

**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.

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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.

Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary

