a mechanic, and engineering tech. Truck driver interviews are being held next week.

KEETCH ROAD ABANDONMENT

Road Commission Attorney Dan Florip reported that there is no update as they are still in the process but still cannot get hold of one property owner.

MCRCSIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Spaulding, to cast a vote for Tony Casali-Midland CRC, for Northern Region Representative three-year term ending in 2029 for the MCRCSIP Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to cast a vote for John Rogers-Kalkaska CRC, for Northern Region Representative three-year term ending in 2029 for the MCRCSIP Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to cast a vote for Brett Laughlin-Ottawa CRC for at-large representative for a three-year term ending in 2029 for the MCRCSIP Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

CRASIF BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Augustyn, to cast a vote for Tom Doty-Mackinac CRC, Beth Hunt-Lenawee CRC, and Laurita Humphrey-Muskegon CRC to fill two 3-year terms from the Southern Michigan Road Commissions region and one 3-year term from the Upper Peninsula Road Builders Associate region. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE TRUNKLINE CONTRACT RESOLUTION

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALPENA**

Moved by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Spaulding, that Ryan J. Brege is 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 term October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2031. Carried by vote as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, Lucas,
Hein, and Augustyn.
Nays: None.

TOWNSHIP ROAD AGREEMENTS

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

	Township Share	ACRC Share	Total Estimate
<u>LONG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP:</u>			

Surface Gravel:

Posen Rd @ Leer Rd then South 0.52 mi.	\$ 8,196	\$ 8,196	\$ 16,392
TOTAL LONG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP:	\$ 8,196	\$ 8,196	\$ 16,392

	<u>Township Share</u>	<u>ACRC Share</u>	<u>Total Estimate</u>
<u>SANBORN TOWNSHIP:</u>			
Surface Gravel:			
Pratt Rd. @ 2,500' S. of Scott 0.51 mi.	\$ 8,853	\$ 8,853	\$ 17,706
Behning Rd @ Nicholson Hill then S. 0.61 mi.	\$ 11,445	\$ 11,445	\$ 22,890
Carriveau Rd @ Nicholson Hill then N. 0.25 mi.	\$ 4,650	\$ 4,650	\$ 9,300
Gehrke Rd @ Spruce Rd. then W. 1.00 mi.	\$ 18,885	\$ 18,885	\$ 37,770
Rude Rd @ Spruce Rd. then W. 0.34 mi.	\$ 6,167	\$ 5,635	\$ 11,802
TOTAL SANBORN TOWNSHIP:	\$ 50,000	\$ 49,468	\$ 99,468

Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY PARKS DUST CONTROL AGREEMENT

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following Road Agreement for Dust Control:

	<u>Parks Match</u>	<u>ACRC Match</u>	<u>Total Estimate</u>
Long Lake Park			
2026 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$375.00
Sunken Lake Park			
2026 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Alpena County Road Commissioners' next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary