

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

May 5, 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; Mark Herman, Huron Engineering and Surveying.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Moved by Augustyn, seconded by Hein, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 7, 2026, with changing "Grace Phillips from EGLE to Eagle Creek". Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Julia Oswald, 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, 2025. Ms. Oswald noted there were no significant issues during the audit and that the Alpena County Road Commission is in sound financial condition.

Gordon Bennett, 6999 Graham Road, appeared before the Board to inquire if the Road Commission can improve Graham Road so he is able to access his property to build a home.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Attended EOC meetings about the flooding.
- Soil borings on Beaver Lake Road completed.
- Long Rapids Road Bridge over North Branch of the Thunder Bay

River is closed to complete Silane treatment and epoxy overlay.

- Jack’s Landing Road, from South end of HMA to M-32, crush and shape was awarded to Bolen Asphalt for \$532,496 and will start tentatively on May 11th.
- 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.
- Old Ossineke Road Overlay bid letting was on May 4th.
- Applied for BRIC Funds-for emergency funds to navigate disaster funds in the future.
- Met with Cam Cavit.
- Working with JP Ritter from the Sheriff’s Department to get an enclosed trailer next week from Ohio and two water pumps from Massachusetts for the water tanker.
- Lots of flooding going on with many washed out roads and overflowing culverts.
- Anderson Road is still flooded.
- Garage columns-waiting for the lead engineer to review the plans. Once received, will send out RFQ’s.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

Road Superintendent John Bygden 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 ending March 31, 2026.

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

BIDS, QUOTATIONS, AND PURCHASES

APRIL BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the April 2026 bills in the amount of \$950,106.64. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$79,194.05:

9B. PURCHASES				
Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	T96919	4/9/26	AIS Construction, blades for Equip, #143, 128, 100 and 600 bits at \$6.804 per bit.	\$9,814.08
2	12246	4/6/26	Artic Elevator Inc., repair to shop elevator	\$3,815.00
3	326040004	4/25/26	Bit-Mat Co., 2,944.91 gallons of AE-90 at \$2.349 per gallon.	\$6,908.44
4	81277	4/20/26	Cogitate Inc.PFA Support for accounting software program.	\$2,854.00

5	546269	4/27/26	Crystal Flash, 2,600 gallons nolead gas at \$ 3.536 per gallon.	\$9,194.79
6	358646	4/21/26	Scotland Oil Co., 12,000 gallons diesel fuel @ \$3.6059 per gallon.	\$43,271.95
7	783952	4/13/26	Team Elmer's, 101.95 tons of 21AA gravel at \$9.50 per ton and 298.64 tons of 23AA at \$9.25 per ton gravel for county roads.	\$3,731.02
8	784033	4/14/26	Team Elmer's, 19.55 tons of 3-5"limestone gravel at \$20.48 per ton and 270.47 tons of 23AA gravel at \$9.25 per ton for county roads.	\$2,905.62
9	784603	4/21/26	Team Elmer's, 364.1 tons of 23A gravel at \$9.25 per ton for county roads.	\$3,367.93
10	784171	4/16/26	Team Elmer's, 340 tons of 23A gravel at \$9.25 per ton for county roads.	\$3,145.30
TOTAL PURCHASES				\$79,194.05

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Augustyn, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$15,204.38:

9C. CONTRACT PAYMENTS				
Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	3201	4/30/26	L,S. Engineering, Inc., construction engineering services for Long Rapids Road Bridge.	\$9,497.50
2	4052026	04/07/26	Michigan Department of Transportation, Progress Billing #5 for Long Rapids Road Bridge	\$5,706.88
TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS				\$15,204.38

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD OSSINEKE ROAD OVERLAY BIDS

One bid was received on May 4, 2026, for Ossineke Road Overlay:

Bolen Asphalt Paving \$300,438.42

Moved by Hein, seconded by Spaulding, to accept the bid from Bolen Asphalt Paving for a price of \$300,438.42. Motion carried unanimously.

OVERBAND CRACK SEAL BIDS

Two bids were received on Monday, May 4, 2026, for 16.37 miles of overband crack seal:

Fahrner Asphalt Sealers \$48,258.76
Prime Results \$58,932.00

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Augustyn, to award the bid to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers of Saginaw, Michigan in the amount of \$48,258.76. Motion carried unanimously.

TRUCK EQUIPMENT QUOTES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Hein, to accept the quote of \$ 179,376.00 per truck equipment package for a total of \$358,752.00, submitted by Truck and Trailer Specialties of Boyne Falls. Augustyn-Nay. Motion carried.

RIDING LAWMOWER QUOTES

Four quotes were received for a zero-turn riding lawnmower:

Sumerix Implement-Bad Boy	\$8,389.00
Fitzpatrick’s Hardware-Kawasaki.	\$9,099.99
Don’s Ford Tractor-Scag	\$11,023.00
Ginop Sales-Kubota	\$11,900.00

Moved by Hein, seconded by Spaulding, to accept the quote from Fitzpatrick’s Hardware at a price of \$9,099.99. Lucas-Nay. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Spaulding commented that several Greenwood Road residents want a motor grader to cut the holes. Road Superintendent John Bygden responded that the crew has started to blade roads. They were in Long Rapids and Wellington Townships last week.

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.

KEETCH ROAD ABANDONMENT

Road Commission Attorney Dan Florip reported that there is no update as they are still in the process of contacting property owners.

ACT 51 FINANCIAL REPORT REVIEW

Finance Director Julia Patterson reviewed the 2025 Act 51 Financial Report updating the Board on several line items.

TOWNSHIP DUST CONTROL AGREEMENT

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

	Township	ACRC	Total
	<u>Match</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Maple Ridge Township			
2026 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$16,500.00

Motion carried unanimously.

TOWNSHIP ROAD AGREEMENTS

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

	<u>Township Share</u>	<u>ACRC Share</u>	<u>Total Estimate</u>
<u>WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP:</u>			
<i>Surface Gravel:</i>			
Shepard Rd @ Hunt Rd 0.25 mi.	\$ 5,933	\$ 1,817	\$ 7,750
Carr Rd. @ Salina Rd 1.00 mi	\$ 14,462	\$ 14,462	\$ 28,924
<i>TOTAL WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP:</i>	\$ 20,395	\$ 16,279	\$ 36,674

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, June 2, 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 4:40 p.m.

Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary