

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

August 5, 2025

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, and Lucas.
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; Becky Rivard, Huron Engineering and Surveying; Adam Tountas and Drew Broaddus, Attorneys from Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no citizens appearing before the Board.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River contract was awarded to Grand River Construction with a bid of \$1,787,792.10. Planning to start on August 11th and open to traffic November 14, 2025.
- Third Street Extension-update will be under new business.
- Wolf Creek Road's resurfacing project is complete with prime contractor Pyramid Paving.
- Ice Storm - Update is under new business.
- Attended Emergency Planning meeting.
- Met with MDOT Office of Rail for the Ossineke Bridge. Flashing lights will be installed by MDOT and the Road Commission will

be billed an annual maintenance fee.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

Road Superintendent John Bygden presented the Board with an update on the County Roads.

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ending June 30, 2025.

BUDGET STATUS REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Budget Status Report for the month ending June 30, 2025.

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

JULY BILLS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the July 2025 bills in the amount of \$923,159.73. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$357,088.63:

9B. PURCHASES				
Item	PO/Inv.	Date	Description	Amount
1	325070156	8/2/25	Bit-Mat Michigan, 8,902.99 gallons of CRS-2M at \$2.49 per gallon for seal coat projects.	\$22,168.45
2	79155	7/20/25	Cogitate Software, quarterly PFA Computer Software Supp.	\$2,854.00
3	IN-008811	7/22/25	Forward Distributing, 2,499 gallons of nolead gas at \$2.3290 per gallon.	\$5,817.67
4	551-659914	6/26/25	Michigan State Police, frost law activity for March thru April 2025.	\$5,290.90
5	2298	7/1/25	Monchilov Sewer Service LLC., jettted and cleaned road culverts for MDOT highways.	\$6,580.00
6	107742	7/21/25	Northern Energy, Inc., 254 gallons EC15W40 bulk oil at \$11.70 per gallon.	\$2,971.80
7	310519554214889	7/31/25	Samsara, for 30 GPS devices for road equipment.	\$7,198.30
8	3008944	6/26/25	Specification Stone Products, 1020.27 tons of 29A stone at \$15.25 per ton for stockpile for seal coat projects.	\$15,559.14
9	3015214	7/16/25	Specification Stone Products, 904.36 tons of 29A stone at \$15.25 per ton for stockpile for seal coat projects.	\$13,791.49
10	VM316000280	7/2/25	Stoops Western Star of Michigan, new 2026 Western Star Tandem truck from 2024 Budget.	\$167,000.00
11	876818	6/27/25	Team Elmer's, 3,519.78 tons 23A road gravel at \$13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	\$49,100.93
12	876924	7/4/25	Team Elmer's, 597.440 tons 23A road gravel at \$13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	\$8,334.29

13	877084	7/11/25	Team Elmer's, 2127.88 tons 23A road gravel at \$13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	\$29,683.92
14	877177	7/18/25	Team Elmer's, 844.38 tons 23A road gravel at \$13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	\$11,779.10
15	877304	7/30/25	Team Elmer's, 1,020.27 tons to Hubbard Lake 29A stockpile at \$4.60 per ton (Transport only).	\$4,693.24
16	BSO27618	7/30/25	Truck & Trailer Specialties, grader bit board for underbody scraper	\$4,265.40
TOTAL PURCHASES				\$357,088.63

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of \$222,683.75:

9C. CONTRACT PAYMENTS				
Item	PO/Inv	Date	Description	Amount
1	7127	6/23/25	Huron Engineering and Surveying, Inc., Density testing for Wolf Creek Road Resurfacing project.	\$5,865.00
2	7207	7/21/25	Huron Engineering and Surveying, Inc., Density testing for Wolf Creek Road Resurfacing project.	\$13,425.00
3	70625	7/6/25	Michigan Department of Transportation, Progress Billing #1 for Wolf Creek Road resurfacing project.	\$203,393.75
TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS				\$222,683.75

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner MacArthur commented the timing of traffic signal at Hobbs Drive and Third Street is off. Becky Rivard of Huron Engineering explained the issue with this signal.

MERS DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, that Irma McDonald be appointed as the Officer Delegate to serve at the 2025 MERS Annual Meeting to be held October 16-17, 2025, in Acme, Michigan, and Julia Patterson be appointed as Officer Alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

CRASIF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Three 3-year at-large terms (2025-2028):

- *Bill Luetzow-Commissioner-Marquette CRC
- *Wayne Schoonover-Commissioner-Charlevoix CRC
- *Michael Scott-Commissioner-Montcalm CRC

Motion carried unanimously.

ICE STORM EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to authorize Managing Director Ryan Brege to enter into an agreement with ICF to assist in the FEMA reimbursement process for the costs incurred from the March ice storm. Motion carried unanimously.

TURNBULL MILL ROAD

Managing Director Ryan Brege received a call from a resident on Turnbull Mill Road, South of North Point Road, requesting that portion of Turnbull Mill Road be removed from the seasonal road status. Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to follow and reinforce Alpena County Road Commission's Policy #059 "Policy for Removing Roads from Seasonal Road Designation" and deny the resident's request. Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD STREET UPDATE

On July 16th, Managing Director Ryan Brege received an email that the BUILD grant submission for the construction of the Third Street extension was unsuccessful. The wetland delineation will not be performed until an alternate source of funding source is available.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to authorize Managing Director Ryan Brege to sign the Intergovernmental agreement to allow the twelve counties to perform work in other counties to help with ice storm cleanup. Motion carried unanimously.

OSSINEKE TOWNSHIP SOLAR FARM PERMIT

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to direct Ryan to work with Adam Tountas from Smith Haughey Rice and Roegge to draft an agreement before the permit is issued for the solar farm. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Motion carried unanimously at 4:01 p.m.

The room was cleared and closed session began at 4:02 p.m.

Present for closed session: Commissioners MacArthur, Lucas, and Spaulding.

Absent: None.

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

Others present for closed session: Dan Florip, Road Commission
Attorney.

The Commissioners discussed the status of pending litigation.

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to return to open session
at 4:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session resumed at 4:15 p.m.

Present for resumption of open session: Commissioner MacArthur,
Lucas, and Spaulding.

Absent: None.

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

Others present for resumption of open session: Dan Florip, Road
Commission Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the
Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary