

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

August 6, 2024

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, County Engineer-Huron Engineering and Surveying.

**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 special meeting of July 22, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT**

**John Moran, 2819 State Street, Ossineke**, appeared before the Board to ask clarification of a platted road in Ossineke Village since his neighbor has it blocked off.

**Mark Ankner, 10405 Washington, Ossineke**, appeared to inquire about a septic system on the Alpena County Road Commission's platted road. Managing Director Ryan Brege and Road Superintendent John Bygden will research it.

**Jerry Kaschner, 3621 Werth Road**, appeared before the Board to discuss a drainage issue.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road Signing Project's low bidder is Give 'Em a Brake Safety with a bid of \$83,247. Waiting on posts to begin the project.
- Long Rapids Road Bridge's survey is complete. Plan review in progress.
- Airport Road is complete.
- Lake Winyah Road project - working to secure funds from donor.
- Third Street/Tamarack Road - Huron Engineering working on preliminary estimate.
- Wolf Creek Road Resurfacing 5.47 miles-working on preliminary plans. Project is an advanced construct to build in 2025 and get reimbursed with STP funds in October of 2025.
- Completed Paser Ratings on Federal roads.
- Attended MCRC SIP business meeting and the Road Commission received \$54,000 for an insurance refund.
- Planning to attend the Alpena County Commissioners full board meeting to ask the County of Alpena to accept the grant of \$375,000 from Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan and then transfer to the Road Commission for the Lake Winyah Road donor's contribution.
- Discussion about PA152 was held at the Straits Area Council meeting and a few Road Commissions have already opted out of the Act.  
Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to have Alpena County Road Commission opt out of PA 152. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNTY ROAD REPORT**

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

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

**JULY BILLS**

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the July 2024 bills in the amount of \$1,870,077.23. Motion carried unanimously.

**PURCHASES**

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$97,908.12:

**9B. PURCHASES**

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	21360167	7/30/24	Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc., miscellaneous culverts for MDOT road projects.	\$6,356.69
2	80882	8/2/24	Don's Tractor & Equipment Sales, replacement exhaust filter for Tractor #316.	\$4,175.94
3	130	7/23/24	Forward Energy Co., 2,700 gallons nolead gasoline at 2.7865 per gallon.	\$7,523.55
4	179043	7/30/24	Michigan Paving & Materials Co., 8,858.78 gallons of CRS-2 M at \$2.42 per gallon plus 0.26 cents per gallon hauling rate.	\$23,778.25

5	179090	8/6/24	Michigan Paving & Materials Co., 19,722 gallons of CRS-2 M at \$2.42 per gallon plus 0.26 cents per gallon hauling rate.	\$52,885.60
5	2916641	7/25/24	Specification Stone Products, 233.56 tons of 29A stone for County road projects.	\$3,188.09
<b>TOTAL PURCHASES</b>				<b>\$97,908.12</b>

Motion carried unanimously.

**CONTRACT PAYMENTS**

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of \$391,854.42:

**9C. CONTRACT PAYMENTS**

Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	Est. #1	7/22/24	Elmer's Crane and Dozer, Inc., Progress Billing #1 for Airport Road Crushing and Shaping.	\$378,949.42
2	6395	7/3/24	Huron Engineering and Surveying, Inc., density testing for Hamilton Road and Bagley Street.	\$7,105.00
3	7628	7/29/24	Scott Civil Engineering Company, Design engineering for Long Rapids Road Bridge.	\$5,800.00
<b>TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS</b>				<b>\$391,854.42</b>

Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

There were no Commissioner comments.

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

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Spaulding, 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 Lucas and Finance Director Julia Patterson to sign the compliance form.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF ROAD COMMISSIONS BALLOT**

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by MacArthur, to cast a vote for the following candidates for the CRA Board:

Three (2) two-year terms (2024-2026)

- \* Donna Lowe-Midland County Road Commission
- \* Karl Hanson, Wexford County Road Commission
- \* Jalene Sandel, Isabella County Road Commission

Motion carried unanimously.

**CRASIF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

One (1) 3-year at-large position (2024-2027)  
One (1) 3-year Northern Region (2024-2027)  
One (1) 3-year term from the Upper Peninsula Region (2024-2027).

\*Jesse Campbell-Managing Director-Alcona CRC  
\*Darrell Cass-Engineer Manager-Menominee CRC  
\*Lisa Kleeman-Director of Finance-Emmet CRC

Motion carried unanimously.

**PERMIT FEE REVISIONS**

The County Road Association recently approved a new Statewide Schedule of Driveway and Permit Fees. A public hearing will be held at 3:00 p.m. on September 3, 2024 at the Alpena County Road Commission to adopt these fees.

**STP PROJECT MEETING**

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. to state our project plans for STP Projects for the years 2028 and 2029.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 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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Gerald Lucas, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,  
Board Secretary