OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

December 30, 2025

The Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Alpena met in special session for the 2026 Proposed Budget hearing on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Gerry MacArthur, at 1:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, and Lucas
Absent: None.

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

Others present: Cameron Augustyn and Chuck Hein, newly appointed Road Commissioners.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

The Chairman opened the public hearing on the proposed 2026 budget.

Eight residents of Beaver Lake Road attended the hearing for the proposed 2026 Budget. Managing Director updated the Board and those in attendance that the only major change in the proposed budget was the removal of the Beaver Lake Road project at a budgeted cost of $1.6 million and the addition of Jack's Landing Road as a crush and shape project for budgeted cost of $700,000.

Mr. Brege informed the Board that there are two creek crossings that will involve EGLE. This process will delay the project too late into the construction season. Commissioner MacArthur inquired if Beaver Lake Road design engineering was included in the 2026 budget. RFP's will be sent out and will be received at the February 3, 2026 board meeting.

After a review of the capital outlay for road equipment, a water pump was added to the list for a budgeted amount of $20,000. Chairman MacArthur closed the public hearing at 1:26 p.m.

2026 BUDGET

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve proposed 2026 with the addition of the water pump for $20,000:

Revenues & Other Sources	**APPROVED BUDGET 2026**
Federal	$0
State	$6,731,042
Local	$604,000
State Trunklines	$993,386
Interest & Other	$144,500
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES:	**$8,472,928**
Expenditures	
Primary Heavy Maintenance/Structures	$1,816,000
Primary Maintenance	$2,068,000
Local Heavy Maintenance/Structures	$800,000
Local Maintenance	$1,893,000
State Trunkline Maintenance	$951,286
Equipment Expense (net)	($546,160)
Distributive Expense (net)	$2,008,299
Administrative Expense (net)	$382,899
Capital Outlay (net)	$1,745,751
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**$11,119,075**
NET REVENUE (EXPENDITURES)	**($2,646,147)**

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD POLICY #002 CHAIRMANSHIP

With the addition of two Road Commissioners to the Board, the length of the Chairman's term was discussed. No changes were made at this time to the current policy.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Managing Director Ryan Brege informed the Board that he had attended the City of Alpena's Third Street meetings. Michigan State University is planning to do a study for "Safe Routes to Schools" at a cost of $3,000 per school for a total of $24,000. Mr. Brege recommends that the Road Commission to not participate in the cost of this study.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners of Alpena County will be held Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Road Commission building.

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Gerry W. MacArthur,
Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary