

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

March 1, 2022

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, Thomas Spaulding, at 3:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Staff present: Ryan Brege, Managing Director; Curt Gonyea, Superintendent; Julia Patterson, Finance Director/Board Secretary; Dan Florip, Road Commission Attorney. County Engineer Rebecca Rivard of Huron Engineering and Surveying.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Moved by Lucas, seconded by MacArthur, to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of February 17, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

**CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no citizens appearing before the Board.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Bagley Street Bridge project currently under a seasonal suspension.
- Long Rapids/Bagley Street Signal-low bidder was Thunder Bay Electric at a bid of \$326,639.69.
- Herron Road Project-bids were opened on February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Long Lake Road Design, Lacombe Road to US-23, plans are complete. Waiting on obligation from MDOT for bid letting date.
- Spruce Road- Preliminary design in progress.
- Was not successful in receiving the Small Urban Grant for the Bagley Street Overlay as fifteen projects were awarded but Alpena did not make the cut.
- Road Commission new website is updated and running. Staff will continue to add documents as needed.

**COUNTY ROAD REPORT**

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

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

**PURCHASES**

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$204,761.05:

**9A. PURCHASES**

Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	25	2/17/22	Berger Chevrolet, for 2022 Chevrolet Silverado Foreman's pickup.	\$34,272.00
2	a98780-001	2/24/22	Ritter Tech, miscellaneous hydraulic hoses and fittings for inventory stock.	\$2,504.46
3	511491	2/21/22	Scotland Oil Co., 12,007 gallons winter-blend diesel fuel at \$2.798 per gallon.	\$33,595.59
4	27	2/18/22	Truck & Trailer Specialties, Equipment package for new Tandem Truck.	\$134,389.00
<b>TOTAL PURCHASES</b>				<b>\$204,761.05</b>

Motion carried unanimously.

**CONTRACT PAYMENTS**

Moved by Lucas, seconded by MacArthur, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of \$7,899.50:

**9B. CONTRACT PAYMENTS**

Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	4753	2/3/22	Huron Engineering and Surveying, Inc., Design Engineering Services for Herron Road.	\$7,899.50
<b>TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS</b>				<b>\$7,899.50</b>

Motion carried unanimously.

**FEBRUARY BILLS**

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Lucas, to approve the February 2022 bills in the amount of \$777,646.40. Motion carried unanimously.

**2022 PAVEMENT TRAFFIC MARKINGS**

The following bids were opened February 21, 2022, for annual pavement traffic markings:

P.K. Contracting . . . . .	\$60,573.75
M & M Pavement Markings . . . . .	\$66,545.76
Michigan Pavement Markings, LLC . . . . .	\$71,954.14

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Lucas, to award the bid to the low bidder, P.K. Contracting of Lake City, MI., in the amount of \$60,573.75. Motion carried unanimously.

**BIDS AND QUOTATIONS**  
**HERRON ROAD**

The following bid was received on Monday, February 28, 2022 for the reconstruction of Herron Road:

Elmer's Crane & Dozer . . . . . \$1,415,639.99

Moved by MacArthur, seconded by Lucas, to award the bid for the Herron Road reconstruction project to the bidder, Elmer's Crane and Dozer of Hillman, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner MacArthur inquired as to why there was only one bid. Managing Director Ryan Brege informed the Board that there were several contractors that were interested in the project. Mr. MacArthur stated that the Road Commission should be reaching out to those contractors asking their reason for not submitting a bid.

**OFFICE COPIER QUOTES**

Moved by Lucas, seconded by MacArthur, to accept the quotation from Miller Office Machines, LLC of Alpena, Michigan for a Konica-Minolta Bizhub Copier at a quote of \$5,699.05. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

There were no comments at this time.

**MACARTHUR MILLINGS PROPOSAL**

Managing Director Ryan Brege informed the Board that he was unable to go to Iosco County to check out their "milled" roads as weather did not cooperate. He did speak with Iosco's Engineer Manager, Bruce Bolen, about the process that they used in Iosco County. Mr. Brege also reached out to Kevin Schaedig at MDOT inquiring the timeline of the availability of millings for the future years if the Road Commission wanted to continue the process for other roads, if the test road was successful. Mr. Schaedig stated that there weren't any millings on State Highways scheduled for 2023. Mr. Brege stated that although he is in support of receiving donated work and materials, he is opposed to putting the millings on County Roads. He stressed that the decision is up to the Road Commissioners if they want to try this process.

Commissioner Spaulding questioned the downside to adding millings to the road. Mr. MacArthur responded that there would be chuck holes and like limestone gravel but a harder surface. The road would not need to be chloride or maintained. If the road would fail, it could be pulverized back to gravel. The life expectancy of this type of process is unknown at this time.

Commissioner Spaulding and Commissioner Lucas agree that they would like to try this process on a less traveled road.

Road Commission Attorney Dan Florip will draw up the contract stating the specifications of what is expected from Commissioner MacArthur as far as the width, depth, etc. Mr. Florip will work with Mr. MacArthur and Mr. Brege as he prepares the contract. He will bring it to the next regular meeting for discussion and approval if it meets the Road Commission's expectations.

**LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM**

Moved by Commissioner MacArthur, supported by Commissioner Lucas, that the Managing Director Ryan Brege, file an application for State/Federal financial assistance in funding for the rehabilitation of the Long Rapids Road over the North Branch of the Thunder Bay River Bridge. Due to deterioration and increased traffic, restrictions of this crossing would have a major impact to the motoring public.

It is resolved that the Board of County Road Commissioners for Alpena County supports the rehabilitation project; and whereas the Alpena County Road Commission is actively seeking participation in the rehabilitation of this structure; and whereas the Alpena County Road Commission will commit the necessary funds for design and construction engineering and the required five percent matching funds for rehabilitation of the structure if approved.

Motion carried by a vote as follows:

Ayes: Commissioner Spaulding, Lucas, and MacArthur  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALPENA  
AMENDATORY CONTRACT NO. 2021-0333**

Moved by Commissioner Lucas and seconded by Commissioner MacArthur, that Ryan J. Brege, Managing Director, is hereby authorized to sign the amendatory Contract No. 2021-0333 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Alpena, Michigan.

Carried by a vote as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Spaulding, Lucas, and MacArthur.  
Nays: None

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 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 4:10 p.m.

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Thomas Spaulding, Chairman

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Julia G. Patterson,  
Board Secretary