

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

September 1, 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, and Hein.
Absent: Commissioner Augustyn

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, County Commissioner; Rebecca Rivard, Huron Engineering & Surveying.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Hein, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter dated August 17, 2026, from Michael Mead, MDOT Transportation Planner, with the approval of the annual Act 51 Mileage Certification submittal.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments at this time.

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 and should be completed in September.
- Grand Lake Road Overlay, from US-23 to County Line, was awarded to Bolen Asphalt for \$130,976.20 is complete.
- Monaghan Point Road Overlay, from US-23 to end of HOA, is complete.
- Old Ossineke Road Overlay bid letting was on May 4th and awarded to Ace-Saginaw Paving for \$130,976.20 and approved by MDOT, is now complete.

- Huron Engineering is working on the Beaver Lake Road design.
- Working on capital outlay purchases.
- Continuing to work on flood reimbursement with FEMA.
- Met with DEQ for Golf Course Road and Genschaw Road to get reimbursement from the flood damage expenses. Will have to upsize to a bigger culvert.
- Anderson Road will most likely not be covered by FEMA. Only option would need to be replaced with a bridge, or remove all crossings.
- Wrapping up the Ice Storm 2025 reimbursement.

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, 2026.

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

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND PURCHASES

AUGUST BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the August 2026 bills in the amount of \$991,507.05. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$216,968.24:

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	26-236	8/17/26	A-1 Tree Service LLC, MDOT TWA for Mio & Atlanta garages lawn care clean up.	\$3,500.00
2	326080004	8/8/26	Bit-Mat of Michigan, 45,813.18 gallons of CRS-2M at \$ 2.347 per gallon for county road sealcoats	\$107,554.89
3	326080039	8/15/26	Bit-Mat of Michigan, 18,160.69 gallons of CRS-2M at \$ 2.389 per gallon for county road sealcoats	\$43,377.47
4	12098	8/12/26	C & C Excavating of Alpena, 11 ton HMA placed on Spruce Road (14'x27') patch repair from flood damage.	\$3,000.00
5	28709	8/19/26	Cadillac Culvert Inc., miscellaneous culverts/bands for inventory.	\$12,790.10
6	IN-010240	8/14/26	Forward Distributing, 2,500 gallons nolead gas at \$3.2996 per gallon.	\$8,249.00
7	187870	8/18/26	Michigan Paving Materials, 6,592.32 gallons of CQSEA at \$1.835 per gallon for fog seal county roads.	\$12,096.63
8	187982	8/25/26	Michigan Paving Materials, 15,459.56 gallons of CQSEA at \$1.934 per gallon for fog seal county roads.	\$29,900.15
TOTAL PURCHASES				\$216,968.24

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Hein, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of \$27,729.50:

	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	26-0956c	8/15/26	Control Solutions, Inc. Progress Billing #1 for Boiler Replacement	\$27,729.50
TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS				\$27,729.50

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner MacArthur inquired when the Beaver Lake Road complete bidding package will be available. Managing Director Ryan Brege responded that it is due in October. Commissioner MacArthur also questioned why Timm Drive was never chip sealed.

Commissioner Hein inquired if there is a schedule for the garage column repair. He also asked if letters should be sent to the residents of Burkholder Drive explaining why the Road Commission hasn't moved forward with the paving.

Commissioner Spaulding commented that he is happy with the chip seals on the roads, and also the road maintenance. He also inquired about the Federal aid money and what the plans are for using it. Managing Director Ryan Brege said that he is using 2027 State D money for Werth Road, 2028-2029 money for Long Lake Road and 2028 Third Street from Hobbs to Barrington Circle.

NEW HIRES, RETIRES, AND TRANSFERS

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported that there is no update.

KEETCH ROAD ABANDONMENT

Road Commission Attorney Dan Florip reported that letters have gone out to the property owners. Ken Cordes has offered to reach out to the property owner that Mr. Florip is unable to get in touch with.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

The Board directed Road Commission attorney Dan Florip to draft a policy stating that the Townships will be required to pay 100% of the total cost of speed limit signs when a resident in their respective Township requests an additional sign placed in their subdivision.

MANAGING DIRECTOR EVALUATION

After a short discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to use the performance rating scale and the performance goal based plan to do Managing Director's annual performance evaluation.

TOWNSHIP ROAD AGREEMENTS

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

	Township <u>Share</u>	ACRC <u>Share</u>	Total <u>Estimate</u>
<u>GREEN TOWNSHIP:</u>			
<u>Surface Gravel:</u>			
Alfalfa Rd @ 4,000' E. of M-65 .40 mile	\$ 6,902	\$ 6,902	\$ 13,804
Napper Rd @ Evans Road .50 mile	\$ 5,984	\$ 5,984	\$ 11,968
Elevere Rd @ POB M-65 .49 mile	\$ 9,300	\$ 9,300	\$ 18,600
<u>Ditching:</u>			
Tennis Rd POB W. of Fishing Site Rd. .21 mile	\$ 12,635	\$ 12,635	\$ 25,270
Doyle School Rd @2,300 N. of Taylor Hawks Rd	\$ 13,430	\$ 3,276	\$ 16,706
<u>TOTAL GREEN TOWNSHIP:</u>	\$ 48,251	\$ 38,097	\$ 86,348
Motion carried unanimously.			

THUNDER BAY ELECTRIC-PROPOSAL

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to accept the proposal from Thunder Bay Electric, Inc. to provide all the parts and labor necessary for the generator electrical hook up for a quote of \$25,967.00. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Goren,109 Glenridge, commented that the Road Commission should keep the public informed on all their road projects. He also feels that the employee survey on the Managing Director is a terrible idea.

Daniel Bills, 165 Sitting Bull, thanked the Board for following up on the speed limit signs.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Alpena County Road Commissioners' next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Hein, to go into closed session at 4:28 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Motion carried unanimously.

The room was cleared and closed session began at 4:29 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Moved by Hein, seconded by Spaulding, to return to open session at 5:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session resumed at 5:17 p.m.

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

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

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary